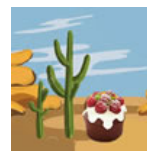


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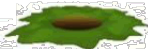
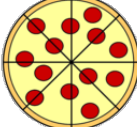
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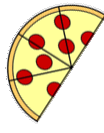















**Pre-test Yourself** Find out what you know already.

**A. Spell the Word.** Write the correct spelling for these commonly confused pairs. (6 pts.)

 /déz-ert/ _____	 /dih-zúrt/ _____	 /bæθ/ _____	 /beɪð/ _____	 /hohl/ _____	 /hohl/ _____
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**B. Correct the Spelling.** Write the spelling for these commonly misspelled words. (24 pts.)

 gest <i>quest</i> 1	 rasberry 2	 iland 3	 sisors 4	 cofe 5	 oshun 6
 grajuate 7	 vacum 8	 laf 9	 spagetti 10	 haf 11	 bisicle 12
 buty 13	 cresent 14	 matres 15	 nalege 16	 byuro 17	 eit 18
 anser 19	 musion 20	 kichen 21	 chiken 22	 garaj 23	 Wensdy 24




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**C. Find and Correct.** Mark ✓ if all the words in the sentence are correct. Mark ✗ if one is incorrect and write the correct spelling on the blank. (8pts)

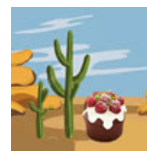
1. \_\_\_\_\_ You wouldn't egzactly refer to fast-food as a cuisine.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ But when it is done well, it is especially delisious to eat.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ An experiensed chef can serve up crispy fries
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and turn out a juicy hamburger grilled to perfection.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Along with a little manaize and mustard, it's excellent.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ A cold, creamy, choclet milkshake is hard to beat.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ As long as the ingredients are fresh and flavorful,
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the result will be a plezure to eat.

**D. Find the Misspelling.** Underline the word that is spelled incorrectly. (12pts.)

When we hear the expresion "gourmet food", we think of high-priced, exotic food that requires a lot of preparation. But these descriptions are not neccessarily true or acurate. Foods from  foriegn places may make resipes more speshal, but exotic origins do not qualify food as "gourmet". Hi qwality ingredients are most important. That is to say, if the food is fresh, in-season and checked for flavor, only then can you guarantee that the food will ad better flavor to the recipe. Next, if the food is cleaned and stored well, prepared and cooked properly, and served at the right temperture, it will be at its best. Finally, an unusual but complimentary blending of flavors will cause the food to be worthy of the title "gourmet".

**Score** \_\_\_\_\_/30      90% or higher ( $\geq 27/30$ ) is good but less than 90% ( $\leq 26$ ) needs work.

The Word List on page 24 can be used to s and collect difficult-to-spell words



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## Silent Letters

## 1.1 Silent a

aisle<sup>1</sup>      tem·per·a·ture<sup>2</sup>      lit·er·a·ture  
 sep·a·rate      min·ia·ture      di·a·mond  
 meat /i/    head /ɛ/    coat /oʊ/    dia·per /aɪ/

**a** may occur shortened /ə/ or silent.

**a** occurs in vowel blends **ea**, **oa**, **ia**

<sup>1</sup> *aisle* /aɪl/ (silent i)

<sup>2</sup> *temperature* /'tɛm pər ə tʃər/ (reduced)

## 1.2 Silent b

bomb      climb      comb      dumb  
 lamb      plumb·er      thumb      tomb  
 debt      doubt      sub·tle      doubt

**b** after **m** at the end of a word is silent.

**b** before **t** is silent in a few words.

## 1.3 Silent c

sce·ne      scent      sci·ence      scis·sors  
 con·sce·nce      con·scie·ous      cres·cent  
 a·scend      des·cend      dis·ci·ple  
 fas·ci·nate      flu·o·res·cent      mus·cles

**sc** is a consonant blend that is pronounced /s/.

Dictionaries may divide these letters into different syllables, but it does not affect the pronunciation /s/. *crescent* /'kres ənt/.

## 1.4 Silent d

hand·ker·chief      hand·some      Wed·nes·day<sup>3</sup>  
 judge      fudge      hedge      pledge

**d** is silent in a few words.

**d** before **ge** /dʒ/ at the end of a word is silent.

<sup>3</sup> *Wednesday* /'wenz deɪ, -di/

## 1.5 Silent e ea

Ae·ge·an      aer·i·al      ae·rob·ic      aes·thet·ic  
 Eu·rope      neu·tron      neu·ron      ma·neu·ver  
 beau·ti·ful      beau·ty      beau·ti·cian  
 vege·ta·bles      em·e·rald      math·e·ma·tics  
 cake      these      time      home      tune  
 sun·dae      tree      tie      toe      blue  
 peace      huge      house      poise      leave

**ae** /eɪ/ (from Greek) with silent **e**.

**eu** /yu/ (from Greek) with silent **e**

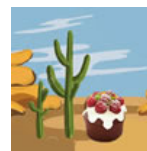
**eau** /yu/ (French) is more commonly pronounced /oʊ/ *bureau*, *château*.

**e** /ə/-/ɪ/ (or silent) mid-word, unstressed

**e** (silent) affects pronunciation of the preceding vowel (aCe, eCe, oCe, uCe)

**e** (silent) affects pronunciation of the final consonant **ce** /s/, **ge** /dʒ/, **se** /s/ or /z/, **ve** /v/.

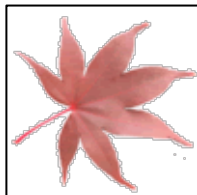
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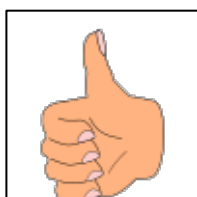
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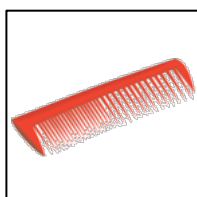
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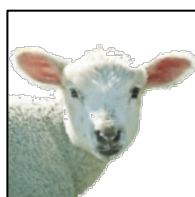
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5. thum\_\_



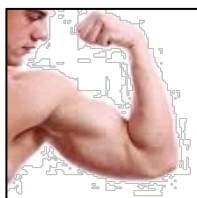
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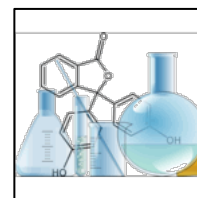
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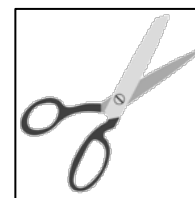
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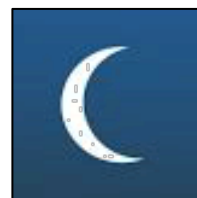
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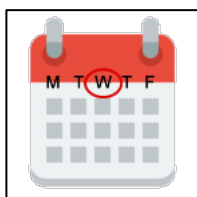
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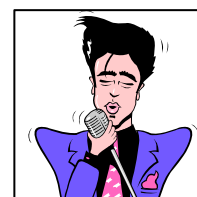
11. s\_\_issors



12. cres\_\_ent



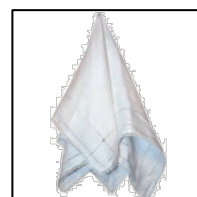
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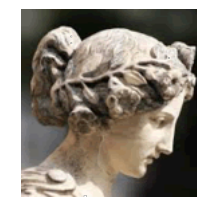
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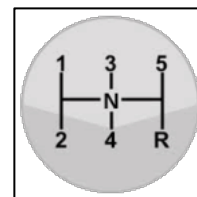
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16. han\_\_kerchief



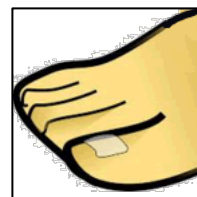
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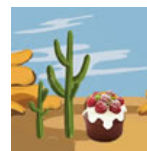
18. n\_\_utral



19. \_\_urope



20. to\_\_s



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## 1.6 Silent g gh

cham· <b>pagne</b>	co· <b>logne</b>	la· <b>sa</b> ·gne	
gnaw	gnu	<b>sing</b> ·er	<b>hang</b> ·er
sign	reign	sigh <u>t</u>	bri <u>gh</u> t
hi <u>gh</u>	laugh <sup>1</sup>	thoug <u>h</u>	throug <u>h</u>

**gn** is a consonant blend with silent **g** (French and Italian origin).

**ng** is a consonant blend pronounced /ŋ/ (but not in *finger*).

<sup>1</sup>**gh** is usually silent, but may also be /f/ as in *laugh* /læf/, *rough*, *tough*, *cough*.

## 1.7 Silent h

herb <sup>2</sup>	heir	<b>hon</b> ·or	hour
ghost	John	oh	Thomas
rhyme	rhythm	rhi·no·ce·ros	ec·ho
school	mon·arch	choir	<b>chem</b> ·is·try
what <sup>6</sup>	<b>wh</b> e·ther <sup>3</sup>	wheel	whale

**h** is silent in a few words;

**ch** /k/ is a consonant blend (< Greek);

<sup>2</sup> /urb/ US-Eng but /hurb/ in Br-Eng

<sup>3</sup>**wh** in *what*, *when* *where*, *whether* is pronounced /hw/ by some speakers.

## 1.8 Silent i

<b>busi</b> ·ness	me· <b>di</b> ·e·val	<b>min</b> ·i·a·ture	
rain <sup>4</sup>	friend <sup>5</sup>	<b>cei</b> l·ing <sup>6</sup>	fruit <sup>7</sup>

**i** is diminished or silent in these words;

**ai** /aɪ/, **ie** and **ei** /i/ and **ui** /u/ are vowel blends, in which two vowels form one sound. <sup>4</sup>/ram/, <sup>5</sup>/frend/, <sup>6</sup>/si lɪŋ/, <sup>7</sup>/frut/.

