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. occurrance — 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.

ANSWER KEY # Spell Check Showdown

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	indispensable	**CORRECT**	This word is spelled correctly.
2	privelege	**RECHECK**	The correct spelling is privilege.
3	occurrance	**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 any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.