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How to Avoid Making
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Author Leo Lieberman compiled this exhaustive list of botched sentences from thousands of his students. Learning from their mistakes will equip readers to avoid such awkward but common blunders as redundancy, letter reversals, mis-hyphenation, homonym mix-ups, and the wrong choice of prepositions. Elementary mistakes (“This wild bury is sweet” / “This wild berry is sweet”) share the page with subtler slips, such as those between “effect” and “affect,” “eminent” and “imminent,” and “like” and “as.”

Perfect for both the grammarian and the undergrad, *2,000 Common Errors* leaves no element of style uncorrected.

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BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

I remember that I once re-enacted the role of Molière's Papa Géronte and remarked as the playwright had set it down, "That's so beautiful that I do not understand a word of it." The words have come back to haunt me. And with a vengeance! For the past twelve years, thousands of high school students have warmed the wooden desks in my rooms, written thousands upon thousands of sentences; and as I marked the multitude of papers that have paraded before my eyes, I have often wondered whether or not it was time to resurrect "le bon papa."

To be sure, there have been many amusing statements. I remember working with my colleagues marking Regents examinations, that foreboding exercise that marks the culmination of the study of four years of organized English in some high schools, and finding such gems as, "I just completed Stone's *Love Is Internal* and can hardly wait to begin his *Immoral Wife*." At moments like this, someone is bound to remark, "We should write that down and publish it someday. In fact, we should publish all the errors in English usage students make!" And so this book.

We do not pretend to be able to record every error in English that has been made, errors that have caused our mother tongue to stammer in agony. But we have here an attempt to record those errors that educators have chosen as the ones

that have disturbed them the most and caused the trained ear to shudder in paroxysms of horror. There is no attempt to evaluate and to decide which errors are the most egregious. Of course, there will be some vulgarities of which only our most illiterate citizens will be guilty alongside those "nice Nellies" that trouble only the visiting professor from upstate. But you make the choice and decide which abuses you can live with and which ones you have vowed—upon the new dictionary—"just must go."

I ask for another word to the reader. There is no time spent in this book to discuss the history of the abuse or the reason why many authorities have declared the construction to be a violation of English usage. There are many excellent grammars and unabridged dictionaries. It is hoped that the curious will use this book to stimulate his curiosity and then search elsewhere for a fuller discussion of the term in question. This book simply aims to be a springboard from which the reader may leap to greater insight into the workings of his mother tongue.

I have no doubt that there will be some who will be disturbed by the inclusion of such errors as the use of the objective where the predicate nominative is recommended or the confusion between "like" and "as," remarking that this is "old hat" and should be doffed as a borrowed chapeau and not worn in its outmoded gloss. A friend of mine pointed out, "Why, after all, you can now find 'ain't' in the Dictionary, too." (Dictionary, with a Capital D, is my own inclusion.) I listened patiently and hoped that someone would send flowers to his widow. But perhaps we do need a fuller understanding on this point. Time has a way of adding dignity to expressions, and words that were once considered offensive and fit only for the neighborhood saloon may enter the parlor—and do so through the front door. We present many such problem words and ask the reader to make his own decision. Suffice it to say, that these are the words that have disturbed our educators, words that were considered not appropriate for formal writing. If you desire to use these

terms among your own coterie of intimates, by all means do so. After all, I don't ask you how often you wash your pajamas!

And on to another problem. "But" says the literate friend, "I *like* to split infinitives for purposes of emphasis, and I *want* to use certain colloquialisms and vulgarities to gain special effects." By all means, we reply. But first, know that you *are splitting* and *colloquializing* or the effect may be lost.

The ideas of many helped to produce this book. Chairmen of English departments in high schools and universities as well as many teachers at various colleges and secondary schools contributed favorite pet peeves. The writings of more than two thousand students were examined and errors culled. The result of this effort is more than two thousand errors that have been included in this volume, with illustrative sentences for each.

And now a final word. The reader is invited to use this dictionary as a place to browse, as a stimulus for additional research, or simply as a book that contains many interesting recordings of students' writings, some of which make perfectly good sense and some . . . But let Lewis Carroll say it:

"No I shouldn't," said Alice, surprised into contradicting her at last: "a hill *can't* be a valley, you know. That would be nonsense—"

The Red Queen shook her head. "You may call it 'nonsense,' if you like," she said, "but *I've* heard nonsense compared with which that would be as sensible as a dictionary!"

And with that, like Alice, we curtsy most humbly and leave you with our dictionary.

A

Incorrect

a

A apple a day can be very dull.

ability

Billy has a great *ability* to learn.

ability of

He has the *ability of* talking well in public.

ablution

An *ablution* to the God, Zeus, was proper.

aboard on

They went *aboard on* the boat.

about

When I returned, I was *about* frozen.

above

The trip lasted *above* three weeks.

Correct

an

An apple a day can be very dull.

capacity

Billy has a great *capacity* to learn.

ability to

He has the *ability to* talk well in public.

oblation

An *oblation* to the god, Zeus, was proper.

aboard

They went *aboard* the boat.

almost

When I returned, I was *almost* frozen.

more than

The trip lasted *more than* three weeks.

Incorrect**Correct****abridge**

Tennessee is *abridged* to Tenn.

abridged

The book was *abridged*, for it left out no part of the story.

abscence

Abscence makes the heart grow fonder.

absconded away

The clerk *absconded away* with the money.

absess

He has an *absess* that should be treated.

absolutely

He is *absolutely* wonderful.

absolve of

The youth was *absolved of* the charge.

abstract

This book is an *abstract* of the larger one.

abbreviate

Tennessee is *abbreviated* to Tenn.

unabridged

The book was *unabridged*, for it left out no part of the story.

absence

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

absconded

The clerk *absconded* with the money.

abscess

He has an *abscess* that should be treated.

very

He is *very* wonderful.

absolve from

The youth was *absolved from* the charge.

abridgement

This book is an *abridgement* of the larger one.

Incorrect**abundance**

There was an *abundance* of food.

acadamy

He went to a military *acadamy*.

academicly

This is not *academicly* sound.

accede

The results *acceded* our expectations.

acceded

To avoid a quarrel, he *acceded* that his friend's premise was correct.

acceleration

He was filled with *acceleration* after the lecture.

accelerate

Try to *accelerate* your reading rate.

accept of

We will *accept of* your advice.

Correct**abundance**

There was an *abundance* of food.

academy

He went to a military *academy*.

academically

This is not *academically* sound.

exceed

The results *exceeded* our expectations.

conceded

To avoid a quarrel, he *conceded* that his friend's premise was correct.

exhilaration

He was filled with *exhilaration* after the lecture.

accelerate

Try to *accelerate* your reading rate.

accept

We will *accept* your advice.

Incorrect

accept

Everyone danced *accept* John.

acceptable

Your report is not *acceptable*.

access

There was an *access* of material in the library.

accident

Let me see your *accident*.

accidentally

It was done quite *accidentally*.

accompanied with

He was *accompanied with* his grandparents.

accompaniment

He sang to the *accompaniment* of the piano.

accused with

The officer was *accused with* the crime.

acetic

The *acetic* monk lived on herbs.

Correct

except

Everyone danced *except* John.

acceptable

Your report is not *acceptable*.

excess

There was an *excess* of material in the library.

injury

Let me see your *injury*.

accidentally

It was done quite *accidentally*.

accompanied by

He was *accompanied by* his grandparents.

accompaniment

He sang to the *accompaniment* of the piano.

accused of

The officer was *accused of* the crime.

ascetic

The *ascetic* monk lived on herbs.

Incorrect**acknowledge**

My action will *acknowledge* the truth of the matter.

acme

The story reached its *acme* when Helen drank poison.

acme

The doctor diagnosed his skin problem as *acme*.

acne

His work was the *acne* of perfection.

action

He performed an *action* of heroism.

ad

Please *ad* another page to your report.

adapt

He is *adapt* at swimming.

adapt

We will try to *adapt* a Korean orphan.

Correct**prove**

My action will *prove* the truth of the matter.

climax

The story reached a *climax* when Helen drank poison.

acne

The doctor diagnosed his skin problem as *acne*.

acme

His work was the *acme* of perfection.

act

He performed an *act* of heroism.

add

Please *add* another page to your report.

adept

He is *adept* at swimming.

adopt

We will try to *adopt* a Korean orphan.

Incorrect

add

The letter began, "In response to your *add* . . ."

addicted to

He is *addicted to* acts of kindness.

addicted to

He is *addicted to* moments of depression.

addition

We read the latest *addition* of the book.

adept

Try to *adept* this theory to your needs.

adequate

A dark suit is *adequate* for the occasion.

adequate enough

I hope this work is *adequate enough*.

adieu

We saw Shakespeare's *Much Adieu About Nothing*.