## 1.9 Silent k

<u>k</u> nee	<u>k</u> nigh <u>t</u>	<u>k</u> nit	<u>k</u> nock
<u>k</u> not	<u>k</u> now	<u>k</u> nead	<b>kn</b> uck·le
du <u>k</u>	do <u>k</u>	lo <u>k</u>	ne <u>k</u>
pick	sick	lick	snack

**kn** /n/ has a silent **k**.

**ck** /k/ occurs at the end of a word.

Either sound alone is pronounced /k/; therefore, either one could be regarded as silent.

## 1.10 Silent l

calf	half	sal·mon	yolk
chalk	talk	walk	stalk
could <sup>8</sup>	shoul <u>d</u> <sup>8</sup>	woul <u>d</u> <sup>8</sup>	

**l** is silent after vowels **a**, **o**, and **u**, but not in *bulk*, *sulk*, *hold*, *sold* or *fold*.

<sup>8</sup>**ould** /ʊd/ as in *wood*.

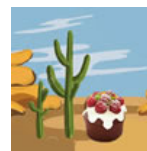
## 1.11 Silent m

<u>m</u> ne·mon·ic <sup>9</sup>
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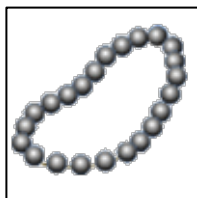
**m** is silent in this word.

<sup>9</sup>assistive or relating to memory.

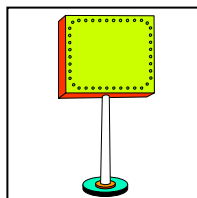
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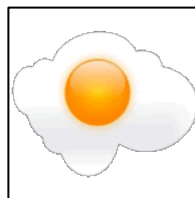
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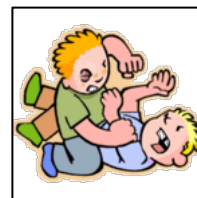
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2. si\_\_n



3. yo\_\_k



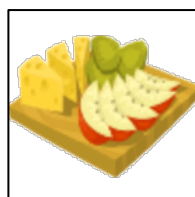
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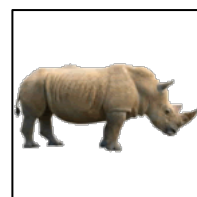
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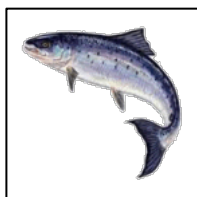
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7. snac\_\_



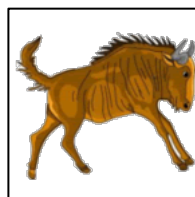
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9. sa\_\_mon



10. \_\_erbs



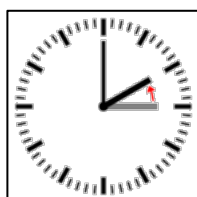
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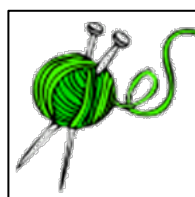
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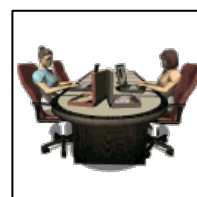
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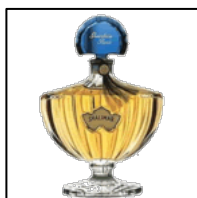
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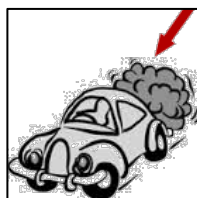
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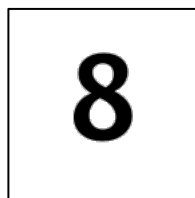
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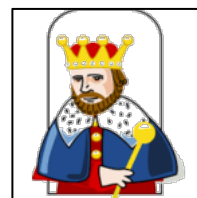
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18. ex\_\_aust

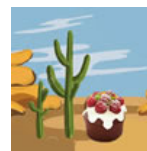


19. ei\_\_t



20. monarc\_\_y





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## 1.12 Silent n

au·tum <u>n</u>	col·um <u>n</u>	con·dem <u>n</u>
dam <u>n</u>	hym <u>n</u>	sol·em <u>n</u>

**n** after **m** is silent in these words

## 1.13 Silent o

peo·ple	leo·p·ard	jeo·p·ard·y
soph·o·more	colo·nel <sup>1</sup>	

**eo** /i/ is a vowel blend;  
**o** is silent in these words.  
<sup>1</sup>/ˈkɜr nl/

## 1.14 Silent p

ras·p·ber·ry	cor·ps	cup·board
psy·chol·o·gy	re·cei·pt	pneu·mon·ia

**p** is silent in a few words, especially in words of Greek origin, ψ (ps) / πν (pn).

## 1.15 Silent r &amp; s

Feb·ru·ar·y	aisle	is·land	de·bris
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**r** is silent for some speakers in *February*.  
**s** is silent in a few words.

## 1.16 Silent t &amp; th

whis·tle	bris·tle	cas·tle	mis·tle·toe
lis·ten	of·ten	soft·en	
bal·let	gour·met	bou·quet	sor·bet
Christ·mas	mustn't	as·thma <sup>1</sup>	clothes <sup>1</sup>

**t** is silent before **le** in a few words.

**t** is silent before **en** in a few words.

**t** is silent with final **et** (French).

<sup>1</sup>**th** is often silent in *asthma* /azma/ and *clothes* /cloz/.

## 1.17 Silent u &amp; ue

buy	build	guest	guard	gui·tar
be·cause	di·a·logue	tongue	laugh <sup>2</sup>	

**u** is silent in **ui** and **uy** vowel blends;

**u** is silent in **gu**, and **ue** is silent in **gue** at the end of a word.

<sup>2</sup>laugh /læf/

## 1.18 Silent w

ans·wer	sword	two	
who	whole	whom	whose
write	writ·ing	wring	wrist
writhe	wrought	knowl·edge <sup>3</sup>	

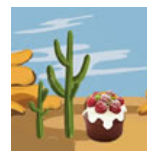
**w** is silent in a few words.

**w** is silent before **r**.

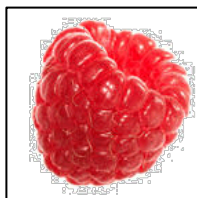
<sup>3</sup>knowledge /ˈnɒl ɪdʒ/



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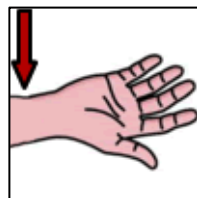
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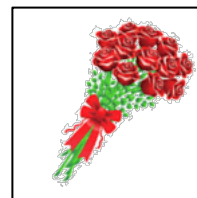
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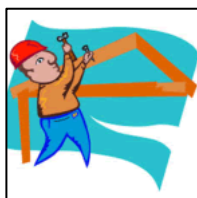
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3. \_\_rist



4. bouque\_\_



5. b\_\_ild



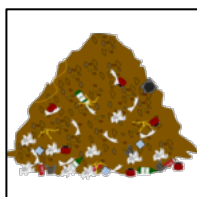
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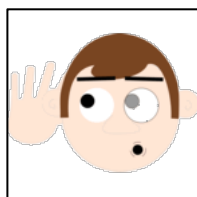
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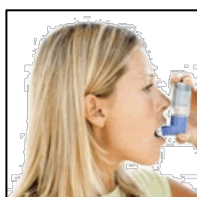
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12. \_\_sychiatrist



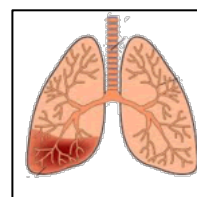
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14. whis\_\_le



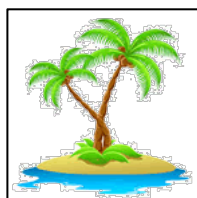
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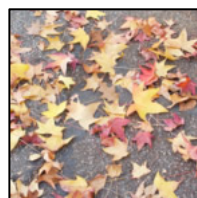
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17. ans\_\_er



18. i\_\_land

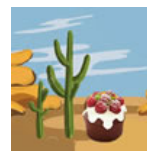


19. autum\_\_



20. s\_\_ord

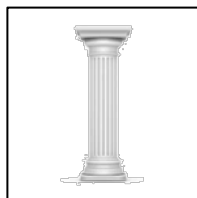
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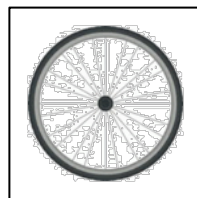
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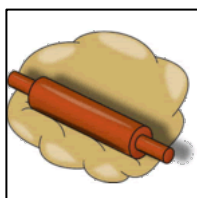
2. colum\_\_



3. w\_\_eel



4. \_\_hole (wheat)



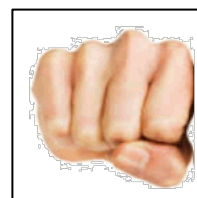
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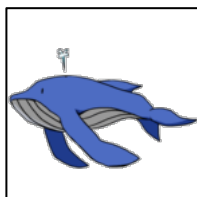
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7. \_\_no\_\_ledge



8. \_\_nuckles



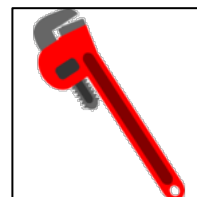
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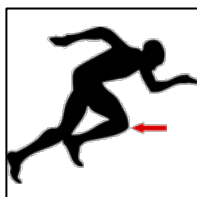
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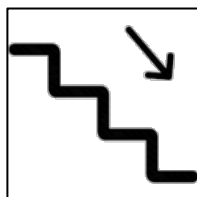
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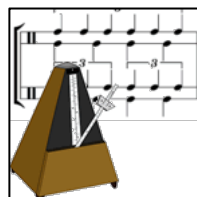
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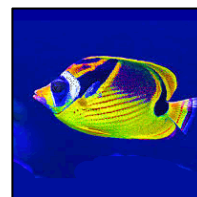
13. \_\_nee



14. des\_\_end



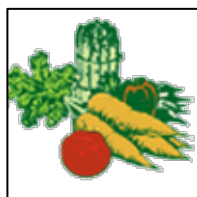
15. r\_\_ythm



16. floures\_\_ent



17. clo\_\_s



18. veg\_\_tables

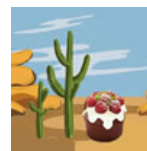


19. Feb\_\_uary



20. dam\_\_!

