

Spelling For ADULTS

UNIT 8

Commonly Confused Words
and Syllable Practice

EXTRA PRACTICE
WORKSHEETS

Answer Key Included

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Unit 8: Commonly Confused Words and Syllable Practice

SKILL FOCUS: Reinforce distinguishing commonly confused homophones through contextual practice and strengthen syllabification of multi-syllabic words to improve spelling accuracy and word recognition.

Name: _____

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Personal Message:

English is full of words that sound the same but mean completely different things—and it's easy to mix them up! This unit is all about training your brain to recognize the differences between commonly confused words and use them with confidence.

The best way to master these tricky homophones is through focused practice. Pay attention to each word's meaning and spelling, and look for patterns that help you remember them. If certain words always trip you up, take a moment to create your own memory aid—something personal that makes sense to you.

As always, make this practice your own. If you find some words easy, move quickly through them. If others feel challenging, slow down and give yourself time to really understand them. Spelling is all about building strong connections in your mind, and each step forward brings you closer to mastery.

P.S. If you haven't downloaded the Spelling Journal yet, you can grab it [here](#). It's a great tool to track tricky words, set goals, and reflect on your learning journey—whether you prefer typing, using an e-pen, or printing it out.

Warm regards,
Natasha



Activity 8: Each prompt below gives you a situation to work with. Your task is to write a complete sentence using the correct homophone(s) in a meaningful way. Be creative, and make sure your sentence clearly shows the word's meaning!

1. Affect/Effect

Write about how the weather influences your mood.

2. Advice/Advise

Imagine giving career guidance to a friend.

3. Accept/Except

Write about a professional or social invitation where someone had to decline, explaining the reason for their decision.

4. Complement/Complement

Describe a scenario where one person compliments another on how well two things complement each other.

5. Desert/Dessert

Describe a traveler navigating the challenges of the desert while thinking about enjoying a well-earned dessert at their destination.

6. Capital/Capitol

Write about a business trip.

7. Loose/Lose

Write about someone realizing they misplaced something important.

8. Principal/Principle

Explain a key belief that guides someone's decisions.

9. Stationary/Stationery

Describe a professional setting where high-quality stationery makes a strong impression.

10. Waive/Wave

Write about a situation where someone chooses to waive a fee or requirement.



Activity 8.1: Choose the correct word from the word bank below to complete each sentence. Pay close attention to the context and meaning of the sentence.

Broccoli Committee Disappear Harass Liaison Occurrence

Persistent Plagiarism Succinct Unforeseen Vicious Zucchini

1. The storm was an _____ event, catching the town completely off guard.
2. The detective admired the journalist's _____ summary of the case, which captured all the key details in just a few sentences.
3. His _____ nature paid off when he finally got the promotion after years of hard work and determination.
4. The teacher reminded students that _____ is a serious offense and that copying someone else's work without credit could lead to severe consequences.
5. After weeks of drought, the sudden flood was an unusual _____ for this time of year.
6. The school's disciplinary board formed a _____ to investigate the ongoing student concerns.
7. She was appointed as the _____ between the two departments to ensure smooth communication.
8. The stray dog was unusually _____, growling and snapping at anyone who came near.
9. Many children refuse to eat _____, but it's packed with nutrients essential for their health.
10. He decided to grill some _____ as a side dish for the barbecue.
11. Online safety experts warn against people who try to _____ others on social media through repeated unwanted messages.
12. The magician made the coin _____ right before the audience's eyes, leaving them amazed.



Activity 8.2: Each word below is made up of multiple syllables. Your task is to break each word into its syllables by placing a hyphen (-) between each syllable. Carefully pronounce each word to identify its natural syllabic divisions before writing your answer.

Business		
Completely		
Category		
Entrepreneur		
Government		
Liaison		
Maintenance		
Occurrence		

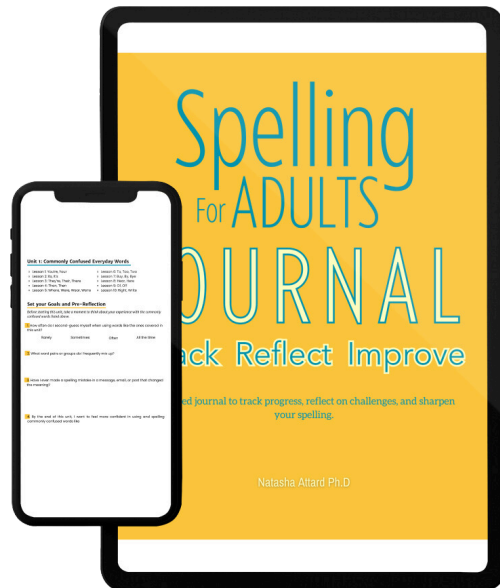
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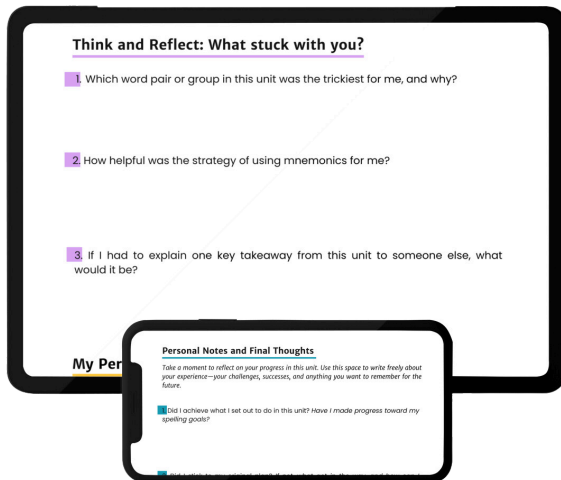
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Answer Key

Activity 8.1

- 1.unforeseen
- 2.succinct
- 3.persistent
- 4.plagiarism
- 5.occurrence
- 6.committee
- 7.liaison
- 8.vicious
- 9.broccoli
- 10.zucchini
- 11.harass
- 12.disappear

Activity 8.2

busi-ness
com-plete-ly
cat-e-gory
en-tre-pre-neur
gov-ern-ment
li-ai-son
main-te-nance
oc-cur-rence

par-al-lel
per-sist-ent
in-scrip-tion
ex-por-ta-tion
car-bo-hy-drate
bib-li-og-ra-phy
ac-ces-si-ble
ex-ac-er-bate
ex-pe-di-en-cy

for-tu-i-tous
gra-tu-i-tous
im-pe-tus
in-sol-vent
me-di-ate
ob-fus-cate
pal-pa-ble
per-emp-to-ry
u-biq-ui-tous

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