Correct

ad

The letter began, "In response to your *ad* . . ."

given to

He is *given to* acts of kindness.

subject to

He is *subject to* moments of depression.

edition

We read the latest *edition* of the book.

adapt

Try to *adapt* this theory to your needs.

suitable

A dark suit is *suitable* for the occasion.

adequate

I hope this work is *adequate*.

ado

We saw Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Incorrect**adjoin**

When did you *adjoin* the meeting?

admittance

Admittance to the movies is less for children than for adults.

ado

He bid her *ado*, feeling he would never see her again.

adopt

Try to *adopt* to new situations.

adopted

The music is *adopted* to dancing.

adoreable

She's an *adoreable* person.

advance

Your *advance* in the business depends on your effort.

adverse

The man is *adverse* to exercising before breakfast.

Correct**adjourn**

When did you *adjourn* the meeting?

admission

Admission to the movies is less for children than for adults.

adieu

He bid her *adieu*, feeling he would never see her again.

adapt

Try to *adapt* to new situations.

adapted

The music is *adapted* to dancing.

adorable

She's an *adorable* person.

advancement

Your *advancement* in the business depends on your effort.

averse

The man is *averse* to exercising before breakfast.

Incorrect**adverted**

We *adverted* an accident at the turn of the road.

advise

What *advise* did you give the president?

airie

We read an extremely *airie* book.

affect

Our new system will *affect* a saving.

afix

Remember to *afix* your name to the document.

afluent

He is a very *afluent* merchant.

after doing

I am *after doing* the work now.

after having

After having eaten, we left.

aged

She is nine years *aged*.

Correct**averted**

We *averted* an accident at the turn of the road.

advice

What *advice* did you give the president?

eerie

We read an extremely *eerie* book.

effect

Our new system will *effect* a saving.

affix

Remember to *affix* your name to the document.

affluent

He is a very *affluent* merchant.

doing

I am *doing* the work now.

after

After eating, we left.

of age

She is nine years *of age*.

Incorrect**aggravate**

Please do not *aggravate* your mother by telling her of your last escapade.

aggreed

He *aggreed* with the proposal.

agitate

His cold was *agitated* by the inclement weather.

agravate

The meeting will *agravate* the situation.

agree together

They always *agree together*.

a half a

I've worked *a half a* day.

aide-de-camps

These two men are my *aide-de-camps*.

ail

We had a glass of *ail*.

ain't

I *ain't* seen him today.

Correct**annoy**

Please do not *annoy* your mother by telling her of your last escapade.

agreed

He *agreed* with the proposal.

aggravate

His cold was *aggravated* by the inclement weather.

aggravate

The meeting will *aggravate* the situation.

agree

They always *agree*.

half a

I've worked *half a* day.

aides-de-camp

These two men are my *aides-de-camp*.

ale

We had a glass of *ale*.

have not

I *have not* seen him today.

Incorrect**air**

He is the *air* to the throne.

a-laughing

She always is *a-laughing*.

albinoes

Both rabbits are *albinoes*.

ale

What seems to *ale* the boy?

alias

He dressed up as a sailor; that was his *alias*.

alive

There were three *alive* men in the train after the accident.

all

All men must live his own life.

all

The carpenter broke his *all*.

Alladin

We read the story of *Alladin*.

Correct**heir**

He is the *heir* to the throne.

laughing

She always is *laughing*.

albinos

Both rabbits are *albinos*.

ail

What seems to *ail* the boy?

disguise

He dressed up as a sailor; that was his *disguise*.

live

There were three *live* men in the train after the accident.

each

Each man must live his own life.

awl

The carpenter broke his *awl*.

Aladdin

We read the story of *Aladdin*.

Incorrect**all alone**

I will be *all alone* this evening.

all American

Can anyone claim to be *all American*?

all around

Jim is an *all around* mechanic.

alledge

Do you *alledge* that you saw the robbery?

allegience

We owe *allegience* to our country.

alley

Great Britain is our *alley*.

all inclusive

I need an *all inclusive* list.

all kind

He purchased *all kind* of materials.

almost

He *almost* succeeded in winning the race.

Correct**alone**

I will be *alone* this evening.

all-American

Can anyone claim to be *all-American*?

all-round

Jim is an *all-round* mechanic.

allege

Do you *allege* that you saw the robbery?

allegiance

We owe *allegiance* to our country.

ally

Great Britain is our *ally*.

all-inclusive

I need an *all-inclusive* list.

all kinds

He purchased *all kinds* of materials.

almost

He *almost* succeeded in winning the race.

Incorrect**all most**

You *all most* succeeded then.

all of

All of our orders have been delayed.

all of

He gave *all of* his money away.

allottment

The *allottment* of rations was not determined.

allowed

He read the speech *allowed*.

all ready

He has *all ready* arrived.

allright

This paper seems *allright* to me.

all seeing

The man claimed he was *all seeing*.

all the farther

This is *all the farther* you can go.

Correct**almost**

You *almost* succeeded then.

all

All our orders have been delayed.

all

He gave *all* his money away.

allotment

The *allotment* of rations was not determined.

aloud

He read the speech *aloud*.

already

He has *already* arrived.

all right

This paper seems *all right* to me.

all-seeing

The man claimed he was *all-seeing*.

as far as

This is *as far as* you can go.

Incorrect**all together**

Your explanation sounds *all together* clear.

allude

The meaning of that bit of obscurity *alludes* me.

allusion

He seemed to be an industrious person, but this was only an *allusion*.

all ways

I have *all ways* tried to be ethical.

ally

She walked through the *ally* late at night.

almost

This is the *almost* beautiful painting I have ever seen.

almost never

He *almost never* visits here.

alone

They not *alone* wrote the song, but sang it also.

Correct**altogether**

Your explanation sounds *altogether* clear.

elude

The meaning of that bit of obscurity *eludes* me.

illusion

He seemed to be an industrious person, but this was only an *illusion*.

always

I have *always* tried to be ethical.

alley

She walked through the *alley* late at night.

most

This is the *most* beautiful painting I have ever seen.

hardly ever

He *hardly ever* visits here.

not only

They *not only* wrote the song, but sang it also.

Incorrect

along the line of

He knew much *along the line of* business.

aloud

He *aloud* us to go on the trip.

already

Are you *already* to go?

alright

Do you feel *alright* today?

altar

We will *altar* the dress if it does not fit.

alter

We decorated the *alter* with white roses.

alternative

He had three *alternatives* open.

altho

Altho he spoke well, no one heeded his words.

altogether

Let's try to sing *altogether* for a change.

Correct

in the way of

He knew much *in the way of* business.

allowed

He *allowed* us to go on the trip.

all ready

Are you *all ready* to go?

all right

Do you feel *all right* today?

alter

We will *alter* the dress if it does not fit.

altar

We decorated the *altar* with white roses.

course

He had three *courses* open.

although

Although he spoke well, no one heeded his words.

all together

Let's try to sing *all together* for a change.

Incorrect

alumna

John was an *alumna* of Cornell.

alumnae

The boys are *alumnae* of City College.

alumni

Wilma and Maggie, both Barnard *alumni*, came to the reunion.

alumnus

Diane is an *alumnus* of New York University.

always

He was in *always* kind and generous.

ambassader

He's the newly appointed *ambassader*.

a.m. in the morning

I will arrive at 10 *a.m. in the morning*.

among

The two boys divided the cake *among* them.

Correct

alumnus

John was an *alumnus* of Cornell.

alumni

The boys are *alumni* of City College.

alumnae

Wilma and Maggie, both Barnard *alumnae*, came to the reunion.

alumna

Diane is an *alumna* of New York University.

all ways

He was in *all ways* kind and generous.

ambassador

He's the newly appointed *ambassador*.

a.m.

I will arrive at 10 *a.m.*

between

The two boys divided the cake *between* them.

Incorrect

amoral

The Puritans regarded dancing as *amoral*.

among

He settled the dispute *among* the different nations.

amount

We saw a large *amount* of foreign cars.

ample

I have *ample*.

amulette

He was never without the *amulette*.

anacronism

The use of a clock in *Julius Caesar* is considered an *anacronism*.

analyze

We will *analyze* the structure.

ancient

He was considered *ancient* now that he reached his fiftieth birthday.

Correct

immoral

The Puritans regarded dancing as *immoral*.

among

He settled the dispute *among* the different nations.

number

We saw a large *number* of foreign cars.

enough

I have *enough*.

amulet

He was never without the *amulet*.

anachronism

The use of a clock in *Julius Caesar* is considered an *anachronism*.

analyze

We will *analyze* the structure.

aged

He was considered *aged* now that he reached his fiftieth birthday.

Incorrect**and etc.**

In school you will need books, pencils, paper *and etc.*

and nor

He did not dance *and nor* did Bill.

anecdote

If you swallow poison, take an *anecdote*.

angle

In heaven the *angles* rejoiced.

angry

The woman looked *angry* at him.

angry at

I am *angry at* him.

angry with

He is *angry with* the entire situation.

annoint

Samuel was asked to *annoint* Saul.

