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.

1.	privilege	CORRECT	INCORRECT
2.	liaison	CORRECT	INCORRECT
3.	embarass	CORRECT	INCORRECT
4.	maintenance	CORRECT	INCORRECT
5.	arguement	CORRECT	INCORRECT
6.	occurrence	CORRECT	INCORRECT
7.	questionnaire	CORRECT	INCORRECT
8.	seperate	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** _____

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.

ANSWER KEY # Spell Check Sort

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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.