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## Consonant and Vowel Blends

2.1 /tʃ/ **ch tch tu ti**

<u>ch</u> ck	a <u>ch</u> ieve	<u>ch</u> urch	bea <u>ch</u>
<b>k</b> <u>it</u> ch·en	ma <u>tch</u>	wa <u>tch</u>	wi <u>tch</u>
na <u>t</u> ·u·ral	ac·tu· <u>a</u> l	fac·tu· <u>a</u> l	cen·tu· <u>r</u> y
pic· <u>t</u> ure	lit·er·a· <u>t</u> ure	fu· <u>t</u> ure	mix· <u>t</u> ure
ques· <u>t</u> ion	sug·ges· <u>t</u> ion	<u>c</u> el·lo	con· <u>c</u> er·to

**ch** is the usual spelling for the sound /tʃ/.

**tch** is also pronounced /tʃ/.

**tu** in **-tual** and **-ture** are pronounced /tʃ/.

**-tion** is pronounced /tʃ/ in a few words.

**ce** is /tʃ/ in **cello** and **concerto** (< Italian).

2.2 /f/ **ff ph gh**

<u>f</u> ilm	co <u>f</u> ·fee	wa <u>f</u> ·fle	<b>p</b> <u>h</u> ar·ma·cy
hy· <u>p</u> hen	dol· <u>p</u> hin	al· <u>p</u> ha	Jo·se <u>p</u> h
<b>t</b> <u>r</u> i·um <u>p</u> h	at·mos· <u>p</u> here	<b>p</b> <u>h</u> o·to·graph	
laugh	tough	rough	cough

**f** is the usual spelling for /f/.

**ph** is also pronounced /f/.

**gh** is pronounced /f/ at the end of a few words.

2.3 /g/ **gu gh x**

<u>g</u> uest	<u>g</u> ui·tar	<u>g</u> uide	di·a·lo <u>g</u> ue
<u>g</u> host	<b>g</b> <u>h</u> et·to	spa· <b>g</b> <u>h</u> et·ti	Pitts·bur <u>gh</u>
<b>ex</b> ·it <sup>1</sup>	<b>ex</b> ·act·ly <sup>1</sup>	<b>ex</b> ·am·ple <sup>1</sup>	<b>ex</b> ·ist <sup>1</sup>

**g** before **u** is often pronounced /g/, but /gyu/ in **figure** and **legume**. See Long U.

**gh** is also pronounced /g/.

<sup>1</sup>**x** is pronounced /gz/ in a few words.

2.4 /dʒ/ **ge gi gy dg du -dge**

<b>g</b> en·er·al	<b>g</b> i·ant	<b>g</b> y·ro·scope
<b>g</b> ym	a· <b>g</b> en·cy	sug· <b>g</b> est
<b>en</b> ·gine	<b>pass</b> ·en·ger	<b>en</b> ·er·gy
<b>vil</b> ·lage	orange	<b>priv</b> ·i·lege
<b>judg</b> ·ment	judge bridge	<b>knowl</b> ·edge
<b>ed</b> ·u·cate	<b>gra</b> · <b>d</b> ·u·al	in·di· <b>vid</b> ·u·al
pro·ce· <b>d</b> ure	<b>sol</b> · <b>d</b> ier <sup>2</sup>	

**j** is the usual spelling for /dʒ/.

**g** before **i**, **e**, or **y** is pronounced /dʒ/.

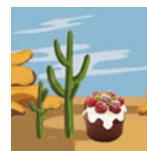
**dg** is pronounced /dʒ/.

**dge** occurs at the end of word.

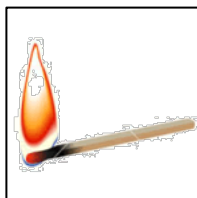
**du** is pronounced /dʒ/ in a few words, but usually as /yu/ **duel**. See /u/ **blue**.

<sup>2</sup>**di** is /dʒ/ in this rare spelling **sol**·**d**ier, but not in **brig**·a·dier /dir/ or **stu**·di·er /di·ər/.

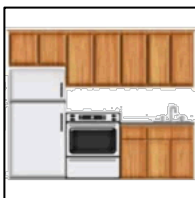
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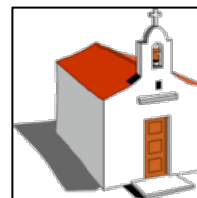
1. ma\_\_\_ /tʃ/



2. ki\_\_\_en /tʃ/



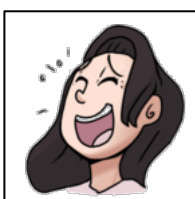
3. ques\_\_\_on /tʃ/



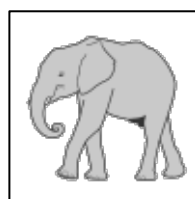
4. \_\_\_ur\_\_\_ /tʃ/



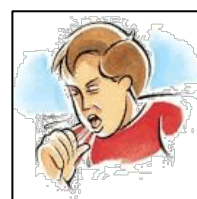
5. co\_\_\_ee /f/



6. lau\_\_\_ /f/



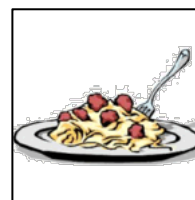
7. ele\_\_\_ant /f/



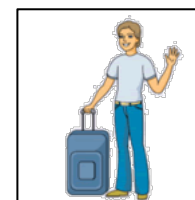
8. Cou\_\_\_ /f/



9. \_\_\_ost /g/



10. spa\_\_\_etti /g/



11. \_\_\_est /g/



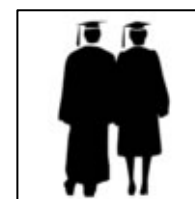
12. e\_\_\_it /gz/



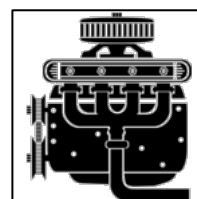
13. bri\_\_\_ /dʒ/



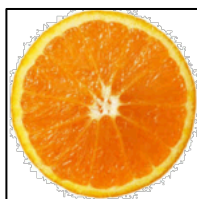
14. ju\_\_\_ /dʒ/



15. gra\_\_\_uate /dʒ/



16. en\_\_\_ine /dʒ/



17. oran\_\_\_ /dʒ/



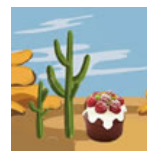
18. \_\_\_eans /dʒ/



19. sol\_\_\_er /dʒ/



20. spon\_\_\_ /dʒ/



## Commonly Misspelled Words

2.5 /k/ **ck ch x qu que**

school    pock·et    chick·en    pick  
chem·is·try    sto·mach    tech·nique    ache  
ex·cept    ex·cit·ing    ex·cel·lent    ta·x  
ques·tion    mos·qui·to    square    bou·tique

**ck**, a blend, is pronounced /k/.

**ch** in words of Greek origin is /k/.

**x** in a few words is /k/ or /ks/.

**qu** mostly occur together as /kw/ but  
**que** occurs at the end of a word as /k/.

2.6 /ŋ/ **n nk ng**

sing    song    wrong    be·long  
an·kle    un·cle    mon·key    sink  
sing·er    lan·guage    sin·gle    on·ion<sup>1</sup>

**ng** is pronounced /gz/ in a few words.

**n** before **c** or **k** is pronounced /ŋk/.

**n** before **g** is pronounced /ŋg/.

<sup>1</sup>onion /'ʌn yən /, union /'yʌn yən /

2.7 /s/ **ss ce sc x**

sent    syl·la·bus    boss    pro·cess  
cent    bi·cy·cle    li·cense    dance  
scent    scene    sci·ence    de·scend  
six    ta·xi    next    ex·pen·sive

**s** is the usual spelling for /s/.

**c** often before **i**, **e**, or **y** is pronounced /s/  
 and occurs at the end of a word as **ce**.

**sc** is pronounced /s/.

**x** is pronounced /ks/ in a few words.

2.8 /ʃ/ **sh s ss ci si ti ch**

share    sug·ar    sure    pres·sure    is·sue  
 dis·cus·sion    per·mis·sion    di·men·sion  
so·cial    spe·cial    de·li·cious    ef·fi·cient  
sta·tion    pa·tient    in·i·tial    va·ca·tion  
Chi·ca·go    chic    pa·nache    mus·tache<sup>1</sup>  
o·cean    con·scious    con·science    an·xious

**sh** is the usual spelling for /ʃ/.

**s** and **ss** before **u**, **ure** and **i**, **ion** are /ʃ/.

**ci**, **si** and **ti** are often pronounced /ʃ/.

**ch/che** in words of French origin is /ʃ/.

**ce**, **sci**, **xi** are pronounced /ʃ/ sometimes.

<sup>1</sup> mus tache or mus tache

2.9 /z/ **s z ge ti**

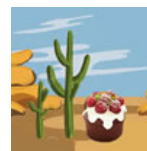
u·su·al·ly    A·sia    tel·e·vi·sion    de·ci·sion  
plea·sure    lei·sure<sup>2</sup>    sei·zure    oc·ca·sion  
beige    pres·tige    ga·rage    e·qua·tion

