

Homophones –ce and -se

In these pairs of words, nouns end **–ce** and verbs end **–se**. *Advice* and *advise* provide a useful clue as the word *advise* (verb) is pronounced with a z sound – which could not be spelt c.

advice / advise

device / devise

licence / license

practice / practise

Does the same rule apply here for when there's a c or s?

prophecy / prophesy

Homophones to revise

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| stationary / stationery | aloud / allowed |
| desert / dessert | father / farther |
| aisle / isle | cereal / serial |
| altar / alter | affect / effect |
| draft / draught | who's / whose |
| guessed / guest | led / lead |
| heard / herd | |
| past / passed | |
| steal / steel | |

Strategy Suggestions

Look at the letter that is different. Think of a link that helps you remember the meaning. Draw pictures and write the words in a cross, like this:



leek - vegetable

Leeks taste a bit like onions.

leak - let out liquid

The broken tap is **leaking**.



- 1) **Leeks** are **green**.
- 2) The **tap** **leaks** with **water**



current -

- 1) flow of eg. water
- 2) ongoing, in use

- 1) The river had a strong **current**.
- 2) Read about **current** events in the paper.

currant - small dried grape

This cake is full of **currants**.



Think of

- 1) **river** with **e** and **current** with **e**



- 2) **cake** with **a** and **currant** with **a** -
or think of the **currants** in the cake as being **ants**.

