

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET
SPELLING- THE 'I' BEFORE 'E' RULE
STANDARD FOUR

Curriculum Topic: Spelling

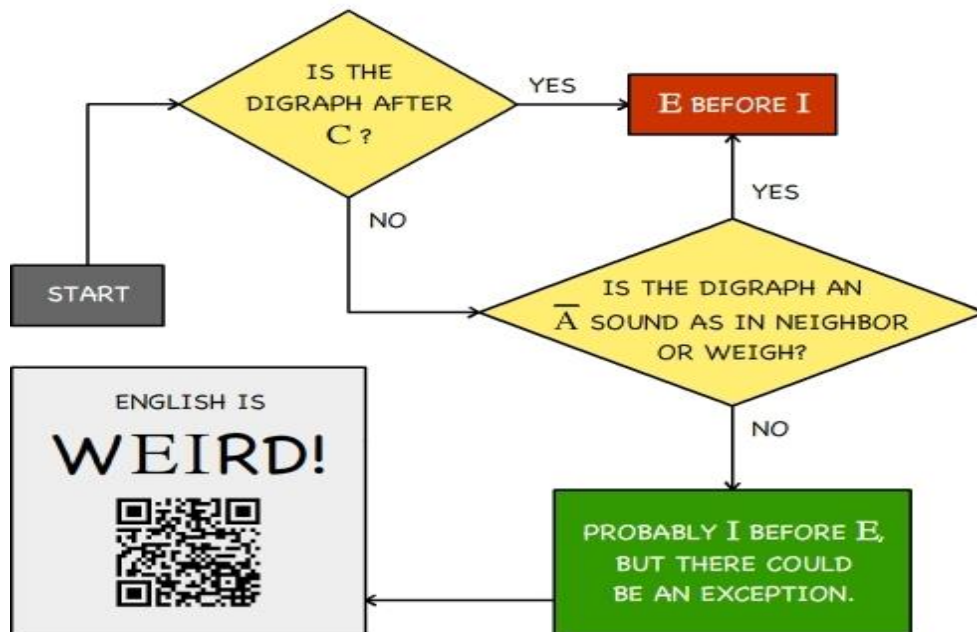
Teaching Point: The 'i' before 'e' rule

The following are guidelines when spelling words with 'i' and 'e'

1. **i** before **e** except after **c**
Examples: **i** before **e** → **field**
 except after **c** → **recei**e****
2. Put the **e** before the **i** if it makes a long/a/ sound.
Example: **ei** sounds like **ay** → **weigh**
3. Exceptions to the rules: → **weird** and **seize**

I before E?