**s** is pronounced /z/ in a few words.

**ge** is pronounced /z/ in a few words  
 (Also see /dʒ/ as in *age* or *orange*.)

<sup>2</sup>/'li zər, 'lɛz ər/

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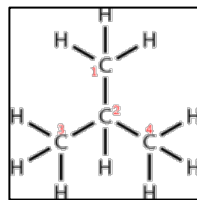
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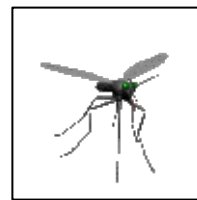
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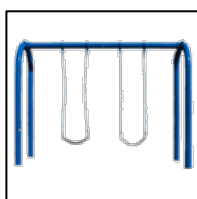
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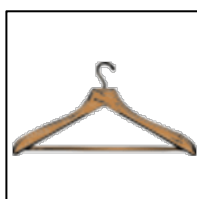
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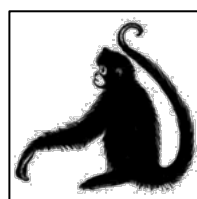
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5. swi\_\_ /ŋ/



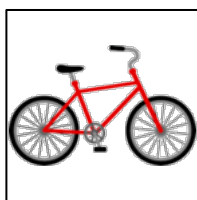
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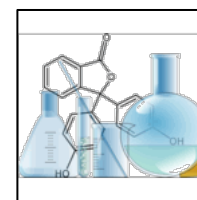
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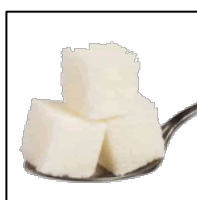
10. li\_\_en\_\_ /s/



11. \_\_ien\_\_ /s/



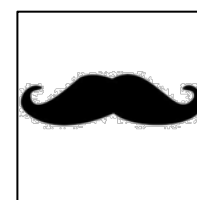
12. ta\_\_i /ks/



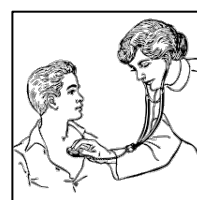
13. \_\_ugar /ʃ/



14. pre\_\_ure /ʃ/



15. musta\_\_ /ʃ/



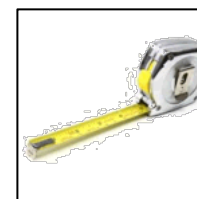
16. pa\_\_ent /ʃ/



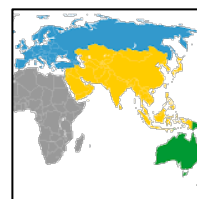
17. lei\_\_ure /ʒ/



18. gara\_\_ /ʒ/

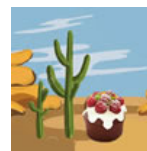


19. mea\_\_ure /ʒ/



20. A\_\_ia /ʒ/





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2.10 /θ/ **th**

<u>th</u> ing	<u>th</u> ought	<u>th</u> anks	<u>th</u> row
ba <u>th</u>	clo <u>th</u>	mou <u>th</u>	breath <u>th</u>

initial **th** is sometimes pronounced /θ/.

final **th** is pronounced /θ/.

2.11 /ð/ **th, the**

<u>th</u> is	<u>th</u> ese	<u>th</u> ose	<u>th</u> e	<u>th</u> ere
ba <u>th</u> e <sup>1</sup>	clo <u>th</u> e <sup>1</sup>	mou <u>th</u> e <sup>1</sup>	breath <u>th</u> e <sup>1</sup>	

initial **th** is sometimes pronounced /ð/.

final **the** is pronounced /ð/.

<sup>1</sup> verbs

2.12 /v/ **v ve f**

<u>v</u> e·ry	fa· <u>v</u> or	lo <u>y</u> ·er	have
leave	love	twelve	of

**v** is the usual spelling for /v/.

**ve** occurs at the end of a word.

**f** in *of* is pronounced /v/.

2.13 /w/ **w wh qu u ou o**

want	<u>w</u> he·ther	<u>w</u> here	<u>w</u> hen	<u>w</u> hat
quick	<u>qu</u> i·et	square	<u>qu</u> ir·rel	
hour	prou <u>d</u>	blou <u>s</u> e	pro· <u>n</u> ounce	
lan·guage	per· <u>s</u> uade	<u>o</u> ne <sup>2</sup>	<u>o</u> nce <sup>2</sup>	

**w** is the usual spelling for /w/.

**wh** is pronounced /w/ or /<sup>h</sup>w/.

**u** is pronounced /w/ in a few words and in **ou** in the /aʊ/ diphthong.

<sup>2</sup> **o** in *one*, *once* is /wʌ/. (/ʌ/ *sun*)

2.14 /y/ **y i**

dry	fa·mil·i <u>a</u> r	o·pin·i <u>o</u> n	con·ven·i <u>e</u> nt
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**y** is the usual spelling for /y/

**i** is pronounced /y/ in a few suffixes

*peculiar, brilliant, convenient, opinion.*

2.15 /z/ **z x s ss**

zoo	<u>z</u> e·bra	<u>x</u> y·lo·phone	<u>x</u> en·o· <u>ph</u> o·bia
be· <u>ca</u> use	please	<u>m</u> ay·on·naise	<u>u</u> se
<u>des</u> ·ert	greas·y <sup>3</sup>	blous·y <sup>3</sup>	eas·y
des· <u>s</u> ert	pos· <u>s</u> ess	sci·s· <u>s</u> ors	fi·s· <u>s</u> ion
ex· <u>a</u> m <sup>4</sup>	ex· <u>a</u> ct <sup>4</sup>	ex· <u>i</u> st <sup>4</sup>	ex·it <sup>5</sup>

**z** is the usual spelling for /z/

**x** is /z/ in words of Greek origin.

**s** occurs at the end of a word as **se** /z/.

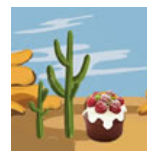
<sup>3</sup>**s** between two "long vowels" is /z/ in some southern US dialects.

**ss** is pronounced /z/ in a few words.

<sup>4</sup>**x** /gz/ <sup>5</sup>**x** /gz/ or /ks/ (dialectal variation).



## Commonly Misspelled Words



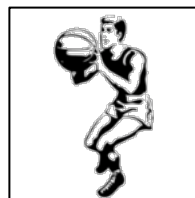
**G. Spell the words.** /θ/ th /ð/ th, the /v/ v, ve, f /w/ w, wh, qu, u, ou, o, /y/ y, i /z/ z, x, s.



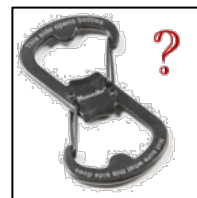
1. mou\_\_ /θ/



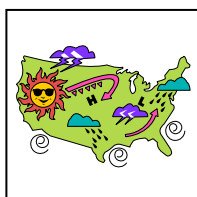
2. clo\_\_ /θ/



3. \_\_row /θ/



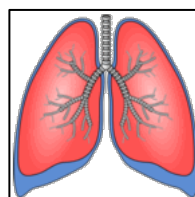
4. \_\_ing /θ/



5. wea\_\_er /ð/



6. clo\_\_s /ð/



7. brea\_\_ /ð/



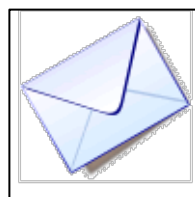
8. fa\_\_er /ð/



9. \_\_acuum /v/



10. ha\_\_ /v/



11. en\_elo\_\_ /v/



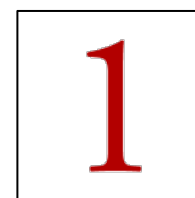
12. queen o\_\_ hearts



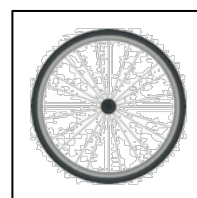
13. \_\_atch /w/



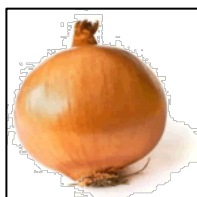
14. sq\_\_irrel /w/



15. \_\_ne /w/



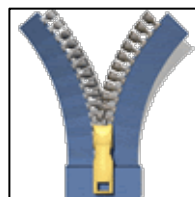
16. \_\_eel /w/



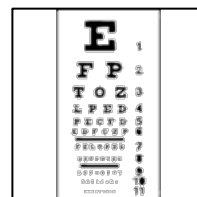
17. o\_\_on /ɪy/



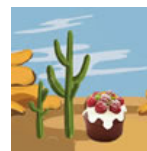
18. fu\_\_y /z/



19. \_\_ipper /z/



20. eye e\_\_am /gz/



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## Double Letters

## 3.1 cc

ac·cept<sup>1</sup> ac·ci·dent<sup>1</sup> ac·com·mo·date  
 ac·cu·rate oc·ca·sion oc·cur·rence  
 re·oc·cur suc·cess<sup>1</sup> vac·cine<sup>1</sup>

**cc** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced:

/k/ as in *occasion* /ə'keɪ zən/

<sup>1</sup>/ks/ as in *accept, succeed* /æk'sept/.

## 3.2 dd

ad·ded ad·di·tion ad·dic·ted mid·dle  
 od·dly sad·dened sud·den·ly tod·dler

**dd** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /d/ as in *middle* /'mɪd l/.

## 3.3 ff

af·fect·ed caf·feine cof·fee dif·fi·cult  
 ef·fect ef·fi·cient of·fi·cial suf·fix

**ff** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /f/ as in *coffee* /'kɒ fi/.

## 3.4 gg

bag·gage big·ger eggs blog·ger  
 lug·gage strug·gle sug·gest wig·gle

**gg** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /g/ as in *eggs* /ɛgz/.

## 3.5 ll

ac·ci·den·tal·ly ac·tu·al·ly al·ler·gy  
 an·nu·al·ly aw·ful·ly all col·lege  
 el·lip·sis in·tel·li·gence mil·len·ni·um  
 mis·spell pol·lute va·nil·la vil·lage

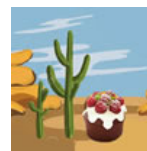
**ll** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /l/ as in *all* /ɔl/ or *village* /'vɪl ɪdʒ/.

