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WEEK 15 • LEVEL C SPELLING LIST

Focus: <eigh> (/ā/ & /ī/) • <ei> after <c> & Exceptions • <rh> in rhythm • Advanced Orthography

15 Words + Homophones

1 Orthographic Handwriting Practice: Read each word aloud, observe the <ei> and <eigh> patterns, and write it cleanly twice.

<EIGH> & EXCEPTIONS (WORDS 1–5)	<EI> AFTER <C> & PAIRS (WORDS 6–10)	ROOTS & EXCEPTIONS (WORDS 11–15)
1 eight	6 ei•ther	11 seize
2 weight	7 nei•ther	12 weird
3 height	8 de•ceive	13 for•eign
4 neigh•bor	9 re•ceive	14 rhy•thm
5 lei•sure	10 re•ceipt	15 gram•mar

2 Orthographic Sorting: Classify the 15 words according to their spelling rules and exception patterns.

SPELLED WITH <EIGH> (4 WORDS)	<EI> AFTER <C> (3 WORDS)	<EI> EXCEPTIONS (5 WORDS)	ROOTS & <RH> (3 WORDS)
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____		4. _____	
		5. _____	

3 Homophone Distinctions: Distinguish between ate and eight in context.

Pair: eight (the number 8) • ate (past tense of eat)

a. Our friendly neighbor brought over _____ fresh warm peach muffins.

b. The hungry hikers _____ lunch at leisure under the cool shade of the oak tree.

 RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 15

Rule 1 • <eigh> Says /ā/ or /ī/ eigh says /ā/ as in eight, weight, neighbor; uniquely says /ī/ in height.

Rule 3 • <ei> Exceptions Saying /ē/ Exceptions to memorize: either, neither, leisure, seize, weird.

Rule 2 • <ei> after <c> Use ei after c to spell /ē/ (deceive, receive, receipt).

Rule 4 • Greek <rh> in <rhythm> Words of Greek origin use rh for the /r/ sound (rhythm; note that y acts as the vowel).

WEEK 15 • LEVEL C • LINGUISTIC KEY & GUIDE

<ei> and <eigh> Etymology • Greek <rh> Roots • Academic Orthography

Answer Key & Dictation

T Linguistic & Morphological Decomposition Table:

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Structure	Morphological & Spelling Notes
1	eight	āt /eɪt/	eigh + t	4-letter phonogram eigh says long /ā/; homophone with ate
2	weight	wāt /weɪt/	w + eigh + t	eigh says long /ā/ before t
3	height	hīt /haɪt/	h + eigh + t	Exception: eigh says long /ī/ before t
4	neigh•bor	nā' bār /'neɪ.bər/	neigh • bor	eigh says long /ā/; suffix -or
5	lei•sure	lē' zhār /'li:.ʒər/	lei • sure	Exception: ei says /ē/; su says /zh/
6	ei•ther	ē'thār /'i:.ðər/	ei • ther	Exception: initial ei says /ē/; voiced th
7	nei•ther	nē'thār /'ni:.ðər/	nei • ther	Exception: initial nei says /ē/; voiced th
8	de•ceive	dī-sēv' /dɪ'si:v/	de • ceive	Rule: ei after c says long /ē/
9	re•ceive	rī-sēv' /ri'si:v/	re • ceive	Rule: ei after c says long /ē/
10	re•ceipt	rī-sēt' /ri'si:t/	re • ceipt	Rule: ei after c says long /ē/; silent p
11	seize	sēz /si:z/	s + ei + ze	Exception: ei says long /ē/; ends in silent-e
12	weird	wērd /wiərd/	w + ei + rd	Exception: ei says /ē/ before rd
13	for•eign	fōr'in /'fɔr.in/	for • eign	or says /or/; silent g in -eign
14	rhy•thm	rīth'am /'rið.əm/	rh + y + thm	Greek root with rh-; y says short /ɪ/
15	gram•mar	grām'ār /'græm.ər/	gram • mar	Doubled m; ending in -ar
H	ate	āt /eɪt/	a-e + t	Past tense of eat; homophone with eight

EXERCISE 2 & 3 VERIFICATION KEY

SPELLED <EIGH>

eightweightheightneighbor

<EI> AFTER <C>

deceivereivereceipt

<EI> EXCEPTIONS

leisureeitherneitherseize
weird

ROOTS & <RH>

foreignrhythmgrammar

Exercise 3 Homophones Key: a. eight • b. ate

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on <eigh>, <ei>, and <rh> words.

Sentence 1 (neighbor, height, weight, eight)
"Our kind neighbor measured the height and weight of the eight boxes."

Sentence 2 (receive, receipt)
"Please make sure you receive a written receipt before you leave."

Sentence 3 (neither, foreign, weird, rhythm)
"Neither of the foreign travelers noticed the weird rhythm in the song."

Sentence 4 (leisure, grammar)
"She spent her leisure time studying proper English grammar rules."