ORDER WITHIN DIGRAPHS



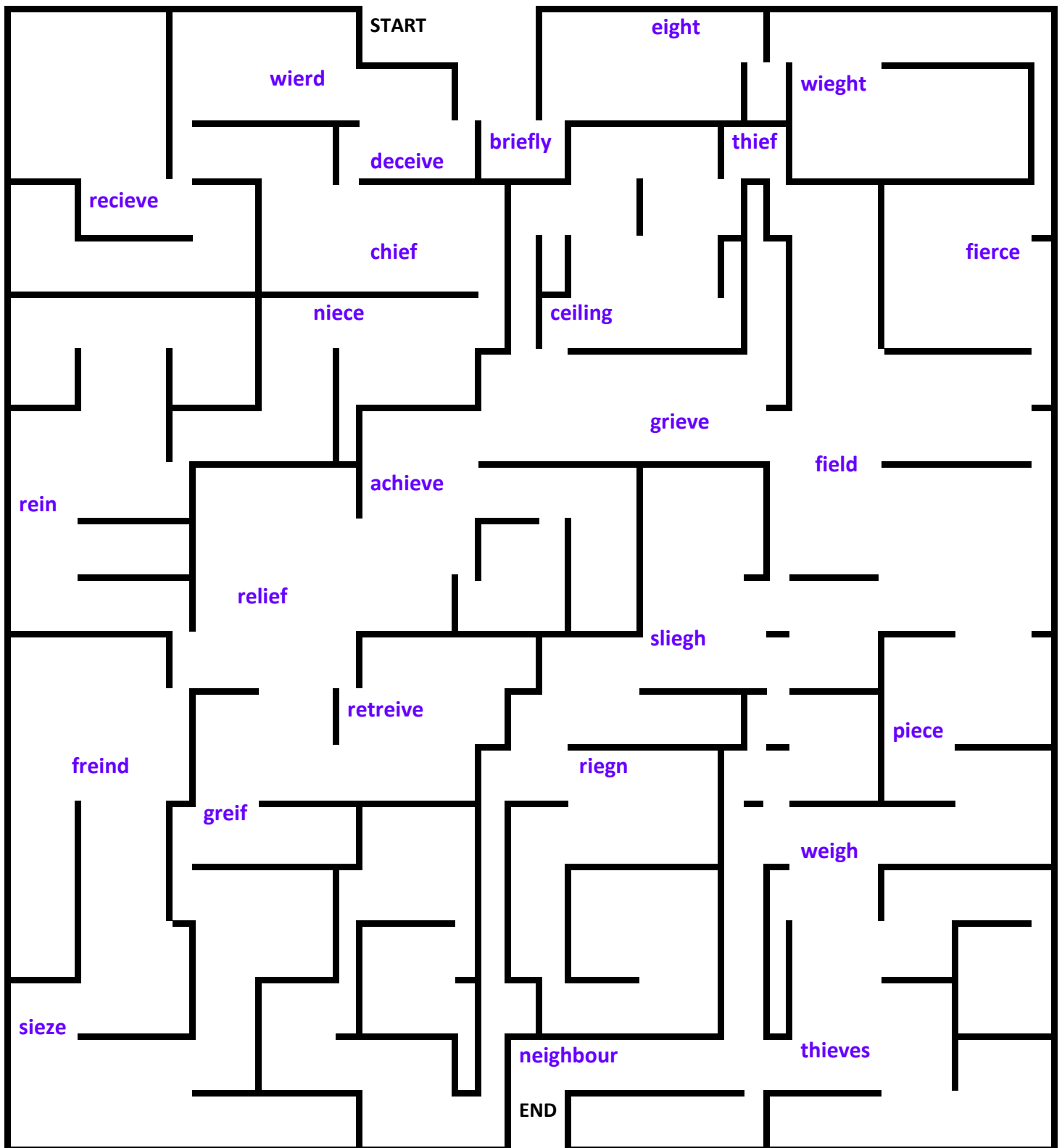
Activity 1

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To complete the maze below you must pass through the correctly spelt words. There are 3 correct routes. The shortest passes through 8 words. Use your dictionary.



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Activity 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct 'ei' OR 'ie' sequence.

1. Some people bel-- --ve that aliens exist.
2. Mary's n-- ---ghbours helped clean the mess after the storm.
3. His mother was proud when he rec-- --ved the award for best student.
4. Mom had to get someone to fix the leak in the c-- --ling.
5. The superhero, Captain America, has an indestructible sh-- --ld.
6. The football f-- --ld needs new grass before we can use it.
7. A giraffe can w-- --gh more than four thousand pounds.
8. Children avoid that house because they have heard w-- --rd noises coming from it.

