
Focus Letter Pattern: IE

Lesson Difficulty Level: 5

There are approximately 4000 words in the English language containing the letters IE.

STEP 1: Using hints, work with your students to generate the following words and fill in the word work matrix. Be sure to define each word and use it in a sentence as you write it in the word-work matrix.

1. BRIEF
2. CHIEF
3. GRIEF
4. FIELD
5. PIECE
6. NIECE
7. COOKIE
8. THIEF
9. DIESEL
10. GENIE
11. BELIEF
12. CALORIE

STEP 2: When the word-work matrix is completed, have the students chant the words aloud 3 or 4 times to build rapid and proper pronunciation.

STEP 3: Quickly call out words at random, and have the students tell you what cell each word is in. For example, if you say GENIE, the students should tell you it's in box 10. Or if you say NIECE, the students should say it is in box 6.

STEP 4: Read the following sentences aloud and have the students figure out what word belongs in the blank space:

- For desert, I want a peanut butter _____.
- If you are very sad, you are filled with _____.
- I found a bottle that contained a magic _____.
- The amount of energy it takes to increase one cc of water one degree is one _____.
- I don't have a lot of time to listen to you, so please be _____.

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters IE. To make it more interesting, tell them you will be very impressed with students who come up with really unusual and sophisticated vocabulary words. See if the students come up with words like COLLIE or FIEND. If they can't, encourage them to simply modify one of the words you have already discussed with a prefix or a suffix, or think of a compound word that contains one of the words from today's lesson.

STEP 6: Have the students generate an original sentence correctly using at least two of the words from the lesson.



Student Word-Work Worksheet

NAME: _____ FOCUS LETTERS: _____

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.

Write your OWN words that contain the letters _____:

Write a **grammatically correct** sentence using at least TWO of the words from the matrix above.