## 3.6 mm

am·mo·ni·a<sup>2</sup> com·mand com·ments  
 com·mit·ted com·mu·ni·ty di·lem·ma  
 gram·mar im·me·di·ate rec·om·mend

**mm** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /m/ as in *command* /kə'mænd/.

<sup>2</sup>a·mon·ia or a·mo·ni·a.



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## 3.7 nn

an·nual<sup>1</sup> an·ten·nae can·na·bis can·not  
 cay·enne cin·na·mon con·nect in·nate  
 in·no·cent in·no·va·tion ques·tion·naire

**nn** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /k/ as in *cannot* /'kæn nt/.

<sup>1</sup>*annual* /'æn yu əl/

## 3.8 pp

ap·par·el ap·par·ent ap·pe·tite  
 ap·prov·al e·quip·ped sup·port  
 op·po·nent op·posite op·por·tu·ni·ty

**pp** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /p/ as in *apparel* /ə'pær əl/.

## 3.9 rr

ar·range bor·row cor·rect  
 cur·rent ear·rings ir·ri·tate  
 in·fer·red in·cur·red oc·cur·rence  
 re·fer·ral to·mor·row o·ver·rule  
 war·ran·tee ter·ri·ble nar·rate

**rr** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /r/ as in *arrange* /ə'reɪndʒ/.

## 3.10 ss

as·sist as·sure<sup>2</sup> des·sert<sup>3</sup> mis·spell  
 em·bar·rass·ment har·ass<sup>4</sup> ne·ces·sary  
 ex·pres·sion<sup>2</sup> pos·ses·sion<sup>3</sup> pro·cess

**ss** occurs in these words and is pronounced /s/ as in *assist* /ə'sɪst/ or <sup>2</sup>/ʃ/ as in *assure* /ə'ʃʊər, ə'ʃɜːr/

<sup>3</sup>/z/ as in *possession* /pə'zɛʃən/

<sup>4</sup> /hə'ræs mənt, 'hær əs mənt/

## 3.11 tt

at·tempt ba·guette cas·sette o·mit·ted  
 pal·ette re·but·tal tat·too toi·lette

**tt** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /t/ as in *attempt* /ə'tempt/.

## 3.12 zz

bliz·zard em·bez·zle fiz·zle griz·zly  
 jazz puz·zle siz·zle whizzed

**zz** occurs in these and other words and is pronounced /z/ as in *puzzle* /'pʌz əl/.

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**H. Correct the spelling.** Edit the spelling if needed.



1. personal neccesity



2. lugage selection



3. jaz musician



4. special ocasion



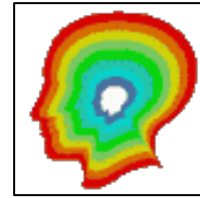
5. upper-arm  
tatoo



6. recomendado  
aparel



7. industrial  
polution



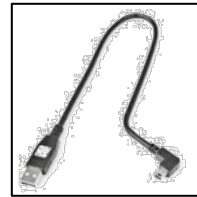
8. inovative  
thinking



9. directional  
arow



10. ofical seal  
of aproval



11. conecting  
cable



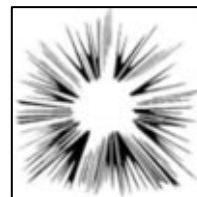
12. dental  
apointment



13. vilage  
comitee



14. decaffeinated  
cofee



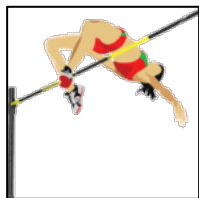
15. unexpected  
ocurence



16. efective  
solution



17. accidentally  
broken



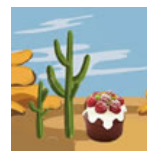
18. sucesful  
atempt



19. ilegal  
posesion



20. embarasing  
gossip



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### Unexpected Letters

#### 4.1 Dropped Letter

argue—argument      judge—judgment  
pass time—pastime

In a few words, a final vowel or consonant is dropped when adding a suffix or forming a compound word.

#### 2 Unexpected Vowel

cal·en·dar      change·able      ce·me·tery  
col·lec·ti·ble      con·duc·tor      def·i·nite·ly  
ig·no·rance      in·de·pen·dent      gram·mar  
in·di·spen·sa·ble      jewel·ry      sep·a·rate  
me·men·to      noticeable      main·te·nance  
priv·i·lege      rel·e·vant      res·tau·rant

In a few words, the sound of a vowel is diminished or dropped, yet it remains part of the spelling.

In other cases, the origin of the word causes the spelling to differ.

#### 4.4 Consonant Doubling with Suffixes

re·bel<sup>1</sup>—rebelled      re·fer<sup>1</sup>—referred  
tra·vel<sup>2</sup>—traveled      can·cel<sup>2</sup>—canceled

<sup>1</sup>Consonant doubling occurs in a stressed syllable [CVC] when adding a suffix.

<sup>2</sup>An unstressed final syllable is not doubled when adding a suffix. (Br. Eng. differs.)

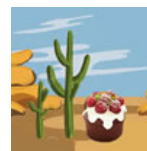
#### 4.5 Others

aux·il·ia·ry      beau·ty<sup>3</sup>      bu·reau<sup>4</sup>  
com·for·ta·ble      con·sen·sus      ex·ceed  
ex·hil·a·rate      for·eign      gauge  
guar·an·tee      hier·ar·chy      in·gre·di·ents  
li·brar·y      nec·es·sar·y      mas·sa·cre  
mis·cel·lan·e·ous      li·cense      pub·lic·ly  
pro·ducts      pro·nun·ci·a·tion      ref·er·ence  
rec·om·mend      res·tau·rant      sched·ule  
ser·geant      sub·tle      twelfth      weird

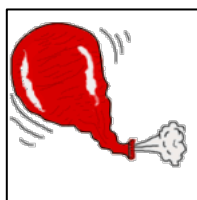
Other words are misspelled for various (miscellaneous) reasons.

<sup>3</sup>eau /yu/ and <sup>4</sup>eau /oo/ are vowel blends with silent *e*. (French origin)

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## I. Commonly Confused Word Pairs. Write the spelling for the word in the picture.



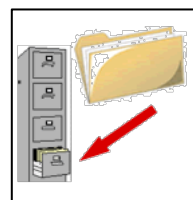
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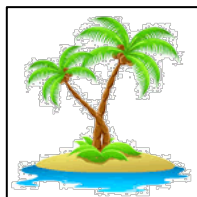
2. \_\_\_ir /ɛər/



3. fil\_\_\_d /fɪld/



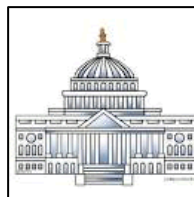
4. fil\_\_\_d /faɪld/



5. \_\_\_sle /aɪl/



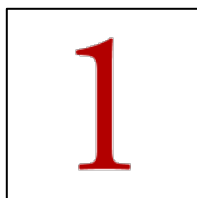
6. \_\_\_sle /aɪl/



7. capit\_\_\_l /təl/



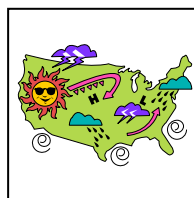
8. capit\_\_\_l /təl/



9. \_\_\_n\_\_\_ /wʌn/



10. \_\_\_n /wʌn/



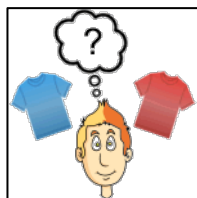
11. w\_\_\_ther



12. w\_\_\_ther



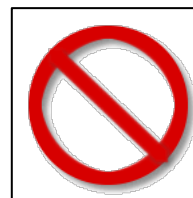
13. w\_\_\_ch /wɪtʃ/



14. w\_\_\_ch /wɪtʃ/



15. \_\_\_n\_\_\_ /noʊ/



16. n\_\_\_ /noʊ/



17. h\_\_\_! /heɪ/



18. h\_\_\_ /heɪ/



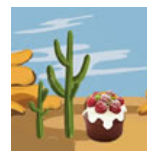
19. hi\_\_\_ /haɪ/



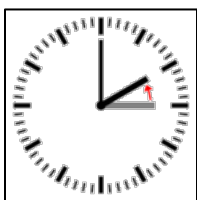
20. hi\_\_\_ /haɪ/



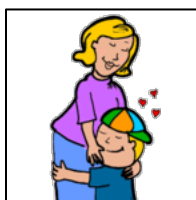
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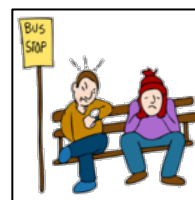
21. \_\_\_our /aʊər/



22. \_\_\_our



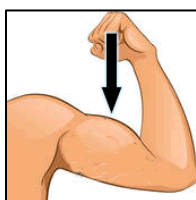
23. w\_\_\_t /weɪt/



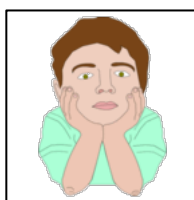
24. w\_\_\_t



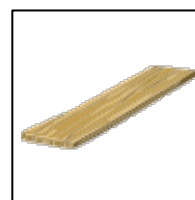
25. mus\_\_l /mʌs əl/



26. mus\_\_l\_\_



27. bor\_\_d /bɔrd/



28. bo\_\_rd



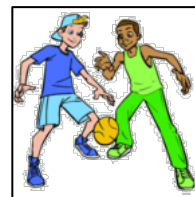
29. \_\_\_ent /sent/



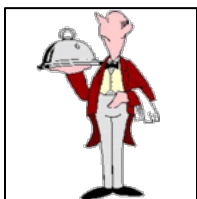
30. \_\_\_ent



31. th\_r\_ /ðeər/



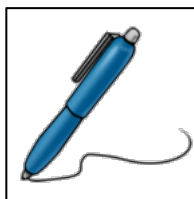
32. th\_\_r ball



33. w\_\_\_d you?