Correct**etc.**

In school you will need books, pencils, paper, *etc.*

nor

He did not dance *nor* did Bill.

antidote

If you swallow poison, take an *antidote*.

angel

In heaven the *angels* rejoiced.

angrily

The woman looked *angrily* at him.

angry with

I am *angry with* him.

angry at

He is *angry at* the entire situation.

anoint

Samuel was asked to *anoint* Saul.

Incorrect**annuled**

He had the marriage *annuled*.

annull

He sought to *annull* the marriage.

annullment

The *annullment* was not valid.

anonimity

He respected the *anonimity* of the donor.

another

There is still *another* stream to cross before we reach the village.

another ... also

There is *another* thought *also* that I have.

ant

This is my favorite *ant*, Dorothea Wipple.

antelope

The *antelope* is a very graceful animal.

antedates before

The war *antedates before* Caesar.

Correct**annulled**

He had the marriage *annulled*.

annul

He sought to *annul* the marriage.

annulment

The *annulment* was not valid.

anonymity

He respected the *anonymity* of the donor.

one other

There is still *one other* stream to cross before we reach the village.

another

There is *another* thought that I have.

aunt

This is my favorite *aunt*, Dorothea Wipple.

antelope

The *antelope* is a very graceful animal.

antedates

The war *antedates* Caesar.

Incorrect

anthesis

There is an *anthesis* between theory and fact.

anti-biotic

He used a new *anti-biotic* to save the patient.

antichamber

We waited in the *antichamber*.

anticipate

I *anticipate* going to Europe this summer.

antidote

The proud father told many *antidotes* about his newborn son.

anti immigration

A number of *anti immigration* laws was passed.

antinomy

One of the chemicals studied in chemistry is *antinomy*.

antiroom

The patient waited in the *antiroom*.

Correct

antithesis

There is an *antithesis* between theory and fact.

antibiotic

He used a new *antibiotic* to save the patient.

antechamber

We waited in the *antechamber*.

expect

I *expect* to go to Europe this summer.

anecdote

The proud father told many *anecdotes* about his newborn son.

anti-immigration

A number of *anti-immigration* laws was passed.

antimony

One of the chemicals studied in chemistry is *antimony*.

anteroom

The patient waited in the *anteroom*.

Incorrect**antisemitic**

He made several *antisemitic* statements.

anti-septic

He applied an *anti-septic* to the wound.

anti-slavery

He wrote an *anti-slavery* article.

anti-social

He behaved in an *anti-social* manner.

anti-toxin

We will try to obtain the *anti-toxin* from the hospital.

anxious

He is *anxious* to complete his studies.

any

It doesn't trouble me *any*.

any

Rose is more intelligent than *any* person in the group.

Correct**anti-Semitic**

He made several *anti-Semitic* statements.

antiseptic

He applied an *antiseptic* to the wound.

antislavery

He wrote an *antislavery* article.

antisocial

He behaved in an *antisocial* manner.

antitoxin

We will try to obtain the *antitoxin* from the hospital.

eager

He is *eager* to complete his studies.

at all

It doesn't trouble me *at all*.

any other

Rose is more intelligent than *any other* person in the group.

Incorrect**anybody's else's**

If it were *anybody's else's* book, he would have known.

anyday

You may come *anyday* you wish.

anyplace

I couldn't find it *anyplace*.

anyrate

At *anyrate*, we shall do our best.

anytime

He may appear at *anytime* of day.

anyways

I am planning to be there *anyways*.

anywhere near

Have you *anywhere near* enough?

apothegm

A perpendicular from the center of a regular polygon to one of its sides is an *apothegm*.

apothem

Voltaire and Bacon wrote many *apothems*.

Correct**anybody else's**

If it were *anybody else's* book, he would have known.

any day

You may come *any day* you wish.

anywhere

I couldn't find it *anywhere*.

any rate

At *any rate*, we shall do our best.

any time

He may appear at *any time* of day.

anyway

I am planning to be there *anyway*.

approximately

Have you *approximately* enough?

apothem

A perpendicular from the center of a regular polygon to one of its sides is an *apothem*.

apothegm

Voltaire and Bacon wrote many *apothegms*.

Incorrect**apparant**

It is *apparant* that you have not succeeded.

apartment

They moved to a new *apartment*.

apliable

The example is not *apliable* here.

appraised

They were *appraised* of impending danger.

appreciate

She *appreciates* the responsibility of her position.

apprehend

I *apprehend* the cause of this frightful happening.

apprize

Please *apprize* me of the latest news.

approximate

His murder was so arranged to *approximate* a suicide.

Correct**apparent**

It is *apparent* that you have not succeeded.

apartment

They moved to a new *apartment*.

applicable

The example is not *applicable* here.

apprised

They were *apprised* of impending danger.

know or understand

She *understands* the responsibility of her position.

comprehend

I *comprehend* the cause of this frightful happening.

apprise

Please *apprise* me of the latest news.

resemble

His murder was so arranged to *resemble* a suicide.

Incorrect**approximately about**

There are *approximately about* thirty men here.

apt

They are *apt* to succeed.

aquire

He worked hard to *aquire* the property.

arc

When we think of Noah, we remember his *arc*.

are

The box of oranges *are* on the table.

are

Neither you nor I *are* to go.

are

This news *are* fit to print.

are

One of the books *are* in the study.

area

She sang a lovely operatic *area*.

Correct**approximately**

There are *approximately* thirty men here.

likely

They are *likely* to succeed.

acquire

He worked hard to *acquire* the property.

ark

When we thing of Noah, we remember his *ark*.

is

The box of oranges *is* on the table.

am

Neither you nor I *am* to go.

is

This news *is* fit to print.

is

One of the books *is* in the study.

aria

She sang a lovely operatic *aria*.

Incorrect**aren't I**

Aren't I the best in the group?

argueable

That point is not *argueable*.

arguement

They had a serious *arguement*.

arise up

It is time to *arise up* from your chair.

arn't

They *arn't* going to the park.

around

Bob told me to report *around* noon.

around

I'll visit you *around* the first of the month.

arranged

The murderer was *arranged* in court yesterday.

arrogate

The Prohibition amendment was *arrogated* several years after its passage.

Correct**am I not**

Am I not the best in the group?

arguable

That point is not *arguable*.

argument

They had a serious *argument*.

arise

It is time to *arise* from your chair.

aren't

They *aren't* going to the park.

about, near

Bob told me to report *about* noon.

about

I'll visit you *about* the first of the month.

arraigned

The murderer was *arraigned* in court yesterday.

abrogate

The Prohibition amendment was *abrogated* several years after its passage.

Incorrect**artisan**

We need an *artisan* to paint the picture.

artist

The *artist* built a fine model of the machine.

artisticly

He is very *artisticly* inclined.

as

He worked with ease, *as* the day was cool.

as

She looks *as* my mother.

as

There are many important cities that we visited, *as* New York, Chicago, Utica and Buffalo.

as

She did not say *as* she liked it.

asbestus

The curtain was made of *asbestus*.

Correct**artist**

We need an *artist* to paint the picture.

artisan

The *artisan* built a fine model of the machine.

artistically

He is very *artistically* inclined.

for, since

He worked with ease, *for* the day was cool.

like

She looks *like* my mother.

such as

There are many important cities that we visited, *such as* New York, Chicago, Utica and Buffalo.

that

She did not say *that* she liked it.

asbestos

The curtain was made of *asbestos*.

Incorrect**ascent**

Do you have parental *ascent* to go on the trip?

ascetic

Ascetic acid is a relatively weak acid.

as follow

We saw many objects in the room, *as follow*: books, pads, pencils, pens, six clips, etc.

a-singing.

He entered *a-singing*.

as many as

As many as want tickets may write for them.

assasin

The *assasin* was found.

assasinate

They tried to *assasinate* the noblemen.

assay

He wrote an interesting *assay* on life in Africa.

Correct**assent**

Do you have parental *assent* to go on the trip?

acetic

Acetic acid is a relatively weak acid.

as follows

We saw many objects in the room, *as follows*: books, pads, pencils, pens, six clips, etc.

singing

He entered *singing*.

all those who

All those who want tickets may write for them.

assassin

The *assassin* was found.

assassinate

They tried to *assassinate* the noblemen.

essay

He wrote an interesting *essay* on life in Africa.

Incorrect

assemble together

We will *assemble together* on the lawn.

assent

The *assent* was hazardous even for experienced climbers.

assinine

It is *assinine* to make such unrealistic demands.

assistance

These two men are my *assistance*.

assistant-professor

He recently became an *assistant-professor*.

assistants

Do you need any *assistants* with this project?

assured

Did you say that he was *assured* against theft?

assist to

He will *assist to* the action.

Correct

assemble

We will *assemble* on the lawn.

ascent

The *ascent* was hazardous even for experienced climbers.

asinine

It is *asinine* to make such unrealistic demands.

assistants

These two men are my *assistants*.

assistant professor

He recently became an *assistant professor*.

assistance

Do you need any *assistance* with this project?

Insured

Did you say that he was *insured* against theft?

assist in

He will *assist in* the action.

