

Words with a long /e/ sound spelt 'ie' or 'ei' after c (and exceptions)



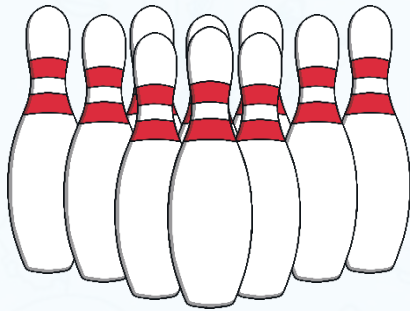
We are looking again at this well-known spelling rule...

**'i' before 'e'
except after 'c'!**

This rule usually applies to words with a 'c' before a long /e/ sound, e.g.

conceive

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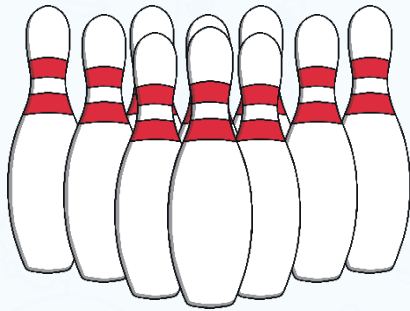
To deliberately mislead someone.

Uh-Oh!

— — — e — — e

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	

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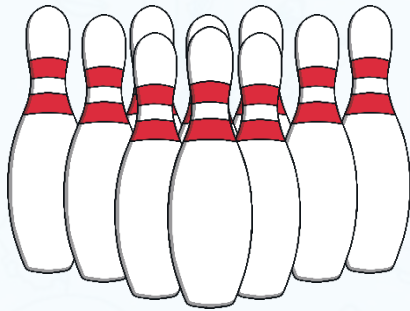
The upper interior surface of a room.

Uh-Oh!

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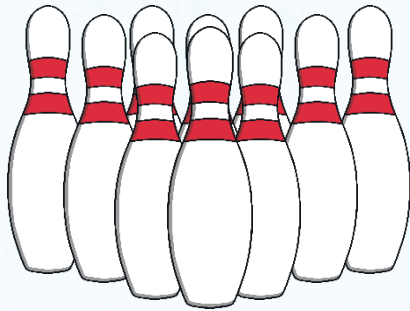
Be presented with or given something.

Uh-Oh!

— — — e — — e

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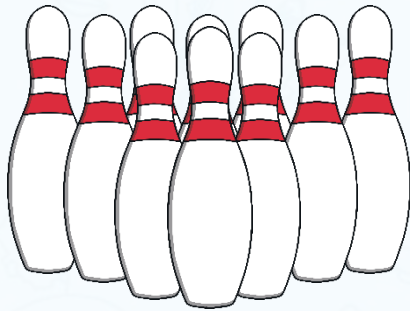
Proof of purchasing something.

Uh-Oh!

— — — e — — —

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Developing an understanding of something.

Uh-Oh!

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Super Tricky Challenge:

There are a few words in the English language that do have an 'e before an i' to make a long /e/ sound, where it is not preceded by a 'c'.

We call these the exceptions to the rule.

Can you think of any examples?

protein

caffeine

seize

neither

Did you find any others?