

THEIR WEIRD (OR FEISTY) NEIGHBORS

This is a fun story to help students learn which words are spelled with EI (rather than IE). NOTE: This lesson can address the following [Common Core State Standards](#): CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.3, W.1.3, W.2.3, W.3.3, W.3.3.A, W.3.3.B, W.3.3.C, W.3.3.D, W.4.3, W.4.3.A, W.4.3.B, W.4.3.C, W.4.3.D, W.4.3.E, W.5.3, W.5.3.A, W.5.3.B, W.5.3.C, W.5.3.D and W.5.3.E

Now for the lesson!

1. Tell the students the storyline: "Today, we're going to learn a list of words that are spelled with EI (rather than IE). Then, we're going write a story about a family's weird, or feisty, neighbors."
2. Teach and list words that have EI in them:

Eight	Caffeine	Feisty	Counterfeit	Perceive
Weight	Protein	Vein	Foreign	Inconceivable
Height	Leisure	Veil	Reign	
Freight	Leisurely	Heist	Heir	
Beige	Either	Seize	Receive	
Ceiling	Neither	Forfeit	Deceive	

3. Show the 5 Sections:

Introduction: Family and Weird Neighbors
One day,
All of a sudden,
Reactions/Actions
Solution/Conclusion

4. Show the expectations:

K-1st Graders are encouraged to write 1 sentence for each section, 2nd Graders-2 sentences, 3rd Graders-3 sentences, 4th Graders-4 sentences, 5th Graders-5 sentences

Now to write: Guide the students through the following steps so their story is organized and complete. They are free to write these ideas in their own words. There is a 2nd Grade example in italics for your own guidance.

1. Describe the family and their weird neighbors. *The Manning's lived in New York. Their neighbors were weird.*
2. Describe a normal day that included weird habits. *Their neighbors had eight beige flowers. They only ate caffeine and protein.*
3. Write about a sudden weird moment. *One day, they hung eight weights from their ceiling. Suddenly, their ceiling fell.*
4. Write about the weird reactions and actions. *They measured the height of their house. They hung eight swings from the roof.*
5. Write a weird solution and conclusion. *They never fixed their ceiling. They started carrying the eight weights everywhere.*