

Spell Check Sort

Sort spellings, then use a reference source to prove your choices.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECTLY SPELLED

This spelling matches the standard form in a dictionary. Use a dictionary when you are unsure.

calendar

MISSPELLED

This spelling does not match the standard form in a dictionary. Find the correct form before using it in final writing.

recieve

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the category for each word, then choose two items and explain how a dictionary or another reference source helped you confirm each spelling.

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| 1. privilege | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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| 2. liaison | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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| 3. embarass | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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| 4. maintenance | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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| 5. arguement | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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| 6. occurrence | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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| 7. questionnaire | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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| 8. seperate | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ INCORRECT |
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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 correctly spelled word and one new misspelled word. Do not repeat a word from the sort.

CORRECT _____

INCORRECT _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a word you have needed to check before, look it up in a dictionary, and write the correct spelling plus the dictionary title or website you used.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	privilege	CORRECT	The standard spelling is privilege.
2	liaison	CORRECT	The standard spelling is liaison.
3	embarass	INCORRECT	The standard spelling is embarrass, with two r's and two s's.
4	maintenance	CORRECT	The standard spelling is maintenance.
5	arguement	INCORRECT	The standard spelling is argument, without an e after u.
6	occurrence	CORRECT	The standard spelling is occurrence, with two c's and two r's.
7	questionnaire	CORRECT	The standard spelling is questionnaire.
8	seperate	INCORRECT	The standard spelling is separate, with an a in the middle.

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:** conscience
- **INCORRECT:** tommorow

Challenge: I looked up miscellaneous in Merriam-Webster.com. The entry confirmed the spelling miscellaneous.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name a reliable reference source and identify the standard spelling. Verify student-created examples with a dictionary.