Commonly Confused Words

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Connections to THINKING

Read the spelling words and sentences.

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1. proceed	proceed	You may proceed to the next task.
2. bazaar	bazaar	You can find everything at the bazaar.
3. insure	insure	We need to insure our new car.
4. formally	formally	We bowed formally to the queen.
5. complement	complement	The red shoes complement her dress.
6. desert	desert	Camels live in the desert.
7. conscience	conscience	Her conscience told her she was wrong.
8. disinterested	disinterested	She offered a disinterested opinion.
9. marshal	marshal	The marshal rounded up the criminals.
10. uninterested	uninterested	I became uninterested in the book.
11. precede	precede	Does soup precede the main course?
12. ensure	ensure	I can ensure success with hard work.
13. martial	martial	Kate is a martial arts expert.
14. dessert	dessert	We are having fresh fruit for dessert.
15. bizarre	bizarre	Kel's behavior was bizarre last night.
16. conscious	conscious	The man was not conscious after the crash.
17. censor	censor	The TV censor bleeped out the word.
18. formerly	formerly	She was formerly a dancer.
19. sensor	sensor	That sensor can detect movement.
20. compliment	compliment	Thank you for your kind compliment.

Think & Sort the spelling words.

1-20. Write each pair of commonly confused words.

Remember

When words sound similar to each other, or when they are homophones, their spellings can be easily confused.





Connections to VOCABULARY

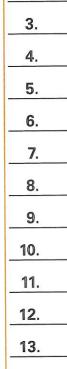
Unit 27

Word Meanings

Write the correct spelling word for each meaning.

- 1. (conscience, conscious)
- 2. (formerly, formally)
- 3. (conscious, conscience)
- 4. (precede, proceed)
- 5. (bizarre, bazaar)
- 6. (uninterested, disinterested)
- 7. (insure, ensure)
- 8. (precede, proceed)
- 9. (bizarre, bazaar)
- 10. (insure, ensure)
- 11. (formerly, formally)
- 12. (dessert, desert)
- 13. (dessert, desert)
- 14. (uninterested, disinterested)

- awake, aware
- previously
- the awareness of right and wrong
- to go forth
- strange
- impartial
- to arrange insurance for
- to come before
- a street market
- to make certain
- ceremoniously
- an end-of-meal treat
- a dry area
- not interested



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Word Meanings

Use the Dictionary

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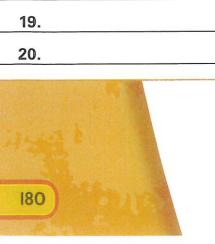
Use the Dictionary

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings. Because they sound the same, homophones can be easily confused. Use your **Spelling Dictionary** to check the pronunciation of the words in this unit. Use the pronunciation key to practice saying the words to yourself.

15-20. Write three pairs of spelling words that are homophones.



Complete the Sentences
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Connections to READING

proceed	bazaar	insure	formally	complement
desert	conscience	disinterested	marshal	uninterested
precede	ensure	martial	dessert	bizarre
conscious	censor	formerly	sensor	compliment

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1–2.	The woman who	had been ambassador to England	
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3–4. A ____ party has no stake in a dispute: an ____ party is indifferent to its outcome.

5–6. We received a nice _____ from our art instructor for finding the full _____ of missing sketches.

7–8. My ____ has made me ____ of the fact that I should always be honest.

9–10. The U.S. ____ is also a ____ arts expert.

Write pairs of spelling words to complete each sentence

11–12. To _____ that we can afford to fix our car if we are in an accident, we must it.

13–14. A ____ is used to detect light, but a ____ examines books for objectionable topics.

Use Context Clues

Write spelling words from the box to complete the paragraph.

At a street __15__, you can find many interesting items for sale. Some items are useful, such as clothing and spices. Others are __16__, like candied crickets. Would you like to eat a candied cricket for __17__? If you want to buy an item, some bargaining will often __18__ the actual sale. You will offer a price, and then the merchant will counteroffer with a higher price.

