

Lesson 10: Easily Confused Words*Assign*

Words that sound similar and have similar spellings can be easily confused. Each Spelling Word is similar to another Spelling Word. However, each word in the pair has its own pronunciation, meaning, and spelling. Study the Spelling Words, and think about the differences between the two words in each pair.

Sort the Spelling Words into two groups according to which syllable is accented.

ACCENT ON FIRST SYLLABLE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

ACCENT ON SECOND SYLLABLE

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Words with similar spellings can be easily confused. To determine the correct spelling, listen to the word and think about how it is used.

Spelling Words

1. *later*
2. *latter*
3. *except*
4. *accept*
5. *angle*
6. *angel*
7. *costume*
8. *custom*
9. *affect*
10. *effect*
11. *adopt*
12. *adapt*
13. *device*
14. *devise*
15. *decent*
16. *descent*

Your Own Words

Look for other pairs of words to add to the lists. You might read *prosecute*—easily confused with *persecute*—in a news story. Where might you find *desert* printed in place of *dessert*?

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

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Spelling Clues: Using Definitions When choosing between two similar words, think about what each word means. Use the spelling that matches the meaning you want.

Write the Spelling Word that fits each brief definition.

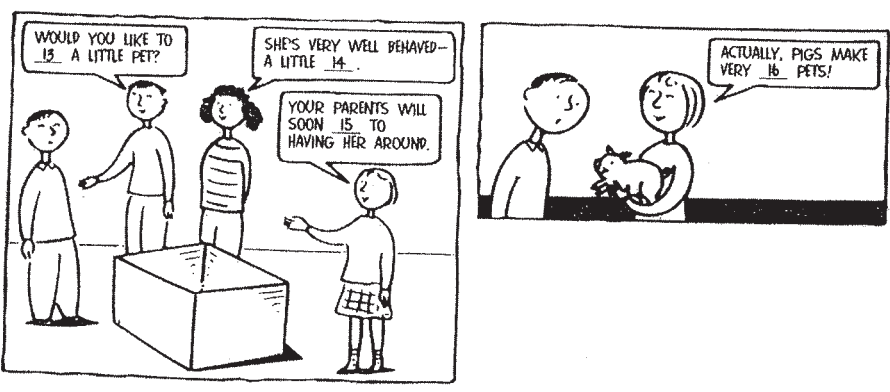
1. to figure out
2. the second of two
3. to influence
4. going down
5. an instrument
6. a sharp turn

Proofreading 7-12. Proofread this article. Circle the misspelled words, and then write each word correctly on the lines.

Hogs Judged at Fair

It's the costume to award a blue ribbon to the biggest, most beautiful hog at the county fair. This year, two animals and their owners stepped up to except the ribbon. One animal was a decent champion hog, but the other was a dog in custom. The dog's entrance had a noticeable affect on the crowd. Everyone accept a few disappointed hog owners found the outfit very amusing. The dog's owners latter apologized to anyone who had been offended by their joke.

Working with Words Write Spelling Words to replace 13-16.



1. _____
2. _____
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7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____