Activity 3

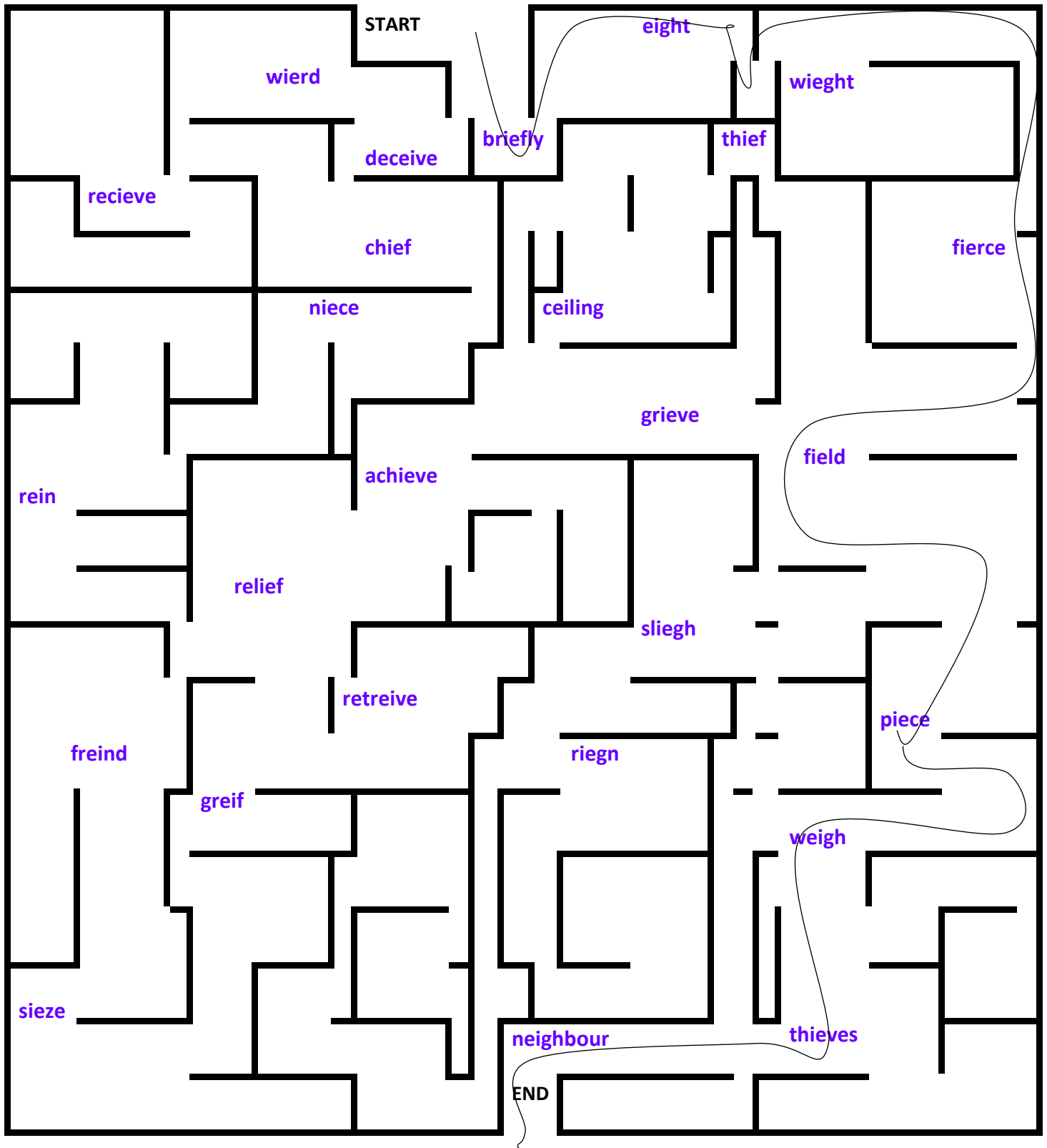
There is one incorrectly spelt word in each line. Write the incorrectly spelt word and the correct spelling in the table below.

Eight students recieved Citizenship Awards for good behaviour and work in the school.

Their parents made shreiks of joy when the announcement was made. Miss Jones, the class teacher, gave each a piece of chocolate cake to celebrate. They shared the cake with freinds from the class. The parents were releived that the term had ended. It would be a brief break from their busy schedules. The acheivements of the students were applauded by the Principal whose beleif in rewarding students finally paid off.

Words	Correct spellings

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ANSWER KEY

Activity 1

Route 1 (shortest)

The words to pass through are:

briefly, eight, fierce, field, piece, neighbour, thieves and weigh (8 words)

Route 2

The words to pass through are:

deceive, chief, niece, rein, relief, achieve, grieve, field, piece, neighbour, thieves and weigh (12 words)

Route 3 (longest)

The words to pass through are:

deceive, chief, niece, rein, relief, achieve, ceiling, thief, grieve, field, piece, neighbour, thieves and weigh (14 words)

Activity 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct 'ei' OR 'ie' sequence.

1. Some people believe that aliens exist.
2. Mary's neighbours helped clean up the mess after the storm.
3. His mother was proud when he received the award for best student.
4. Mom had to get someone to fix the leak in the ceiling.
5. The superhero, Captain America, has an indestructible shield.
6. The football field needs new grass before we can use it.
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ANSWER KEY

Activity 3

Words	Correct spellings
recieved	received
shreiks	shrieks
freinds	friends
releived	relieved
acheivements	achievements
beleif	belief