

Spelling Adventure with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To practise spelling words with the 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey' spelling for the /eɪ/ sound, and challenge common homophones.

Read the story below carefully. Pay close attention to the words in bold. Use these words and your knowledge of spelling rules to answer the questions that follow.

Kit the Fox was busy organising his digital library. 'To keep everything in order,' Kit said, 'I must ****weigh**** up the importance of every file.' He had ****eight**** folders on his screen. His ****neighbour****, a wise owl, flew past the window to watch. Kit noticed that the system was running perfectly today; ****they**** were very efficient. Suddenly, a notification popped up about a historical ****reign**** of a great queen. Kit carefully checked the spelling of each word, ensuring no letters were out of place. 'Accuracy is the key to a clever solution,' Kit whispered to himself.

Word bank: eight · weight · neighbour · vein · they · obey · prey · weigh · rein · reign

1. Identify two words from the passage that contain the 'ei' spelling for the /eɪ/ sound. Why do these words follow the 'i before e except after c' rule? (2 marks)

2. Kit uses the word 'weigh' in the passage. Use the homophone 'way' in a sentence that shows you understand the difference in meaning. (2 marks)

3. Look at the word 'neighbour'. Can you find another word in the word bank that uses the 'eigh' spelling pattern? (1 mark)

4. Explain why 'vein' contains an 'ei' instead of an 'ie' spelling pattern. (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence using the word 'reign' correctly to describe a historical event. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Kit the Fox sitting at a desk with his computer, surrounded by stacks of books and digital icons representing his organised files.



Extension challenge: Research the rule for 'i before e except after c'. Write down three words that break this rule and three words that follow it.