Spell Check Sort

Decide which words are ready to use and which need correction.

10.LU.2.C "Spell correctly, consulting reference materials to check as needed."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY

These words match their accepted dictionary spellings. You can use a dictionary or another trusted reference to confirm a spelling.

definitely

SPELLING ERROR

These words do not match their accepted dictionary spellings. Check a trusted reference, then correct the word before using it in final writing.

seperate

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or INCORRECT for each word, then choose two words and explain what spelling evidence or reference material helped you decide.

1.	accommodate	CORRECT	INCORRECT
2.	fluorescent	CORRECT	INCORRECT
3.	independant	CORRECT	INCORRECT
4.	questionnaire	CORRECT	INCORRECT
5.	privilege	CORRECT	INCORRECT
6.	embarassment	CORRECT	INCORRECT
7.	reccomend	CORRECT	INCORRECT
8.	rhythm	CORRECT	INCORRECT

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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new CORRECT word and one new INCORRECT word that has a spelling error.

CORRECT _____

INCORRECT _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a word you are not fully sure how to spell, check it in a dictionary or other trusted reference, write the correct word in a sentence, and name the reference you used.

ANSWER KEY # Spell Check Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	accommodate	**CORRECT**	The word is spelled with double c and double m.
2	fluorescent	**CORRECT**	This is the accepted spelling of the adjective for giving off light.
3	independant	**INCORRECT**	The correct spelling is independent.
4	questionnaire	**CORRECT**	The word is spelled with double n in the middle.
5	privilege	**CORRECT**	The word ends in -ilege, not -ledge.
6	embarassment	**INCORRECT**	The correct spelling is embarrassment, with double r and double s.
7	reccomend	**INCORRECT**	The correct spelling is recommend, with one c and double m.
8	rhythm	**CORRECT**	This is the accepted spelling of the word for a repeated beat or pattern.

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**: calendar
- **INCORRECT**: tommorrow

Challenge: I checked the word “maintenance” in Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary. Regular maintenance keeps the school bus safe.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept reasonable explanations in Part 2 when students correctly identify a spelling pattern or name a credible reference. For Part 3, accept any new correctly spelled word and any clearly misspelled word.