Incorrect

as to whether

They couldn't decide *as to whether* he should be elected to the presidency.

as was the case with

As was the case with many poets, Burns came from humble origins.

at

I live *at* the little red and white house on Main Street.

at about

Our club will meet *at about* seven o'clock.

at afternoon

At afternoon we will go to the theater.

ate

I have already *ate* my lunch.

at now

Where is he *at now*?

athalete

He's an excellent *athalete*.

Correct

whether

They couldn't decide *whether* he should be elected to the presidency.

like

Like many poets, Burns came from humble origins.

in

I live *in* the little red and white house on Main Street.

about

Our club will meet *about* seven o'clock.

at noon

At noon we will go to the theater.

eaten

I have already *eaten* my lunch.

now

Where is he *now*?

athlete

He's an excellent *athlete*.

Incorrect**athletic**

We need an *athletic* man for the job.

attendance

There were three *attendance* assisting them.

attendants

The teacher checked the *attendants*.

attendance

His *attendance* was excellent.

attach together

He *attached* the papers *together*.

audience

The *audience* observed the tennis match.

aunt

Thoreau describes the strength of the red *aunt*.

auspicious

We were *auspicious* of the new mailman.

Correct**athletic**

We need an *athletic* man for the job.

attendants

There were three *attendants* assisting them.

attendance

The teacher checked the *attendance*.

attendance

His *attendance* was excellent.

attach

He *attached* the papers.

spectators

The *spectators* observed the tennis match.

ant

Thoreau describes the strength of the red *ant*.

suspicious

We were *suspicious* of the new mailman.

Incorrect

Autumn

In the *Autumn*, we will go on a hike.

auxiliary

Indicate the *auxiliary* verb in the sentence.

availible

Find out if the new book is *availible*.

avenge

He vowed to *avenge* himself against his family for the wrongs they had done.

avert

The doctor had to *avert* the eyelid.

aviary

If you stay near the *aviary* long enough, you are sure to get stung.

avocation

His *avocation* is dentistry.

a-wasting

We're *a-wasting* time.

Correct

autumn

In the *autumn*, we will go on a hike.

auxiliary

Indicate the *auxiliary* verb in the sentence.

available

Find out if the new book is *available*.

revenge

He vowed to *revenge* himself against his family for the wrongs they had done.

evert

The doctor had to *evert* the eyelid.

apiary

If you stay near the *apiary* long enough, you are sure to get stung.

vocation

His *vocation* is dentistry.

wasting

We're *wasting* time.

Incorrect**aweful**He was *aweful* to behold.**awful**It was *awful* nice of you to come to the party.**awful**The play was really *awful*.**awfully**It's an *awfully* hot day.**a while**Rest *a while* before leaving.**awhile**Rest for *awhile* before leaving.**awl**We have *awl* we need.**Correct****awful**He was *awful* to behold.**very**It was *very* nice of you to come to the party.**very bad,**The play was really *very bad*.**very**It's a *very* hot day.**awhile**Rest *awhile* before leaving.**a while**Rest for *a while* before leaving.**all**We have *all* we need.

B

Incorrect

back again

Please give it *back* to me *again*.

back of

The boy ran *back of* the garage.

backwards

He is *backwards* in his studies.

bad

He traced the picture *bad*.

bad

She was taken *bad* in the theater.

bade

He *bade* five dollars for the auctioned book.

bad friends

The two men are *bad friends*.

badly

He felt *badly* when he was not chosen.

Correct

back

Please give it *back* to me.

behind

The boy ran *behind* the garage.

backward

He is *backward* in his studies.

badly

He traced the picture *badly*.

ill

She was taken *ill* in the theater.

bid

He *bid* five dollars for the auctioned book.

enemies

The two men are *enemies*.

bad

He felt *bad* when he was not chosen.

Incorrect**badly**

We wanted to go very *badly*.

bailed

He *bailed* the cotton.

baled

He *baled* out his friend.

band

The author secretly hoped that the book would be *band*.

banned

We joined the *banned* of travelers.

banned

The company *banned* together.

baratone

He is a *baratone* and not a tenor.

bard

She *bard* the door each evening.

bare

The three *bares* were not at home when Goldilocks came by.

Correct**very much**

We wanted to go *very much*.

baled

He *baled* the cotton.

bailed

He *bailed* out his friend.

banned

The author secretly hoped that the book would be *banned*.

band

We joined the *band* of travelers.

banded

The company *banded* together.

baritone

He is a *baritone* and not a tenor.

barred

She *barred* the door each evening.

bear

The three *bears* were not at home when Goldilocks came by.

Incorrect**bare-footed**

He walked in the sand *bare-footed*.

baron

We saw pictures of the *baron* desert.

barred

He is known as the village *barred*.

barren

The *barren* visited the castle.

bassinette

The baby slept in a *bassinette*.

bath

We wished to *bath* in the stream.

bathos

We found the quality of *bathos* in the play extremely poignant.

bawled

Do not make fun of the fact that he is *bawled*.

beach

The *beach* tree shaded the house.

Correct**barefooted**

He walked in the sand *barefooted*.

barren

We saw pictures of the *barren* desert.

bard

He is known as the village *bard*.

baron

The *baron* visited the castle.

bassinet

The baby slept in a *bassinet*.

bathe

We wished to *bathe* in the stream.

pathos

We found the quality of *pathos* in the play extremely poignant.

bald

Do not make fun of the fact that he is *bald*.

beech

The *beech* tree shaded the house.

Incorrect**bean**

Where have you *bean*, young man?

bear

The trees were *bear* in winter.

beat

From the *beat*, sugar was obtained.

beau

She had a *beau* in her hair.

beautifuller

She is *beautifuller* than her sister.

beech

We went to the *beech* since it was so warm.

been

The *been* was an excellent vegetable for the farmer.

beer

When we saw her *beer* we mourned.

beet

The *beet* of the music was strong.

Correct**been**

Where have you *been*, young man?

bare

The trees were *bare* in winter.

beet

From the *beet*, sugar was obtained.

bow

She had a *bow* in her hair.

more beautiful

She is *more beautiful* than her sister.

beach

We went to the *beach* since it was so warm.

bean

The *bean* was an excellent vegetable for the farmer.

bier

When we saw her *bier* we mourned.

beat

The *beat* of the music was strong.

Incorrect**begun**

I *begun* to work today.

being that

Being that you are hungry, you may eat now.

beldam

There was *beldam* in the classroom in the absence of the teacher.

bell

She is the “*bell* of the ball.”

belle

The *belle* chimed the hour.

ben

I’ve *ben* thinking about the problem.

bended

The curtain rod was *bended*.

benifit

He derived great *benifit* from his work.

berry

We must *berry* our dead.

Correct**began**

I *began* to work today.

since

Since you are hungry, you may eat now.

bedlam

There was *bedlam* in the classroom in the absence of the teacher.

belle

She is the “*belle* of the ball.”

bell

The *bell* chimed the hour.

been

I’ve *been* thinking about the problem.

bent

The curtain rod was *bent*.

benefit

He derived great *benefit* from his work.

bury

We must *bury* our dead.

Incorrect**berth**

The *berth* of an idea filled him with joy.

beseiged

The city was *beseiged* by the enemy.

beside

Beside a dress, I shall buy a hat.

besides

He sat *besides* his parents.

besides

The speaker raised an issue *besides* the point.

bet

Yesterday they *bet* us at tennis.

better

He *better* follow instructions or pay the penalty.

better had

I think you *better had* visit him.

between

He could not see his friends *between* the hundreds of people.

Correct**birth**

The *birth* of an idea filled him with joy.

besieged

The city was *besieged* by the enemy.

besides

Besides a dress, I shall buy a hat.

beside

He sat *beside* his parents.

aside from

The speaker raised an issue *aside from* the point.

beat

Yesterday they *beat* us at tennis.

had better

He *had better* follow instructions or pay the penalty.

should

I think you *should* visit him.

among

He could not see his friends *among* the hundreds of people.

Incorrect**between you and I**

Between you and I, I think Mary is a fool.

biannual

The *biannuals* bloomed every two years.

biennial

Twice a year this *biennial* will be published.

biassed

We will try not to act in a *biassed* manner.

bier

We had a can of *bier* at the picnic.

biggest share

The *biggest share* of the boys wore suits.

billed

Let us *billed* a cabin near the lake.

billet-douxes

I sent her several *billet-douxes*.

Correct**between you and me**

Between you and me, I think Mary is a fool.

biennial

The *biennials* bloomed every two years.

biannual

Twice a year this *biannual* will be published.

biased

We will try not to act in a *biased* manner.

beer

We had a can of *beer* at the picnic.

majority

The *majority* of the boys wore suits.

build

Let us *build* a cabin near the lake.

billets-doux

I sent her several *billets-doux*.