Finally, you will agree on a fair amount, and you will __19__ to the transaction. Traditionally, these outdoor markets were commonly found in the Middle East in big cities and towns in the __20__ . Nowadays, they can be found in many other places, too—even near our own homes!

bazaar bizarre desert dessert precede proceed

Connections to WRITING

Proofread a Paragraph

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

The movie The Taekwondo Master is one of my favorites. It is about a boy named Park, who is having a hard time at school because he is bullied by bigger boys. he wants to fight back, but his conscients tells him not to do it. Park becomes unintrested in school and his friendships. Then he is formaly introduced to a marital arts master. Park is very keen to learn about Taekwondo. He plans to use to enshure that he is never bullied again. Through his training, he becomes consious of his body and his mind and how they work together. I am able to identify with Park because I was formerley bullied in school too. Unlike Park, my outlet has been music I have been able to use it to compelment my education and have learned that if I follow my passion, I can procede through life with no fear.

Informative/Explanatory Writing

This film deserves the highest complement I can give it!

Write a Paragraph

Think of a movie, play, or television program that affected you strongly. Write a paragraph about the experience.

- Briefly describe the movie, play, or TV program.
- Explain how and why it affected you.
- Use as many spelling words as you can.
- Proofread for grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Circle three words you are unsure about. Check their spelling in a print or online dictionary.

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Create a list of commonly confused spelling words in your Spelling Journal, including the words in this list. Then add the following words: accept, adapt, personnel, stationary, effect. Can you think of any words that could be confused with these new words? Write them.



Word Structure

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Meaning Mastery

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Word Study

advise advice accept except ensure insure

formally formerly precede proceed desert dessert

disinterested uninterested complement compliment prosecute conscience

bazaar persecute marshal martial conscious sensor assent elicit
bizarre ascent
descent carat
decent illicit
censor dissent

Word Structure

1–12. Write the words that have the same number of letters and only one letter is different.

13-14. Write the words that differ by only a prefix.

Meaning Mastery

Write the correct word for each meaning.

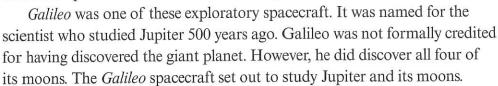
- 15. (illicit, elicit)
- 16. (descent, dissent, decent)
- 17. (persecute, prosecute)
- 18. (dissent, decent, descent)
- 19. (martial, marshal)
- 20. (accept, except)

- illegal
- a way down
- to take a legal action
- disagreement
- relating to war
- to leave out, exclude

Science Word Hunt

Read the paragraphs below. Look for words that are commonly confused with similar words.

Have you ever spotted stars moving across the night sky? These may actually have been man-made satellites orbiting Earth. Formerly, all spacecraft orbited Earth and provided valuable communication and weather links to land-based equipment. Then another type of unmanned spacecraft was developed. These spacecraft are programmed to take photos of planets, asteroids, comets, and even galaxies. They are a useful complement to Earth-based telescopes.



Many disinterested people were conscious of how bizarre the *Galileo* spacecraft looked. Built in three sections, it was not at all sleek and streamlined. Even so, it did what it was programmed to do. *Galileo* was launched in 1989, piggy-backing on the space shuttle *Atlantis* and proceeding from there on its path. Before heading out to space, it made a couple of "slingshot" loops around Earth to ensure that it had enough momentum. It was like swinging a yo-yo in a circle above your head.

Early explorers had to travel for months or years across deserts and oceans to reach new destinations. The spacecraft *Galileo* was no different. Its trip to Jupiter took more than six years to complete! It photographed the massive planet and its moons from very close range.

Galileo's mission was remarkable, for none of the spacecraft that preceded it had ever attempted to travel so far or teach scientists so much.



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1–10. Look at the word list on page 182. There are ten commonly confused words in the passage above. Find and write them. Two of the words have the -ing or -ed ending.