

**Common Spelling Errors – LEARN THE CORRECT SPELLINGS!!!**

accommodation	conclusion	explanation
actually	conscience	February
alcohol	conscious	fierce
although	consequence	forty
analyse/analysis	continuous	fulfil
argument	creation	furthermore
assessment	daughter	guard
atmosphere	decide/decision	happened
audible	definite	health
audience	design	height
autumn	development	imaginary
beautiful	diamond	improvise
beginning	diary	industrial
believe	disappear	interesting
beneath	disappoint	interrupt
buried	embarrass	issue
business	energy	jealous
caught	engagement	knowledge
chocolate	enquire	listening
climb	environment	lonely
column	evaluation	lovely
concentration	evidence	marriage
material	potential	sincerely
meanwhile	preparation	skilful
miscellaneous	prioritise	soldier
mischief	process	stomach
modern	proportion	straight
moreover	proposition	strategy
murmur	questionnaire	strength

necessary	queue	success
nervous	reaction	surely
original	receive	surprise
outrageous	reference	survey
parallel	relief	technique
participation	remember	technology
pattern	research	texture
peaceful	resources	tomorrow
people	safety	unfortunately
performance	Saturday	Wednesday
permanent	secondary	weight
persuade/persuasion	separate	weird
physical	sequence	women
possession	shoulder	

### **Common homophones and confusions**

advise/advice	choose/chose	quiet/quite
a lot of	cloth/clothe	sites/sights
affect/effect	conscience/conscious	source/sauce
allowed/aloud	course/coarse	thank you
bought/brought	our/are	threw/through
braking/breaking	practise/practice	to/too/two

## SPELLING STRATEGIES

- ☆ Break it into sounds (a-b-s-t-r-a-c-t)
- ☆ Break it into syllables (de-vel-op-ment)
- ☆ Break it into affixes and the root (dis-comfort/ comfort-able)
- ☆ Use a mnemonic (Necessary = **N**ever **E**at **C**hips **E**at **S**alad **S**andwiches **A**nd **R**emain **Y**oung)
- ☆ Make up a phrase linked to the spelling difficulty (Necessary = 1 Collar, 2 Sleeves)
- ☆ Refer to a word in the same family (muscle links to muscular) and create word webs
- ☆ Say it as it sounds and emphasise the parts of the word (Wed-nes-day)
- ☆ Find words within words (rag - in diaphragm)
- ☆ Link to the history (etymology) of the word (bi + cycle = two + wheels)
- ☆ Use a key word (horrible/ drinkable for 'ible' and 'able')
- ☆ Apply spelling rules ('I' before 'e' except after 'c')
- ☆ Use Look-Cover-Write-Check
- ☆ Turn the word into a visual picture (bed - the stick on the 'b' is the headboard', the 'd' is the footboard)
- ☆ Link tricky words with a memory helper that has the same problem letters (Tell that mosquito to **quit** biting me)