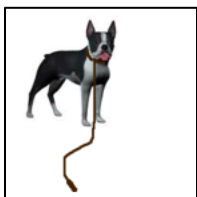
34. w\_\_\_d /wʊd/



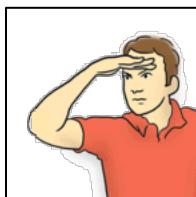
35. \_rit\_ /raɪt/



36. ri\_\_t



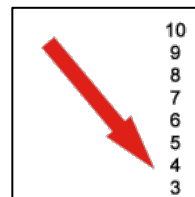
37. l\_\_s\_ /lus/



38. l\_\_s\_ /luz/



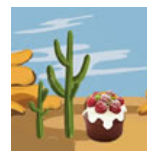
39. les\_\_n /lesn/



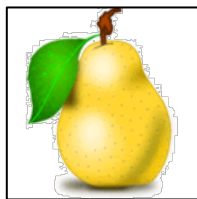
40. les\_\_n



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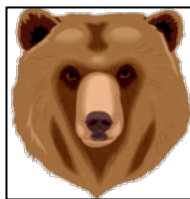
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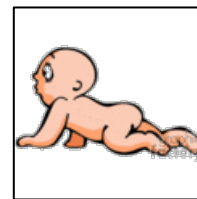
41. p\_\_r /pɛər/



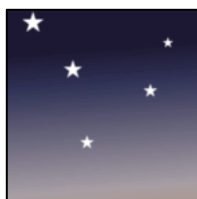
42. p\_\_r



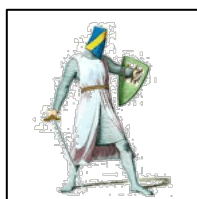
43. b\_\_ar /bɛər/



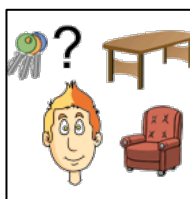
44. bar\_\_



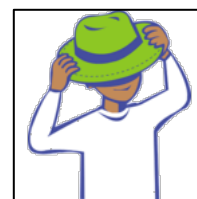
45. ni\_\_t /naɪt/



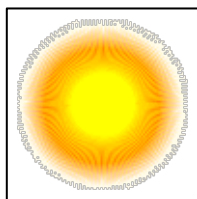
46. \_ni\_\_t



47. w\_\_r\_ /wɛər/



48. w\_\_r



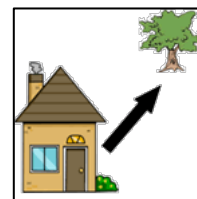
49. s\_\_n /sʌn/



50. s\_\_n



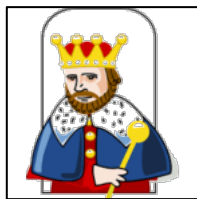
51. t\_\_ /tuw/



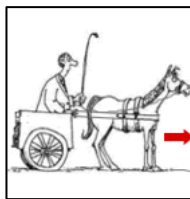
52. t\_\_ (direction)



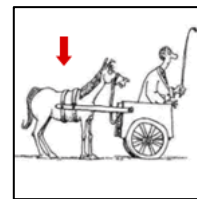
53. ra\_\_n /reɪn/



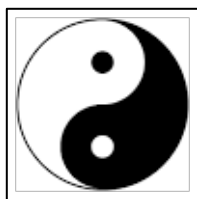
54. re\_\_n



55. proc\_\_ds



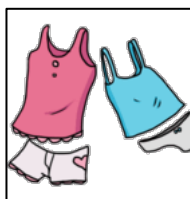
56. prec\_d\_s



57. compl\_\_-  
mentary



57. compl\_\_-  
mentary



59. **person**\_\_l  
/'pɜr sə nəl/



60. **person**\_\_l  
/pɜr sə 'nɛl/



## Commonly Misspelled Words

**Post-test Yourself.** Find out what you learned.

**A. Find the misspellings.** Underline each misspelled word and correct its spelling. (30)

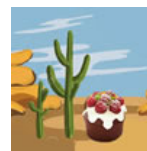
Marketing is the sciense of geting peple to by what they may not necesarily know they need. Fully asesing the customer's situation will help the marketer to be sucessfull at making a sale. (8)

First, the job of a marketer<sup>1</sup> is to become personally familar with the customer and to make him/her feel comfitable. The marketer is usually complementary and encurages the customer to talk. Then, the marketer can suggess one or more producks to fill the emotionnal desires or practical needs of the customer. (9). (<sup>1</sup> marketer – a person who sells a product or service)

Secon, the job of a marketer is to find out were the "price line" is. That is to say, if the marketer is seling a computer, the cost of the computer has to be under the amount that requies the customer to have to ask permision from a spous, partner or busness manager. (7)

Nex, the marketer procceeds to present items for the customer's consideration. As soon as the customer makes a choise, the marketer praises the customer's desision and comments on his/her good sens or good taste. In this way, the marketer succeeds, and both salesman and customer walk away happy. (6)

**Score** \_\_\_\_\_/30      90% or higher ( $\geq 27/30$ ) is good but less than 90% ( $\leq 26$ ) needs work.  
[The Word List on the next page can be used to mark and collect difficult-to-spell words.](#)



## Commonly Misspelled Words

## Word List—Silent Letters

**Silent A**

aisle	literature	temperature
diamond	miniature	separate

**Silent B**

bomb	comb	doubt	subtle
climb	debt	lamb	
thumb			

**Silent C**

conscience	discipline	muscles	scissors	pick
conscious	disciple	scene	duck	snack
crescent	fascinate	scent	lock	
descend	fluorescent	science	peck	

**Silent D**

handkerchief	handsome	Wednesday
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**Silent E**

Aegean	emerald	neutral	steak
amateur	Europe	neutron	vegetables
beauty	mathematics	pneumonia	

**Silent G**

champagne	gnaw	lasagna	sign
cologne	gnu	reign	

**Silent GH**

height	light	might	sight	through
high	might	right	though	cough

**Silent H**

chaos	herb (US-Eng)	oh	Thomas	when <sup>1</sup>
exhaust	honest	orchid	whale	where <sup>1</sup>
ghost	hour	rhyme	what <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> /w/ or /hw/
heir	John	rhythm	whether <sup>1</sup>	

**Silent I**

business	medieval	miniature
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**Silent K**

knead	knife	knight	knot	knuckle
knee	knit	knock	know	

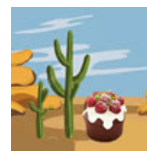
**Silent L**

calf	could	salmon	talk	would
chalk	half	should	walk	yolk

**Silent M / N / O**

mnemonic	condemn	solemn	leopard
autumn	damn	colonel	people
column	hymn	jeopardy	sophomore

## Lesson 15



# Commonly Misspelled Words

### Silent P

<i>corps</i>	<i>cupboard</i>	<i>psychiatrist</i>	<i>raspberry</i>
<i>coup</i>	<i>pneumonia</i>	<i>psychology</i>	<i>receipt</i>

### Silent S

<i>aisle</i>	<i>island</i>	<i>debris</i>
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### Silent T & TH

<i>listen</i>	<i>often</i>	<i>bouquet</i>	<i>asthma</i>	<i>months</i>
<i>whistle</i>	<i>mustn't</i>	<i>mortgage</i>	<i>clothes</i>	
<i>castle</i>	<i>ballet</i>	<i>soften</i>	<i>depths</i>	
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>gourmet</i>		<i>lengths</i>	

### Silent U

<i>build</i>	<i>guard</i>	<i>guilt</i>	<i>laugh</i>	<i>vacuum</i>
<i>guest</i>	<i>guild</i>	<i>guide</i>	<i>tongue</i>	

### Silent W

<i>answer</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>whole</i>	<i>whose</i>	<i>write</i>
<i>sword</i>	<i>who</i>	<i>whom</i>	<i>wrist</i>	<i>writing</i>

## Word List—Consonant and Vowel Blends

### CH /tʃ/

<i>achieve</i>	<i>cello</i>	<i>chew</i>	<i>literature</i>	<i>question</i>
<i>actual</i>	<i>century</i>	<i>chimpanzee</i>	<i>match</i>	<i>suggestion</i>
<i>beach</i>	<i>chair</i>	<i>concerto</i>	<i>mixture</i>	<i>watch</i>
<i>butcher</i>	<i>check</i>	<i>future</i>	<i>natural</i>	<i>witch</i>
<i>catch</i>	<i>chief</i>	<i>kitchen</i>	<i>picture</i>	

### F /f/

<i>atmosphere</i>	<i>elephant</i>	<i>hyphen</i>	<i>pharmacy</i>	<i>rough</i>
<i>coffee</i>	<i>emphasis</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>philosophy</i>	<i>tough</i>
<i>cough</i>	<i>enough</i>	<i>laugh</i>	<i>phone</i>	<i>triumph</i>
<i>dolphin</i>	<i>fluffy</i>	<i>paragraph</i>	<i>photograph</i>	<i>waffle</i>

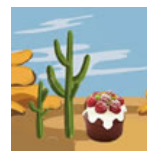
### G /g/

<i>dialogue</i>	<i>exist /gz/</i>	<i>guarantee</i>	<i>guild</i>	
<i>exactly /gz/</i>	<i>exit /gz/ /ks/</i>	<i>guess</i>	<i>guitar</i>	
<i>exam /gz/</i>	<i>ghetto</i>	<i>guest</i>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	
<i>example /gz/</i>	<i>ghost</i>	<i>guide</i>	<i>spaghetti</i>	

