Frequently Misspelled Words

One or two syllables
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Three syllables
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Four or five syllables
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Grede Connections to THINKING



Read the spelling words and sentences.

1. breathe	breathe	To breathe fresh air is a pleasure.
2. usually	usually	I usually eat a big meal at lunch.
3. vacuum	vacuum	Please vacuum the rug in your room.
4. picnicking	picnicking	We enjoy picnicking by the lake.
5. bouquet	bouquet	Joe brought Mom a bouquet of wildflowers
6. annually	annually	The company reports its earnings annually
7. pursuit	pursuit	She is in pursuit of a gold medal.
8. bouillon	bouillon	Eli had a bowl of beef bouillon for lunch.
9. actual	actual	Is that an actual account of the event?
10. league	league	Sasha is a member of a softball league.
11. mimicking	mimicking	The monkey is mimicking human behavior
12. variety	variety	Sentence variety adds interest to a story.
13. coupon	coupon	She has a coupon for a free CD.
14. maneuver	maneuver	Can he maneuver the boat past the dock?
15. curiosity	curiosity	The mysterious note aroused his curiosity.
16. peculiar	peculiar	What is the source of that peculiar odor?
17. visually	visually	Soft, pastel colors are visually soothing.
18. courtesy	courtesy	It shows courtesy not to interrupt.
19. initial	initial	He scored on the initial play of the game.
20. pursue	pursue	Val hopes to pursue a career as an actress.

Think & Sort the spelling words.

- 1-8. Write the words that have one or two syllables. Remember that there is a syllable for every vowel sound in a word.
- **9–15.** Write the words that have three syllables.
- 16-20. Write the words that have four or five syllables.

Remember

It is important to know the spelling of words that are frequently misspelled.





Unit

Word Meanings

Write a spelling word with the same meaning as each group of words.

- 1. real, true, factual
- 2. first, beginning, introductory
- 3. diversity, assortment, different kinds
- 4. club, association, organization
- **5.** exploration, hobby, activity
- 6. graciousness, politeness, refinement
- 7. odd, strange, different

Word Structure

Add a suffix to each word to write a spelling word. You may have to change the spelling of the word before adding the suffix.

8. usual

11. visual

9. picnic

12. mimic

10. annual

13. curious



For entry words with more than one acceptable pronunciation, the phonetic spelling of the preferred pronunciation appears first. The alternative phonetic spelling shows only those syllables that differ from the preferred pronunciation. Look up each of the following words in the Spelling Dictionary. Write the word and the number (I, 2, or 3) of acceptable pronunciations given.

14. vacuum

18. pursue

15. coupon

19. maneuver

16. breathe

20. bouquet

17. bouillon

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Word Structure

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Use the Dictionary

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Complete the Sentences
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Write the spelling word that best completes each sentence.							
1.	Please	this receipt	to show that	you got your m	noney back.		
2.	2. People who ask a lot of questions are often rewarded for their						
3.	Do you unde	erstand the e	expression "to	operate in a _	"?		
4.	4. Mountaineers find it hard to above certain altitudes.						
5.	Adding to the stew will give it the liquid it needs.						
6.	5. Thank you for remembering my birthday with this						
7.	People became suspicious of his behavior.						
8.	Is this the cost, or are there hidden fees?						
9.	The dog cato	cher is in	of a stray	dog.			
10.	. He walks in the park, but today he walked downtown.						
11.	Looking at the bright bold colors was stimulating.						

Use Context Clues

breathe

usually

Write spelling words from the box to complete the announcement.

league

coupon annually

pursue

variety

maneuver

picnicking

courtesy

mimicking

Connections to WRITING



Proofread a Paragraph

Proofread the paragraph below for ten misspelled words. Then rewrite the paragraph. Write the spelling words correctly and make the corrections indicated by the proofreading marks.

Mr. Morris, our english teacher, has a curiousity about people who like to play with language. He likes to persue the peculier ways that people use words. People who create puns and other plays on words usully have a good understanding of grammar and vocabulary. Mr. Morris gave us a veriety of examples of language play. His inishal one was a poem title and author: "Ode To Darkness," by Sonny Day. Another example was an actuel sign he had seen in a tailor's shop: "For those in persute of the perfect fitting suit, use my couppon for \$40 per suit." Our teacher's final example was a line from a book: "at court, there is often a lack of courtisy."

Proofreading Marks



/ Make Lowercase

∧ Add

Delete

Add a Period

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Informative/Explanatory Writing

Write a Paragraph

Choose a topic that has to do with language—puns, metaphors, similes, or alliteration, for example. Write a paragraph about it.

- Explain the topic or term you have chosen and give specific examples of the topic or term.
- Follow the form used in the proofreading example.
- Use as many spelling words as you can.
- Proofread for grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Circle three words you are unsure about. Check their spelling in a print or online dictionary.

Transfer

In your Spelling
Journal, list at least
five troublesome
words from recent
spelling tests. Circle
the part of the word
that causes you
trouble. For example,
do you remember that
embarrass has two r's
and two s's?

Extende Transfer

Consonant Sound-Spellings

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Pattern Power

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Meaning Mastery

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Word Study

jewelry
pursue
peculiar
restaurant
exhaust
picnicking
surely
numerous
annually

usually
mistaken
bouillon
actual
maximum
mimicking
coupon
obliging
initial

curiosity
probably
committee
courtesy
rhythm
genuine
bouquet
breathe
maestro

pursuit
vacuum
gratitude
league
variety
diminish
visually
maneuver
accordance

Consonant Sound-Spellings

Write the words with the sounds below. Circle the letter or letters that spell the sound.

- 1-2. /zh/
- 3-5. /sh/
- 6-8. /j/
- 9-10. /th/ as in they

Pattern Power

Write the spelling word or words from the box that follow the same spelling pattern as the words in each group.

- 11. exhibit, exhalted, exhilarating
- 12. dialogue, fatigued, guerrilla
- 13. comparably, inseparably, capably
- 14. spoken, beaten, forgotten

Meaning Mastery

Write the word from the box that is a synonym for each word below.

15. movement

18. yearly

16. emptiness

19. broth

17. copying

20. eatery

Science Word Hunt

Read the paragraphs below. Look for spelling words that are frequently misspelled.

Most of us have never seen a comet, and we probably never will. But telescope photos of comets reveal dramatic long tails of gas that are genuinely beautiful. There are numerous misconceptions about comets. Perhaps the most common of these is the mistaken belief that comets are extremely hot, which is untrue. They are, in fact, made of icy gases and dust.

Like the planets in our solar system, comets orbit our sun in a regular rhythm, although not annually like our own Earth. A comet's orbital period takes many years and follows an oval-shaped orbital path, taking it far from our sun for long periods. Their initial size may be very large, but it tends to diminish every time it passes near our sun. This is because the sun's intense heat and "solar wind" melts the comet's ice and causes it to form a tail of vaporized ice crystals. The comet's tail does not stream behind the comet, but rather, always points away

Curiously, this peculiar tail does not exist when the comet is at its maximum distance from the sun. Through a telescope one can see that the comet has a more ordinary round ball shape as it moves along its orbital path. But as it continues to maneuver nearer the sun, the heat and solar wind again begin to blast at the comet, vaporizing its ice and creating the tail. In a way, the comet's magnificent tail is a display of its own destruction.

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from the sun.

1–10. This essay contains several frequently misspelled words from the list on page 100. Find ten of these words and write them. Underline the part of the word you think is most often misspelled by yourself and others.