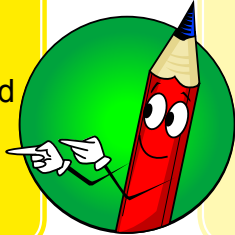


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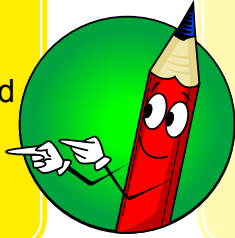
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| 4. | thier   | their   |
| 5. | brief   | breif   |
| 6. | sceince | science |
| 7. | height  | hieght  |
| 8. | priest  | preist  |

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| 9.  | foriegn | foreign |
| 10. | ancient | anceint |
| 11. | freight | frieght |
| 12. | feirce  | fierce  |
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| 14. | beleif  | belief  |
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