Incorrect**birth**

I am looking for a comfortable *birth* on this train.

bit

He was *bit* by a dog.

biweekly

We have meetings *biweekly*, on Monday and Thursday.

black-bird

A *black-bird* flew by.

black-mail

The criminal tried to *black-mail* the mayor.

blamed it on

They *blamed* the trouble *on* us.

blend together

Blend together a cup of sugar and a cup of milk.

blew

She bought *blew* gloves.

bloc

This entire *bloc* of houses will be torn down.

Correct**berth**

I am looking for a comfortable *berth* on this train.

bitten

He was *bitten* by a dog.

semiweekly

We have meetings *semiweekly*, on Monday and Thursday.

blackbird

A *blackbird* flew by.

blackmail

The criminal tried to *blackmail* the mayor.

blamed

They *blamed* us for the trouble.

blend

Blend a cup of sugar and a cup of milk.

blue

She bought *blue* gloves.

block

This entire *block* of houses will be torn down.

Incorrect**block**

The senators formed a *block* to prevent passage of the bill.

blowed

The wind *blowed* hard.

blue

The wind *blue* and we were cold.

boar

He attempted to *boar* a hole in the wood.

board

I was *board* and began to doze.

bold

We *bold* for an hour.

book-mark

He designed a leather *book-mark*.

book's

Two *book's* were borrowed.

book shop

She bought *Les Misérables* at the *book shop*.

Correct**bloc**

The senators formed a *bloc* to prevent passage of the bill.

blew

The wind *blew* hard.

blew

The wind *blew* and we were cold.

bore

He attempted to *bore* a hole in the wood.

bored

I was *bored* and began to doze.

bowled

We *bowled* for an hour.

bookmark

He designed a leather *bookmark*.

books

Two *books* were borrowed.

bookshop

She bought *Les Misérables* at the *bookshop*.

Incorrect**boquet**

He brought a *boquet* of roses.

bore

Hunting the wild *bore* can be dangerous.

bored

We called a meeting of the members of the *bored*.

born

The leaves were *born* by the wind.

borne

The kittens were *borne* in the stable.

borough

An animal can *borough* like this.

both alike

They are *both alike* in appearance.

bough

He refused to *bough* down before the idol.

bow

He was her favorite *bow*.

Correct**bouquet**

He brought a *bouquet* of roses.

boar

Hunting the wild *boar* can be dangerous.

board

We called a meeting of the members of the *board*.

borne

The leaves were *borne* by the wind.

born

The kittens were *born* in the stable.

burrow

An animal can *burrow* like this.

alike

They are *alike* in appearance.

bow

He refused to *bow* down before the idol.

beau

He was her favorite *beau*.

Incorrect**bow**

The *bow* of the tree was laden with fruit.

bowled

He was a *bowled* sailor.

boy

We were happy that the *boy* was in the water to warn approaching ships.

braid

The donkey *braid* for an hour.

brake

Do not *brake* the pottery.

brang

He *brang* his lunch to work.

braught

He *braught* a gift.

brayed

She wore her hair in a *brayed*.

bread

His conduct revealed how he was *bread*.

Correct**bough**

The *bough* of the tree was laden with fruit.

bold

He was a *bold* sailor.

buoy

We were happy that the *buoy* was in the water to warn approaching ships.

brayed

They donkey *brayed* for an hour.

break

Do not *break* the pottery.

brought

He *brought* his lunch to work.

brought

He *brought* a gift.

braid

She wore her hair in a *braid*.

bred

His conduct revealed how he was *bred*.

Incorrect**breadth**

His *breadth* was labored and painful.

break

The *break* wouldn't work and the car began to roll down the hill.

breath

We measured the *breath* of the room.

bred

Man cannot live by *bred* alone.

bredth

He traveled the length and *bredth* of the land.

breech

Blowing a horn near a hospital is considered a *breech* of the peace.

brethren

Behave like good sisters and *brethren*.

brewed

It is not right to *brewed* all day.

Correct**breath**

His *breath* was labored and painful.

brake

The *brake* wouldn't work and the car began to roll down the hill.

breadth

We measured the *breadth* of the room.

bread

Man cannot live by *bread* alone.

breadth

He traveled the length and *breadth* of the land.

breach

Blowing a horn near a hospital is considered a *breach* of the peace.

brothers

Behave like good sisters and *brothers*.

brood

It is not right to *brood* all day.

Incorrect**brews**

He has a *brews* on his knee.

bridal

The jockey showed us how to handle the *bridal*.

bridle

We watched the *bridle* party leave the chapel.

bring

Please *bring* my bags to my room.

broadcasted

Have they *broadcasted* the opera?

brood

She *brood* a pot of tea.

brother-in-laws

I have two *brother-in-laws*.

brothers

The *brothers* of Sigma Chi came to the party.

brows

Let us *brows* in the store.

Correct**bruise**

He has a *bruise* on his knee.

bridle

The jockey showed us how to handle the *bridle*.

bridal

We watched the *bridal* party leave the chapel.

take

Please *take* my bags to my room.

broadcast

Have they *broadcast* the opera?

brewed

She *brewed* a pot of tea.

brothers-in-law

I have two *brothers-in-law*.

brethren

The *brethren* of Sigma Chi came to the party.

browse

Let us *browse* in the store.

Incorrect**browse**

Their *browse* were lined with care.

brung

He *brung* his friend to the party.

brussel sprouts

We ordered *brussel sprouts* in the restaurant.

build

He was *build* for the medicine.

built

He has a stocky *built*.

built with

The house is *built with* stone.

bumkin

He behaves like a country *bumkin*.

bunch

Did you notice the *bunch* of people at the corner?

buoy

He is a bright and alert *buoy*.

Correct**brows**

Their *brows* were lined with care.

brought

He *brought* his friend to the party.

brussels sprouts

We ordered *brussels sprouts* in the restaurant.

billed

He was *billed* for the medicine.

build

He has a stocky *build*.

built of

The house is *built of* stone.

bumpkin

He behaves like a country *bumpkin*.

Crowd

Did you notice the *crowd* of people at the corner?

boy

He is a bright and alert *boy*.

Incorrect**burn up**

We watched the paper *burn up*.

burro

He had to *burro* deeply into his pocket to locate the missing paper.

burroes

We saw many *burroes* in Mexico.

burrow

We live in this *burrow*.

burst

The bag *burst*.

bury

This wild *bury* is sweet.

bust

Don't *bust* the toy.

busted

While skiing, he *busted* his ankle.

busted

The cart is *busted*.

Correct**burn**

We watched the paper *burn*.

burrow

He had to *burrow* deeply into his pocket to locate the missing paper.

burros

We saw many *burros* in Mexico.

borough

We live in this *borough*.

burst

The bag *burst*.

berry

This wild *berry* is sweet.

break

Don't *break* the toy.

broke

While skiing, he *broke* his ankle.

broken

The cart is *broken*.

Incorrect**bustin'**

The horse was always *bustin'* out of the corral.

but only

She was almost packed, *but only* had a few things to put away.

but what

He never doubted *but what* she would come.

buy

Buy the way, did you see this book?

by

I will be *by* Bill's.

by

I should like to *by* an expensive gift.

Correct**breaking**

The horse was always *breaking* out of the corral.

but

She was almost packed, *but* had a few things to put away.

that

He never doubted *that* she would come.

by

By the way, did you see this book?

at

I will be *at* Bill's.

buy

I should like to *buy* an expensive gift.

C

Incorrect

calligraphy

Mr. Jones is a *calligraphy* expert.

can

Can I accompany you to the theater?

cancelation

He confirmed our *cancelation*.

cannon

This is church *cannon*.

canon

The *canon* will be used if we are attacked.

canoist

He is an excellent *canoist*.

can't

This is a familiar *can't*.

cant

I *cant* turn back now.

Correct

handwriting

Mr. Jones is a *handwriting* expert.

may

May I accompany you to the theater?

cancellation

He confirmed our *cancellation*.

canon

This is church *canon*.

cannon

The *cannon* will be used if we are attacked.

canoeist

He is an excellent *canoeist*.

cant

This is a familiar *cant*.

can't

I *can't* turn back now.

Incorrect**can't hardly**He *can't hardly* see that.**can't help but**You *can't help but* like him.**can't never**He *can't never* go back.**can't seem to**I *can't seem to* finish my work.**can't seem to**I *can't seem to* fix the toy.**canvas**He made a *canvas* of public opinion.**canvass**The satchel is made of *canvass*.**capacity**He lacks *capacity* to do the work.**capital**The *capital* is a wonderful piece of architecture.**Correct****can hardly**He *can hardly* see that.**can't help**You *can't help* liking him.**can never**He *can never* go back.**can't**I *can't* finish my work.**seem unable to**I *seem unable to* fix the toy.**canvass.**He made a *canvass* of public opinion.**canvas**The satchel is made of *canvas*.**ability**He lacks *ability* to do the work.**capitol**The *capitol* is a wonderful piece of architecture.