### J /dʒ/

<i>adjective</i>	<i>college</i>	<i>giant</i>	<i>knowledge</i>	<i>soldier</i>
<i>adjust</i>	<i>dangerous</i>	<i>gradual</i>	<i>language</i>	<i>suggest</i>
<i>age</i>	<i>edge</i>	<i>graduate</i>	<i>large</i>	<i>village</i>
<i>agency</i>	<i>educate</i>	<i>gym</i>	<i>orange</i>	
<i>average</i>	<i>energy</i>	<i>gyroscope</i>	<i>original</i>	
<i>biology</i>	<i>engine</i>	<i>individual</i>	<i>passenger</i>	
<i>bridge</i>	<i>general</i>	<i>judge</i>	<i>procedure</i>	

## Lesson 15



# Commonly Misspelled Words

### K /k/

ache	choral	excellent	orchid	schizophrenic
anarchy	chord	except	pack	scholar
anchor	choreograph	exciting	patriarch	school
anxious /ks/	Christ	experience /ks/	pocket	square
archaic	Christian	headache	psychedelic	stomach
archeology	Christina	hierarchy	psychiatrist	synchronize
architect	Christopher	jacket	psychiatry	tack
boutique	chrome	lichen	psychologist	taxi /ks/
chameleon	chronic	mechanic	qualify	technician
chaos	chrysanthemum	Michael	quality	technique
character	cuisine /kw/	monarchy	question	technology
charisma	echo	mosquito	rack	zucchini
chemical	epoch	Munich	sack	
chemistry	equipment /kw/	oligarch	schedule	
choir	exactly	orchestra	scheme	

### N/n/

autumn	knife	knee	foreign	design
column	know	knock	sign	campaign

### Z /z/

because	example /gz/	lose	scissors	xenia
dessert	exercise	noise	surprise	xenophobia
cuisine	exist /gz/	please	these	xylophone
exact /gz/	fission	pleasure	those	
exam /gz/	fuse	possess	use	

### NG /ŋ/

anger /ŋg/	English /ŋg/	hunger /ŋg/	single /ŋg/	uncle /ŋk/
ankle /ŋk/	finger /ŋg/	language /ŋg/	sink /ŋk/	younger /ŋg/
bank /ŋk/	handkerchief /	longer /ŋg/	stronger /ŋg/	
drank /ŋk/	ŋgk/	monkey /ŋk/	think /ŋk/	

### R /r/

wrong	write	wrist	rhyme	rhythm
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### S /s/

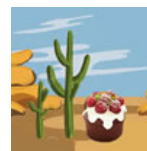
aisle	cent	expensive /ks/	office	police
answer	city	face	once	recipe
bicycle	corps	island	pencil	six /ks/
box /ks/	dance	next /ks/	piece	sword
ceiling	exercise	nice	place	taxi /ks/

### SH /ʃ/

anxious /kf/	discussion	issue	patient	special
Chicago	education	machine	pension	station
conscious	especially	musician	permission	sugar
conversation	information	mustache	pressure	sure
delicious	initial	ocean	profession	tissue
dimension	insurance	official	social	vacation

## Lesson 15

### Commonly Misspelled Words



#### th /θ/

bath	ethnic	method	tether	thought
birthday	healthy	nothing	thigh	thousand
catheter	lengthen	strengthen	thing	threshold
ethical	menthol	sympathy	thorough	throw

#### th /ð/

another	breathe	leather	teething	those
bathe	clothes	rhythmic	there	weather
bother	gather	smoothen	this	whether

#### ZH /ʒ/

Asia	garage	measure	prestige	treasure
beige	illusion	occasion	precision	unusual
decision	leisure	Persian	seizure	usually
equation	lesion	pleasure	television	version

#### V /v/

drive	have	live	move	twelve
give*	I've	love	of	

#### W /w/

language	question	squirrel	whether†	white†
once	quickly	what†	which†	why†
one	quiet	when†	while†	†also pronounced /hw/
persuade	square	where†	whisper†	

#### Y /yu/

annual	cute	huge	menu	value
beautiful	excuse	interview	review	view
continue	few	January	tube	volume

#### Y /y/

familiar /yər/	opinion /yən/	brilliant /yənt/	peculiar /yər/	convenient /yənt/
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#### Z /z/

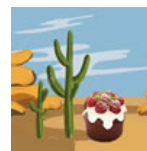
because	please	use	possess	exam /gz/
exercise	surprise	dessert		example /gz/
lose	these	mayonnaise		exact /gz/
noise	those	scissors		exist /gz/

## Word List—Double Letters

### Double C

accent	accord	Morocco	occurred	succeed
accept	accurate	occasion	occurrence	success
acceptable	accuse	occasionally	raccoon	tobacco
accident	broccoli	occult	reoccur	vaccine
accommodate	hiccup	occupant	soccer	Yucca

## Lesson 15



# Commonly Misspelled Words

### Double D

added	bladder	fiddle	odd	sadden
addicted	Cheddar	griddle	padded	straddle
addition	cuddle	huddle	paddock	sudden
address	daddy	middle	riddle	toddler

### Double F

affected	cuff	handcuff	raffle	staff
affluent	dandruff	jiffy	ruffian	stiff
buffer	differ	kickoff	ruffle	stuff
caffeine	difficult	muffle	scuff	suffix
chiffon	effect	muffler	showoff	toffee
cliff	efficient	office	shuffle	truffle
coffee	fluffy	officer	sniffle	waffle
coffin	graffiti	official	soufflé	

### Double G

baggage	blogger	goggle	smuggler	suggest
baggy	boggle	jogger	snuggle	wriggle
beggar	egg	luggage	struggle	

### Double L

accidentally	bell	dull	palette	vanilla
actually	Bill	ellipsis	payroll	village
allege	billiard	fall	pollute	wall
allegro	billion	fellow	roll	well
allergy	call	fill	seagull	well
alliance	caller	gorilla	sell	willow
allot	cell	guerilla	shall	yell
allusion	cellar	hello	smell	yellow
annually	cello	intelligence	speller	zillion
awfully	chilly	jolly	spill	
ballet	college	milller	thriller	
balloons	collide	millennium	trillion	
baseball	drill	misspell	trolley	

### Double M

ammonia	committed	hammer	immodest	roommate
commands	community	hammock	immortal	spammer
commence	<b>dilemma</b>	immature	immune	swimmers
commend	dummy	immediate	mammoth	yummy
comments	gimmick	immersed	mummy	
commerce	grammar	imminent	recommend	

### Double N

annex	cannot	cranny	millennium	tunnel
annoy	funnel	cunning	pennant	tyranny
annual	granny	ennoble	pinnacle	winners
antennae	kennel	finicky	planner	
banner	cannon	flannel	questionnaire	
cannabis	cayenne	innate	sinner	
canned	cinnamon	innocent	skinny	
dinner	connect	innovate	stunning	
bonnet	connive	manners	tennis	





## Commonly Misspelled Words

**Double P**

appalling	apply	copper	opposite	wrapping
apparel	apprize	dipper	papoose	zipped
apparent	approval	dropping	pepper	zipper
appear	chapped	equipped	puppy	
appease	choppers	happy	shippers	
appetite	clappers	hippie	snapper	
applet	clippers	opponent	support	

**Double R**

arrange	carriage	farrow	mirror	sparrow
array	carrier	ferret	narrate	starring
arrest	carry	ferry	narrow	terrace
arrive	correct	furrowed	occurred	terrific
arrogant	corridor	furry	override	tomorrow
arrow	corrupt	Harry	override	warrant
barracks	current	horrible	purr	warrantee
barrier	derriere	horrid	quarry	warrior
berry	diarrhea	incurred	referred	whirring
blurred	earrings	inferred	serrated	worrisome
borrow	embarrass	irritate	Sierra	worry
burrito	err	marriage	sorrow	
burrow	erratic	marrow	sorry	

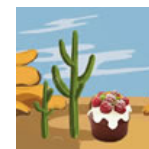
**Double S**

accessed	chess	eyeglasses	massacre	possession
assail	classic	faceless	massage	possible
assault	classy	fission	mattress	press
assay	colossus	floss	messages	pressure
assemble	compress	fortress	missiles	process
assert	costless	fossil	mission	progress
assess	countess	fussy	missive	reassess
asset	cross	glossy	misspell	renaissance
assist	cuss	gossip	misspend	sassy
assorted	dessert	grass	misstep	scissors
assure	dissolve	gross	necessarily	session
basset	dissuade	harass	necessary	stress
bassinet	dresser	helpless	noblesse	tassel
bassoon	dressing	homeless	obese	tissue
bliss	embarrassment	huntress	omission	toss
blissful	emboss	issue	pass	trespass
bossy	engross	kiss	passage	trusses
bussing	essay	kissable	passport	vessel
buttness	essence	lessen	piss	waitress
chassis	expression	loss	permission	wussy

**Double T**

attach	barrette	butter	Corvette	glitter
attack	batter	buttocks	dinette	jettison
attain	befitting	button	ditto	jetty
attempt	better	cassette	fattening	kitty
attend	bitter	chatter	fatty	knitting
attest	blotter	clutter	fetter	latticed
attic	brunette	coattail	flatten	libretto
baguette	butt	confetti	flatter	littlest

## Lesson 15



### Commonly Misspelled Words

matte	otter	pretty	shuttle	toilette
matter	palette	putt	skittle	twitter
mitten	pattern	rebuttal	slotted	utter
nutty	pipette	scatter	spotty	watt
nutty	pitted	settings	tattle	witty
omitted	platter	settlers	tattoos	

#### Double Z

blizzard	fizzle	grizzly	nuzzle	sizzler
buzz	frazzle	guzzle	pizazz	whizzed
dazzle	frizzy	jazz	puzzle	
embezzle	fuzz	muzzle	scuzzy	

