

Spell Check Showdown

Sort words by whether their spelling is ready to use or needs revision.

12.LU.2.B "Spell correctly, consulting reference materials to check as needed."

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECTLY SPELLED

A correctly spelled word matches its standard dictionary form. Check a dictionary when a word has an unfamiliar letter pattern.

miscellaneous

NEEDS CORRECTION

A word that needs correction does not match its standard dictionary form. Identify the doubtful letters, then verify the word in a reliable reference source.

commitee

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word, circle CORRECT or RECHECK, then choose two words and explain which spelling feature or reference source helped you decide.

1. indispensable

CORRECT

RECHECK

2. privelege

CORRECT

RECHECK

3. occurance

CORRECT

RECHECK

4. maintenance

CORRECT

RECHECK

5. questionnaire

CORRECT

RECHECK

6. supersede

CORRECT

RECHECK

7. embarassment

CORRECT

RECHECK

8. millenium

CORRECT

RECHECK

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 example and one new RECHECK example. Do not copy a word from the sort.

CORRECT _____

RECHECK _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using a correctly spelled word, then name a print or digital reference source you would use to verify that word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	indispensable	CORRECT	This word is spelled correctly.
2	privelege	RECHECK	The correct spelling is privilege.
3	occurrence	RECHECK	The correct spelling is occurrence.
4	maintenance	CORRECT	This word is spelled correctly.
5	questionnaire	CORRECT	This word is spelled correctly.
6	supersede	CORRECT	This word is spelled correctly, despite the common incorrect form supercede.
7	embarassment	RECHECK	The correct spelling is embarrassment, with two r's.
8	millenium	RECHECK	The correct spelling is millennium, with two n's.

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:** fluorescent
- **RECHECK:** seperate

Challenge: The committee reached a consensus after a long debate. I would verify consensus in a dictionary.

Accept explanations that identify a specific letter pattern or name an appropriate reference source, such as a dictionary or spell-check tool. For RECHECK items, students may explain the error or provide the correct spelling.