Incorrect

capitol

Start each sentence with a *capitol* letter.

carat

Place a *carat* where a word has been omitted.

carat

The *carat* came from our garden.

careful

Walk *careful* down the road.

caret

The diamond was at least one *caret*.

carousal

I like to take children to the *carousal*.

carton

The political *carton* was an attack on the mayor.

cartoon

Place the cookies in the *cartoon*.

cast

The natives believed in a *cast* system.

Correct

capital

Start each sentence with a *capital* letter.

caret

Place a *caret* where a word has been omitted.

carrot

The *carrot* came from our garden.

carefully

Walk *carefully* down the road.

carat

The diamond was at least one *carat*.

carousel

I like to take children to the *carousel*.

cartoon

The political *cartoon* was an attack on the mayor.

carton

Place the cookies in the *carton*.

caste

The natives believed in a *caste* system.

Incorrect**castanettes**

The sound of the *castanettes* drew him to the cave.

caste

Caste your bread upon the waters.

catagory

Place it in the proper *catagory*.

catch afire

The paper may *catch afire*.

catched

He *catched* the ball very easily.

catholic

She goes to a *catholic* church.

causal

We have a *causal* relationship with each other.

causality

The War Department reported his name on the new *causality* list.

cause why

Cause why did you do that?

Correct**castanets**

The sound of the *castanets* drew him to the cave.

cast

Cast your bread upon the waters.

category

Place it in the proper *category*.

catch fire

The paper may *catch fire*.

caught

He *caught* the ball very easily.

Catholic

She goes to a *Catholic* church.

casual

We have a *casual* relationship with each other.

casualty

The War Department reported his name on the new *casualty* list.

why

Why did you do that?

Incorrect**caws**

We will examine the *caws* of the war.

cede

We need more *cede* to plant.

celebrate

The *celebrate* lived on herbs.

celibate

The family joined to *celibate* the anniversary of the couple.

cell

He was willing to *cell* the car.

cancel

He is sure to *cancel* his behavior.

censure

The army *censure* must approve all letters.

cent

This is a very sweet *cent*.

cent

I believe he *cent* the letter.

Correct**cause**

We will examine the *cause* of the war.

seed

We need more *seed* to plant.

celibate

The *celibate* lived on herbs.

celebrate

The family joined to *celebrate* the anniversary of the couple.

sell

He was willing to *sell* the car.

censure

He is sure to *censure* his behavior.

cancel

The army *cancel* must approve all letters.

scent

This is a very sweet *scent*.

sent

I believe he *sent* the letter.

Incorrect**center**

He parts his hair in the *center* now.

cereal

The newspaper reported on the *cereal* killer.

ceremonial

The wedding *ceremonial* is about to begin.

cession

Congress was in *cession*.

chagrinned

He was greatly *chagrinned* when the letter arrived.

chaple

We went to the *chaple* to pray.

character

He has the *character* of being a man of integrity.

chard

After the fire, a few *chard* items remained.

Correct**middle**

He parts his hair in the *middle* now.

serial

The newspaper reported on the *serial* killer.

ceremony

The wedding *ceremony* is about to begin.

session

Congress was in *session*.

chagrined

He was greatly *chagrined* when the letter arrived.

chapel

We went to the *chapel* to pray.

reputation

He has the *reputation* of being a man of integrity.

charred

After the fire, a few *charred* items remained.

Incorrect**charged with**

He was *charged with* the merchandise.

chased

She is *chased* and pious.

chassy

The car's *chassy* was badly damaged.

chaste

The dog was *chaste* through the fields.

cheap

I bought a *cheap* suit.

cherubims

A host of *cherubims* was singing psalms.

chews

Which book did you *chews*?

childish

She had a *childish* faith and we loved her for it.

childlike

He was constantly scolded for his *childlike* mannerisms.

Correct**charged for**

He was *charged for* the merchandise.

chaste

She is *chaste* and pious.

chassis

The car's *chassis* was badly damaged.

chased

The dog was *chased* through the fields.

inexpensive

I bought an *inexpensive* suit.

cherubim

A host of *cherubim* was singing psalms.

choose

Which book did you *choose*?

childlike

She had a *childlike* faith and we loved her for it.

childish

He was constantly scolded for his *childish* mannerisms.

Incorrect**chinawear**

We wish to purchase some *chinawear*.

choose

He *choose* gum in a discourteous fashion.

choral

This stone is genuine *choral*.

chord

We need *chord* to tie the package.

christian

He is of the *christian* faith.

chronic

He had a *chronic* attack of appendicitis.

chronic

He is a *chronic* bachelor, he claims.

church-goer

I would not consider him a steady *church-goer*.

Correct**chinaware**

We wish to purchase some *chinaware*.

chews

He *chews* gum in a discourteous fashion.

coral

This stone is genuine *coral*.

cord

We need *cord* to tie the package.

Christian

He is of the *Christian* faith.

acute

He had an *acute* attack of appendicitis.

confirmed

He is a *confirmed* bachelor, he claims.

churchgoer

I would not consider him a steady *churchgoer*.

Incorrect**cite**

The builder found the ideal *cite* for the new school.

claim

He *claims* he will come.

clarinette

He plays both the trumpet and the *clarinette*.

clause

The bird was hurt by the animal's *clause*.

claws

Read the *claws* carefully.

cleanshaven

It is important for a man to be *cleanshaven*.

clearcut

This is a *clearcut* case.

click

The *click* refused to accept responsibility for Hank's actions.

clim

He *clim* the mountain.

Correct**site**

The builder found the ideal *site* for the new school.

says, maintains, asserts

He *says* he will come.

clarinet

He plays both the trumpet and the *clarinet*.

claws

The bird was hurt by the animal's *claws*.

clause

Read the *clause* carefully.

clean-shaven

It is important for a man to be *clean-shaven*.

clear-cut

This is a *clear-cut* case.

clique

The *clique* refused to accept responsibility for Hank's actions.

climbed

He *climbed* the mountain.

Incorrect

climactic

Climactic conditions were poor for flying.

climatic

The chorus rose to a *climatic* finish.

clime

We will *clime* to the top.

clique

We heard a *clique* and then an explosion.

clothes pins

I need a dozen *clothes pins*.

coarse

We did not know which *coarse* of action to take.

coincidentally

Coincidentally they were both dressed in blue.

collaborate

His statements *collaborate* my opinion.

Correct

climatic

Climatic conditions were poor for flying.

climactic

The chorus rose to a *climactic* finish.

climb

We will *climb* to the top.

click

We heard a *click* and then an explosion.

clothespins

I need a dozen *clothespins*.

course

We did not know which *course* of action to take.

coincidentally

Coincidentally they were both dressed in blue.

corroborate

His statements *corroborate* my opinion.

Incorrect

collide against

The ferry *collided against* the tugboat.

colonel

He doesn't have a *colonel* of sense.

coma

Use a *coma* to separate words in a series.

combine together

Combine together the apples and the pears.

come

I *come* to visit you yesterday.

come in contact with

I hope to *come in contact with* the writer.

come in touch with

Please *come in touch with* the teacher.

comic

Her manner of applying cosmetics gave her face a *comic* appearance.

Correct

collide with

The ferry *collided with* the tugboat.

kernel

He doesn't have a *kernel* of sense.

comma

Use a *comma* to separate words in a series.

combine

Combine the apples and the pears.

came

I *came* to visit you yesterday.

come into contact with

I hope to *come into contact with* the writer.

get in touch with

Please *get into touch with* the teacher.

comical

Her manner of applying cosmetics gave her face a *comical* appearance.

Incorrect

comical

The actor was skilled in *comical* makeup.

comma

After the accident he went into a *comma*.

commander-in-chiefs

They were both excellent *commander-in-chiefs*.

commodiously

The chair was *commodiously* placed near the table.

company

We have some *company* at our house.

complacent

The young man was well-mannered and *complacent*.

complaisant

We were afraid that once he succeeded, he would become *complaisant*.

complected

His sister is dark-*complected*.

Correct

comic

The actor was skilled in *comic* makeup.

coma

After the accident he went into a *coma*.

commanders-in-chief

They were both excellent *commanders-in-chief*.

conveniently

The chair was *conveniently* placed near the table.

guests

We have some *guests* at our house.

complaisant

The young man was well-mannered and *complaisant*.

complacent

We were afraid that once he succeeded, he would become *complacent*.

complexioned

His sister is dark-*complexioned*.

Incorrect

complement

He paid me a sincere *complement*.

compliment

The hat served as a perfect *compliment* for the outfit.

comprehensible

There was a *comprehensible* study made on life in Alaska.

comprehensive

The material is written in a style that is scarcely *comprehensive*.

comprise

The animals *comprise* a zoo.

conceded

He readily *conceded* to the proposal.

concerned of

He is *concerned of* his brother's health.

concluded

He *concluded* to speak before the assembly.

Correct

compliment

He paid me a sincere *compliment*.

complement

The hat served as a perfect *complement* for the outfit.

comprehensive

There was a *comprehensive* study made on life in Alaska.

comprehensible

The material is written in a style that is scarcely *comprehensible*.

constitute

The animals *constitute* a zoo.

acceded

He readily *acceded* to the proposal.

concerned about

He is *concerned about* his brother's health.

decided

He *decided* to speak before the assembly.

