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LESSON #3 - 8th Grade

The I Before E Rule

 Put i before e
Except after c
Or when sounded like a
As in neighbor and weigh

| I BEFORE E | EXCEPT AFTER C | LONG A SOUND |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| believable | conceited | vein |
| thief | receive | sleigh |
| fierce | deceive | beige |
| apiece | ceiling | reign |
| achieve | perceive | reindeer |
| chief | | eighteen |
| relieved | | |
| briefly | | |
| frontier | | |
| grievous | | |
| Exceptions: | | |
| ancient weird their either height leisure | | |

•*In words that combine i and e, the i usually comes first.*

•*However, when the i and e directly follow the letter c, the e comes first.*

•*When the two letters make a long a sound, the e comes before the i.*