

LBO- Monday

ei or ie

I before E except after C or when sounding like AY as in neighbour and weigh

| Rule | Examples |
|--------------------------|---|
| I before E | achieve, believe, brief, chief, friend, grief, hygiene, patience, pierce, priest, thief |
| except after C | ceiling, conceit, conceive, deceit, deceive, perceive, receipt, receive |
| or when sounding like AY | beige, feint, freight, inveigle, neighbour, sleigh, vein, weigh, weight |

Here are some common exceptions to the above rule:

- either, neither, caffeine, codeine, counterfeit, foreign, forfeit, height, leisure, protein, their, weird, seize, seizure

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Silent Letters

There are a lot of **silent letters** in English. There aren't many hard and fast rules, it's more a matter of learning which letters are silent in certain combinations of letters. Here are some of the most common silent letters (silent letters in brackets).

Silent b: e.g. com(b) bom(b) de(b)t

Silent d: e.g. ba(d)ge we(d)ge ple(d)ge

Silent h: e.g. cheeta(h) ve(h)icle r(h)yme

Silent k: e.g. (k)nife (k)nock (k)nit

Silent n: e.g. Autum(n) hym(n) colum(n)

Silent p: e.g. (p)salm (p)sychology

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Degrees of Possibility Using Adverbs or Modal Verbs

We use modals to show if we believe something is certain, possible or impossible:

*My keys **must** be in the car.*

*It **might** rain tomorrow.*

*That **can't** be Peter's coat. It's too small.*

We also use them to do things like talk about ability, ask permission, and make requests and offers:

*I **can't** swim.*

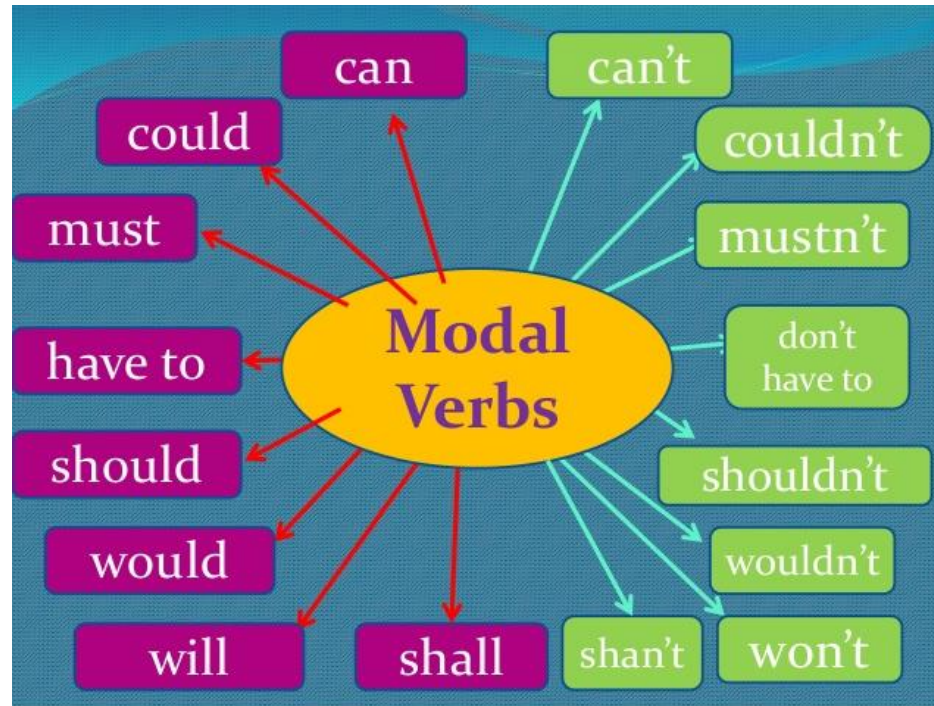
***May** I ask a question?*

***Could** I have some tea, please?*

***Would** you like some help?*

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For a recap of adverbs:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zgsgxfr>

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Semi-Colons

A semi-colon can be used instead of a full stop between two related sentences. This links them together in a way a full stop doesn't.

It was cold and the sun was shining.



It was cold; the sun was shining.

Watch this video and take the quiz to practise using semi-colons in sentences.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zshfdxs>