Incorrect**conclusion**

The *conclusion* of the road lies ahead.

confidant

I am *confidant* that you will succeed.

confident

He is our *confident*.

confidentially

He delivered the address *confidentially*.

confidently

The information was given *confidently*.

congenial

The policeman is a *congenial* person.

conscious

His *conscious* did not let him rest.

consensus of opinion

The *consensus of opinion* is that he will be defeated in the election.

Correct**end**

The *end* of the road lies ahead.

confident

I am *confident* that you will succeed.

confidant

He is our *confidant*.

confidently

He delivered the address *confidently*.

confidentially

The information was given *confidentially*.

genial

The policeman is a *genial* person.

conscience

His *conscience* did not let him rest.

consensus

The *consensus* is that he will be defeated in the election.

Incorrect

considerable

This dress is *considerable* expensive.

consist of

Success does not always *consist of* achieving wealth.

consolidate together

The two groups will *consolidate together*.

contact

I shall *contact* him tomorrow.

contagious

Canada and the United States are *contagious*.

contemptible

With a *contemptible* look, he eyed the beggar.

contemptuous

He was a *contemptuous* coward.

content

The *content* of the bottle proved to be rum.

Correct

very

This dress is *very* expensive.

consist in

Success does not always *consist in* achieving wealth.

consolidate

The two groups will *consolidate*.

get in touch with

I shall *get in touch with* him tomorrow.

contiguous

Canada and the United States are *contiguous*.

contemptuous

With a *contemptuous* look, he eyed the beggar.

contemptible

He was a *contemptible* coward.

contents

The *contents* of the bottle proved to be rum.

Incorrect**contiguous**

Measles can be highly *contiguous*.

continual

The *continual* ringing of the bell was caused by a faulty connection.

continuously

He *continuously* demands the teacher's attention.

cooperate together

We must *cooperate together* if we wish to succeed.

copyritten

When was the book *copyritten*?

coral

We heard a *coral* ode.

cord

He played a *cord* on the piano.

core

When he was graduated from college, he joined the Marine *Core*.

Correct**contagious**

Measles can be highly *contagious*.

continuous

The *continuous* ringing of the bell was caused by a faulty connection.

continually

He *continually* demands the teacher's attention.

cooperate

We must *cooperate* if we wish to succeed.

copyrighted

When was the book *copyrighted*?

choral

We heard a *choral* ode.

chord

He played a *chord* on the piano.

corps

When he was graduated from college, he joined the Marine *Corps*.

Incorrect

corespondents

During the summer we like to exchange letters with friends who are good *corespondents*.

corps

Before the police arrived, they removed the *corps*.

corpse

We are enlisting in the Air *Corpse*.

correspondent

She was named as *correspondent* in the divorce case.

correspond to

Let's *correspond to* each other during the summer.

correspond with

The parts of a plane *correspond with* the parts of a bird.

corroborate

We are going to *corroborate* on a book.

Correct

correspondents

During the summer we like to exchange letters with friends who are good *correspondents*.

corpse

Before the police arrived, they removed the *corpse*.

corps

We are enlisting in the Air *Corps*.

corespondent

She was named as *corespondent* in the divorce case.

correspond with

Let's *correspond with* each other during the summer.

correspond to

The parts of a plane *correspond to* the parts of a bird.

collaborate

We are going to *collaborate* on a book.

Incorrect**cortege**

She wore a *cortege* of roses.

costume

We enjoyed following the old *costume*.

could of

I *could of* gone if I tried.

council

We followed his good *council*.

council

We went to the *council* to ask for his advice.

counsel

The *counsel* of elders met each month.

couple of

I did not see him for a *couple of* days.

course

The *course* salt could not be used.

Correct**corsage**

She wore a *corsage* of roses.

custom

We enjoyed following the old *custom*.

could have

I *could have* gone if I tried.

counsel

We followed his good *counsel*.

consul

We went to the *consul* to ask for his advice.

council

The *council* of elders met each month.

two

I did not see him for *two* days.

coarse

The *coarse* salt could not be used.

Incorrect**coward**

He was *coward* by the vision.

cowered

He is a base *cowered*.

creak

He fell in the *creak*.

credible

The exhibit was praised by all as a *credible* affair.

credible

Since he was such a *credible* person, Steven believed the story.

credulous

His tale was hardly *credulous*.

creek

We heard the boards *creek*.

crevasse

There was a small *crevasse* in the wall of the house.

Correct**cowered**

He was *cowered* by the vision.

coward

He is a base *coward*.

creek

He fell in the *creek*.

credible

The exhibit was praised by all as a *credible* affair.

credulous

Since he was such a *credulous* person, Steven believed the story.

credible

His tale was hardly *credible*.

creak

We heard the boards *creak*.

crevice

There was a small *crevice* in the wall of the house.

Incorrect**crews**

We intend to take a sea *crews*.

criticized

The committee *criticized* his actions as barbaric.

cross examine

I will *cross examine* the witness.

cross eyed

I believe she is a bit *cross eyed*.

cross question

I shall *cross question* him later.

cruise

We located the *cruise* of oil.

cue

A long *cue* formed outside the box-office.

current

We had some *current* jam.

curteous

Please try to be polite and *curteous*.

Correct**cruise**

We intend to take a sea *cruise*.

censured

The committee *censured* his actions as barbaric.

cross -examine

I will *cross-examine* the witness.

cross-eyed

I believe she is a bit *cross-eyed*.

cross-question

I shall *cross-question* him later.

cruse

We located the *cruse* of oil.

queue

A long *queue* formed outside the box-office.

currant

We had some *currant* jam.

courteous

Please try to be polite and *courteous*.

Incorrect

custom

We will need a very elaborate *custom* for this play.

cymbal

The *cymbal* of death and decay appeared frequently in the poem.

Correct

costume

We will need a very elaborate *costume* for this play.

symbol

The *symbol* of death and decay appeared frequently in the poem.

D

Incorrect

dairy

No one was permitted to read her *dairy*.

dasn't

You *dasn't* speak aloud.

daughter-in-laws

The *daughter-in-laws* were good friends.

day dream

He is content to *day dream* all day long.

death-like

He was held in a *death-like* grip.

deathly

This is a *deathly* snake.

deathrate

The *deathrate* is quite high.

Correct

diary

No one was permitted to read her *diary*.

dare not

You *dare not* speak aloud.

daughters-in-law

The *daughters-in-law* were good friends.

daydream

He is content to *daydream* all day long.

deathlike

He was held in a *deathlike* grip.

deadly

This is a *deadly* snake.

death rate

The *death rate* is quite high.

Incorrect

debase

Debase yourself as a gentleman.

debateable

That matter is *debateable*.

decease

Is there no way to cure this *decease*?

decent

He began his *decent* to the valley.

declaims

He *declaims* all knowledge of the event.

decree

It is all a matter of *decree*.

decrepitate

The old woman looked so *decrepitate* that one had to feel pity.

decry

We were able to *decry* the ship as it came into port.

deep

Dig *deep* under the earth.

Correct

demean

Demean yourself as a gentleman.

debatable

That matter is *debatable*.

disease

Is there no way to cure this *disease*?

descent

He began his *descent* to the valley.

disclaims

He *disclaims* all knowledge of the event.

degree

It is all a matter of *degree*.

decrepit

The old woman looked so *decrepit* that one had to feel pity.

descry

We were able to *descry* the ship as it came into port.

deeply

Dig *deeply* under the earth.

Incorrect**deeply**

Dig the hole *deeply*.

defendent

Mr. Smythe is the *defendent* in this case.

defer

We must *defer* with you in this issue.

definite

We looked in vain for a *definite* treatment of the subject.

deliverys

We have to make several *deliverys*.

delusion

A mirage is a *delusion*.

demean

Your evil actions are sure to *demean* you.

demagogue

The politician was considered a *demagogue*.

Correct**deep**

Dig the hole *deep*.

defendant

Mr. Smythe is the *defendant* in this case.

differ

We must *differ* with you in this issue.

definitive

We looked in vain for a *definitive* treatment of the subject.

deliveries

We have to make several *deliveries*.

illusion

A mirage is an *illusion*.

debase

Your evil actions are sure to *debase* you.

demagogue

The politician was considered a *demagogue*.

Incorrect

demoted down

Jerry was most unhappy to learn he had been *demoted down*.

deny

Please do not *deny* me if I present this as fact.

deprecate

With time its value will *deprecate*.

depreciate

We should *depreciate* evil judgments.

descent

He dressed in a *descent* manner.

desert

Ice cream and pie is a favorite *desert*.

dessert

The caravan crossed the *dessert*.

develope

He will *develope* the film tomorrow.

