Rules & Guidance	Specific Words	Statutory Word List
The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /iː/. Exceptions: protein, caffeine, seize (and either and neither if pronounced with an initial /iː/ sound).	deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling	twelfth variety yacht existence marvellous sufficient secretary sincere(ly) hindrance embarrass

deceive	twelfth
deceit	variety
conceive	yacht
receive	existence
receipt	marvellous
perceive	sufficient
ceiling	secretary
rein	sincerely
seize	hindrance
caffeine	embarrass
protein	