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| 5. | believe | beleive | 15. | vein | vien |
| 6. | theif | thief | 16. | percieve | perceive |
| 7. | piece | peice | 17. | chief | cheif |
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