Spelling Detectives

Sort the words, then show how you checked.

L.7.2.b "Demonstrate appropriate use of strategies and resources (print and electronic) to identify and correct spelling errors."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY

The word matches its entry in a print or electronic dictionary. Compare the letters carefully.

calendar

SPELLING ERROR

The word does not match its dictionary entry. Find the entry to learn which letters to change.

calender

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or ERROR for each word, then choose two items and explain how you checked their spelling.

1.	1. necessary	CORRECT ERROR
2.	2. definately	CORRECT ERROR
3.	3. seperate	CORRECT ERROR
4.	4. occasion	CORRECT ERROR
5.	5. beginning	CORRECT ERROR
6.	6. environment	CORRECT ERROR
7.	7. recieve	CORRECT ERROR
8.	8. accommodate	CORRECT ERROR

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new CORRECT word and one new ERROR word; check a dictionary and write the correct spelling beside your ERROR word.

CORRECT _____

ERROR _____

CHALLENGE

Choose two ERROR items, correct them, and explain how you verified both corrections with a print or electronic dictionary.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. necessary	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling necessary.
2	2. definately	**ERROR**	The correct spelling is definitely.
3	3. seperate	**ERROR**	The correct spelling is separate.
4	4. occasion	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling occasion.
5	5. beginning	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling beginning.
6	6. environment	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling environment.
7	7. recieve	**ERROR**	The correct spelling is receive.
8	8. accommodate	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling accommodate.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT**: mystery
- **ERROR**: tommorow → tomorrow

Challenge: definately → definitely; recieve → receive. I searched for both corrected words in an electronic dictionary and compared their letters with the entries.

For Part 2, accept any two items if the student explains how a dictionary entry confirms or corrects each spelling. For Part 3, accept other accurate examples.