#### Word List—Miscellaneous

amateur	conscious	hierarchy	minuscule	reference
argument	definitely	humorous	neighbor	referred
auxiliary	discipline	ignorance	noticeable	relevant
because	emotional	independent	pastime	renaissance
buying	equipment	indispensable	pastime	restaurant
calendar	exceed	ingredients	perseverance	rhyme
canceled (US-Eng)	exhilarate	inoculate	personnel	rhythm
cause	existence	jewelry	privilege	schedule
cemetery	experience	judgment	playwright	separate
changeable	familiar	leisure	practical	sergeant
collectible	fiery	liaison	precede	special
colonel	foreign	library	products	temperature
comfortable	gauge	license	pronunciation	threshold
complementary	grammar	maintenance	publicly	traveled (US-Eng)
complimentary	grateful	maneuver	rebelled	twelfth
consensus	guarantee	medieval	receipt	tyranny
conscious	harass	memento	receive	weird
conscientious	height	miniature	recommend	

#### Confusing Pairs

air / heir	copyright /	its / it's	personnel /	there / their /
aisle / I'll	playwright	kernel / colonel	personal	they're
bare / bear	desert / dessert	know / no	precede/proceed	two / too / to
bath / bathe	filed / filled	knight / night	principal /	wait / weight
bored / board	gnu / new	lessen / lesson	principle	where / ware
capital / capitol	great / grateful	lose / loose	reign / rain	whether / weather
cloth / clothe	guarantee /	mussels / muscles	scene / seen	which / witch
complimentary/	warrantee	palate / palette /	scent / cent	would / wood
complimentary	hay / hey	pallet	secede/succeed	write / right
core / corps	high / hi	pair / pear	stationery/	
	hour / our		stationary	

#### Also available

Alphabetic listing: *Commonly Misspelled Word List*:  
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## Commonly Misspelled Words

## Answer Key

Pretest \_\_\_\_\_ 1-2

Pre A. Write the spelling for these pairs.

1. desert / dessert 2. bath / bathe 3. hole/whole

Pre B. Correct the spelling.

- |             |              |              |               |            |               |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. guest    | 2. raspberry | 3. island    | 4. scissors   | 5. coffee  | 6. ocean      |
| 7. graduate | 8. vacuum    | 9. laugh     | 10. spaghetti | 11. half   | 12. bicycle   |
| 13. beauty  | 14. crescent | 15. mattress | 16. knowledge | 17. bureau | 18. eight     |
| 19. answer  | 20. musician | 21. kitchen  | 22. chicken   | 23. garage | 24. Wednesday |

Pre C. Find the misspelling.

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|------|-------------|---|
| 1. ✗ | exactly     | You wouldn't <u>egzactly</u> refer to fast-food as a <u>cuisine</u> .   |
| 2. ✗ | delicious   | But when it is done well, it is especially <u>delisious</u> to eat.     |
| 3. ✗ | experienced | An <u>experiensed</u> chef can serve up crispy fries                    |
| 4. ✓ |             | and turn out a juicy hamburger grilled to perfection.                   |
| 5. ✗ | mayonnaise  | Along with a little <u>manaize</u> and mustard, it's <u>excellent</u> . |
| 6. ✗ | chocolate   | A cold, creamy, choclet milkshake is hard to beat.                      |
| 7. ✗ | ingredients | As long as the ingredients are fresh and flavorful,                     |
| 8. ✗ | pleasure    | the result will be a plezure to eat.                                    |

Pre D. Underline a misspelled word and write the correct spelling below it. (12pts.) \_\_\_\_\_ 2

When we hear the expression "gourmet food", we think of high-priced, exotic food that requires a lot of preparation. But these descriptions are not necessarily true or accurate. Foods from foreign places may make recipes more special, but exotic origins do not qualify food as "gourmet". Hi quality ingredients are most important. That is to say, if the food is fresh, in-season and checked for flavor, only then can you guarantee that the food will ad better flavor to the recipe. Next, if the food is cleaned and stored well, prepared and cooked properly, and served at the right temperature, it will be at its best. Finally, an unusual but complimentary blending of flavors will cause the food to be worthy of the title "gourmet".

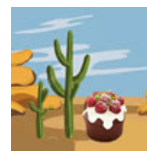
Silent Letters \_\_\_\_\_ 4

A. Spell the word. \_\_\_\_\_ 4

B. Spell the word. \_\_\_\_\_ 6

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|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| 1. necklace | 2. sign   | 3. yolk  | 4. fight      |
| 5. school   | 6. chalk  | 7. snack | 8. rhinoceros |
| 9. salmon   | 10. herbs | 11. gnu  | 12. champagne |
| 13. walk    | 14. hour  | 15. knit | 16. business  |

## Lesson 15



### Commonly Misspelled Words

- |             |             |           |              |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| 17. cologne | 18. exhaust | 19. eight | 20. monarchy |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|

#### C. Spell the word.\_

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- |              |             |              |                  |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. raspberry | 2. people   | 3. wrist     | 4. bouquet       |
| 5. build     | 6. write    | 7. castle    | 8. lifeguards    |
| 9. debris    | 10. listen  | 11. cupboard | 12. psychiatrist |
| 13. asthma   | 14. whistle | 15. guitar   | 16. pneumonia    |
| 17. answer   | 18. island  | 19. autumn   | 20. sword        |

#### Blends

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#### D. Spell the word.\_

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- |             |                |              |                 |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. climber  | 2. column      | 3. wheel     | 4. whole        |
| 5. dough    | 6. two         | 7. knowledge | 8. knuckles     |
| 9. whale    | 10. plumber    | 11. sundae   | 12. wrench      |
| 13. knee    | 14. descend    | 15. rhythm   | 16. fluorescent |
| 17. clothes | 18. vegetables | 19. February | 20. damn        |

#### E. Spell the word.\_

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- |            |               |              |            |
|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. match   | 2. kitchen    | 3. question  | 4. church  |
| 5. coffee  | 6. laugh      | 7. elephant  | 8. cough   |
| 9. ghost   | 10. spaghetti | 11. guest    | 12. exit   |
| 13. bridge | 14. judge     | 15. graduate | 16. engine |
| 17. orange | 18. jeans     | 19. soldier  | 20. sponge |

#### F. Spell the word.\_

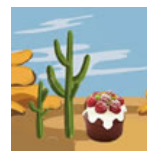
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|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. pocket   | 2. mixer     | 3. chemistry | 4. mosquito |
| 5. swing    | 6. hanger    | 7. monkey    | 8. fingers  |
| 9. bicycle  | 10. license  | 11. science  | 12. taxi    |
| 13. sugar   | 14. pressure | 15. mustache | 16. patient |
| 17. leisure | 18. garage   | 19. measure  | 20. Asia    |

#### G. Spell the word.\_

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- |            |            |              |           |
|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. mouth   | 2. cloth   | 3. throw     | 4. thing  |
| 5. weather | 6. clothes | 7. breathe   | 8. father |
| 9. vacuum  | 10. have   | 11. envelope | 12. of    |



## Commonly Misspelled Words

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|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 13. watch | 14. squirrel | 15. one    | 16. wheel |
| 17. onion | 18. fuzzy    | 19. zipper | 20. exam  |

**H. Edit and correct the spelling.**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. personal necessity   | 2. luggage selection          | 3. jazz musician          | 4. special occasion     |
| 5. upper-arm tattoo     | 6. recommended apparel        | 7. industrial pollution   | 8. innovative thinking  |
| 9. directional arrow    | 10. official seal of approval | 11. connecting cable      | 12. dental appointment  |
| 13. village committee   | 14. decaffeinated coffee      | 15. unexpected occurrence | 16. effective solution  |
| 17. accidentally broken | 18. successful attempt        | 19. illegal possession    | 20. embarrassing gossip |

**I. Confusing Pairs.**

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. air            | 2. heir           | 3. filled    | 4. filed      |
| 5. isle           | 6. aisle          | 7. capitol   | 8. capital    |
| 9. one            | 10. won           | 11. weather  | 12. whether   |
| 13. witch         | 14. which         | 15. know     | 16. no        |
| 17. hey           | 18. hay           | 19. hi       | 20. high      |
| 21. hour          | 22. our           | 23. weight   | 24. wait      |
| 25. mussel        | 26. muscle        | 27. bored    | 28. board     |
| 29. cent          | 30. scent         | 31. there    | 32. their     |
| 33. would         | 34. wood          | 35. write    | 36. right     |
| 37. loose         | 38. lose          | 39. lesson   | 40. lessen    |
| 41. pear          | 42. pair          | 43. bear     | 44. bare      |
| 45. night         | 46. knight        | 47. where    | 48. wear      |
| 49. sun           | 50. son           | 51. two      | 52. to        |
| 53. rain          | 54. reign         | 55. proceed  | 56. precede   |
| 57. complementary | 58. complimentary | 59. personal | 60. personnel |



## Commonly Misspelled Words

### Post Test

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#### A. Find and Correct. (30)

Marketing is the science of getting people to buy what they may not necessarily know they need. Fully assessing the customer's situation will help the marketer be successful at making a sale. (8)

First, the job of a marketer is to become personally familiar with the customer and to make him/her feel comfortable. The marketer is usually complimentary and encourages the customer to talk. Then, the marketer can suggest one or more products to fill the emotional desires or practical needs of the customer. (9)

Second, the job of a marketer is to find out where the "price line" is. That is to say, if the marketer is selling a computer, the cost of the computer has to be under the amount that requires the customer to have to ask permission from a spouse, partner or business manager. (7)

Next, the marketer proceeds to present items for the customer's consideration. As soon as the customer makes a choice, the marketer praises the customer's decision and comments on his/her good sense or good taste. In this way, the marketer succeeds, and both salesman and customer walk away happy. (6)

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