Correct

demoted

Jerry was most unhappy to learn he had been *demoted*.

contradict

Please do not *contradict* me if I present this as fact.

depreciate

With time its value will *depreciate*.

deprecate

We should *deprecate* evil judgments.

decent

He dressed in a *decent* manner.

dessert

Ice cream and pie is a favorite *dessert*.

desert

The caravan crossed the *desert*.

develop

He will *develop* the film tomorrow.

Incorrect**device**

We will *device* a plan to help our allies.

devise

It was an ingenious *devise*.

dew

The damage was *dew* to the storm.

diary

We purchased milk at the *diary*.

did

He must have *did* that himself.

died from

Franklin Delano Roosevelt *died from* a hemorrhage.

differ

I *differ* to your judgment.

different than

Your new hat is not so *different than* mine.

differ with

How does one race *differ with* another?

Correct**devise**

We will *devise* a plan to help our allies.

device

It was an ingenious *device*.

due

The damage was *due* to the storm.

dairy

We purchased milk at the *dairy*.

done

He must have *done* that himself.

died of

Franklin Delano Roosevelt *died of* a hemorrhage.

defer

I *defer* to your judgment.

different from

Your new hat is not so *different from* mine.

differ from

How does one race *differ from* another?

Incorrect

differ from

If you make that statement I shall be forced to *differ from* you.

dingeyness

We were upset by the *dingeyness* of the room.

diptheria

He was treated for *diptheria*.

diphthong

He has difficulty in pronouncing certain *diphthongs*.

directly

Directly we arrived, we heard the news.

disappoint

He felt a great *disappoint* when he heard the news.

disburse

He ordered the crowd to *disburse*.

disclaim

We listened to the orator *disclaim* in the auditorium.

Correct

differ with

If you make that statement, I shall be forced to *differ with* you.

dinginess

We were upset by the *dinginess* of the room.

diphtheria

He was treated for *diphtheria*.

diphthong

He has difficulty in pronouncing certain *diphthongs*.

as soon as

As soon as we arrived, we heard the news.

disappointment

He felt a great *disappointment* when he heard the news.

disperse

He ordered the crowd to *disperse*.

declaim

We listened to the orator *declaim* in the auditorium.

Incorrect**discovered**

He *discovered* a machine to weave cloth.

discreet

These are three *discreet* skills.

discrete

He was very *discrete* when he spoke to his former professor.

disease

His untimely *disease* was mourned by all.

disinterested

I have always been *disinterested* in art.

dismaid

We were *dismaid* when we saw the report.

disobediance

We were shocked at his *disobediance*

disperse

A treasurer *disperses* money.

Correct**invented**

He *invented* a machine to weave cloth.

discrete

These are three *discrete* skills.

discreet

He was very *discreet* when he spoke to his former professor.

decease

His untimely *decease* was mourned by all.

uninterested

I have always been *uninterested* in art.

dismayed

We were *dismayed* when we saw the report.

disobedience

We were shocked at his *disobedience*

disburse

A treasurer *disburses* money.

Incorrect

disposition

My car is at your *disposition*.

disremember

Did you *disremember* the address?

distinctive

The *distinctive* gentleman entered the parlor.

distracted

This error *distracted* from his otherwise perfect record.

divide up

They expect to *divide up* the proceeds.

do

The books are *do* today.

dominated with

They were *dominated with* one thought.

done

He *done* his duty.

don't

He *don't* go to school.

Correct

disposal

My car is at your *disposal*.

forget

Did you *forget* the address?

distinguished

The *distinguished* gentleman entered the parlor.

detracted

This error *detracted* from his otherwise perfect record.

divide

They expect to *divide* the proceeds.

due

The books are *due* today.

dominated by

They were *dominated by* one thought.

did

He *did* his duty.

doesn't

He *doesn't* go to school.

Incorrect**door-bell**

Let us ring the *door-bell*.

dosen't

She *dosen't* know what to do.

dove

He *dove* quickly into the icy water.

Dr.

The *Dr.* was not in his office.

dranked

He *dranked* all the punch.

draw down

You should *draw down* the blinds.

drawed

He *drawed* a fine picture.

dress-making

She is studying *dress-making*.

driness

There was a great deal of *driness* in the air.

Correct**doorbell**

Let us ring the *doorbell*.

doesn't

She *doesn't* know what to do.

dived

He *dived* quickly into the icy water.

doctor

The *doctor* was not in his office.

drank

He *drank* all the punch.

draw

You should *draw* the blinds.

drew

He *drew* a fine picture.

dressmaking

She is studying *dressmaking*.

dryness

There was a great deal of *dryness* in the air.

Incorrect**driv**He *driv* the car by himself.**drived**I believe he has *drived* to Ohio.**drop**There is not a *drop* of meat left.**drove**Have you *drove* the car yet?**drunk**The child *drunk* the milk.**drunk**The *drunk* man almost fell.**drunken**That sailor is *drunken*.**druv**He *druv* home alone.**dual**The *dual* in *Hamlet* occurs in the fifth act.**Correct****drove**He *drove* the car by himself.**driven**I believe he has *driven* to Ohio.**particle**There is not a *particle* of meat left.**driven**Have you *driven* the car yet?**drank**The child *drank* the milk.**drunken**The *drunken* man almost fell.**drunk**That sailor is *drunk*.**drove**He *drove* home alone.**duel**The *duel* in *Hamlet* occurs in the fifth act.

Incorrect**due**

The grass glistened with the morning *due*.

duel

This car has *duel* control.

due to

Due to rain, the game was cancelled.

dutious

She is a most *dutious* daughter.

dying

She is *dying* the cloth.

dynamoes

They both worked like *dynamoes*.

Correct**dew**

The grass glistened with the morning *dew*.

dual

This car has *dual* control.

because of

Because of rain, the game was cancelled.

dutiful

She is a most *dutiful* daughter.

dyeing

She is *dyeing* the cloth.

dynamos

They both worked like *dynamos*.

E

Incorrect

each other

The five women spoke to *each other*.

earn

We placed the *earn* on the shelf.

ear shaped

The lily is an *ear shaped* flower.

easternly

We went in an *easternly* direction.

easy

One can drown in a pool as *easy* as in a lake.

easy-going

He is relaxed and *easy-going*.

eats

The *eats* is on the table.

Correct

one another

The five women spoke to *one another*.

urn

We placed the *urn* on the shelf.

ear-shaped

The lily is an *ear-shaped* flower.

easterly

We went in an *easterly* direction.

easily

One can drown in a pool as *easily* as in a lake.

easygoing

He is relaxed and *easygoing*.

food

The *food* is on the table.

Incorrect

ebbing out

We enjoyed watching the tide *ebbing out*.

echos

We heard many *echos* in the cave.

economic

The *economic* homemaker should be praised.

ecstasy

He was in a state of *ecstasy*.

edable

This plant is *edable*.

edition

He checked the *edition* of numbers.

editor-in-chief

He is the *editor-in-chief* of the newspaper.

effect

The drought is certain to *effect* the price of farm products.

egg plant

The recipe calls for *egg plant*.

Correct

ebbing

We enjoyed watching the tide *ebbing*.

echoes

We heard many *echoes* in the cave.

economical

The *economical* homemaker should be praised.

ecstasy

He was in a state of *ecstasy*.

edible

This plant is *edible*.

addition

He checked the *addition* of numbers.

editor in chief

He is the *editor in chief* of the newspaper.

affect

The drought is certain to *affect* the price of farm products.

eggplant

The recipe calls for *eggplant*.

Incorrect

egg shaped

Choose an *egg shaped* piece of wood.

elapse

He had a sudden *elapse* of memory.

electric

The *electric* was turned off.

elegant

The food is very *elegant*.

elemental

He is taking *elemental* chemistry.

elementary

He is attending an *elementary* school.

elicit

The *elicit* sale of drugs must be stopped.

else than

Shakespeare was rarely regarded by students as anything *else than* the writer of plays.

elude

Jerry *eluded* to the Bible in his essay.

Correct

egg-shaped

Choose an *egg-shaped* piece of wood.

lapse

He had a sudden *lapse* of memory.

electricity

The *electricity* was turned off.

delicious

The food is very *delicious*.

elementary

He is taking *elementary* chemistry.

elementary

He is attending an *elementary* school.

illicit

The *illicit* sale of drugs must be stopped.

other than

Shakespeare was rarely regarded by students as anything *other than* the writer of plays.

allude

Jerry *alluded* to the Bible in his essay.

Incorrect**elusion**

There are several *elusions* to mythology in the poem.

emanate from

Did the murder *emanate from* that house?

embarassed

The teacher was very *embarassed* when the parent entered the room.

emigrate

The man was not permitted to *emigrate* to the United States.

eminent

He believes that the end of the world is *eminent*.

end up

I'll *end up* the story with an anecdote.

enigmae

There were many *enigmae* surrounding his origin.

enlargen

He sought to *enlargen* his territory.

Correct**allusion**

There are several *allusions* to mythology in the poem.

happen in

Did the murder *happen in* that house?

embarrassed

The teacher was very *embarrassed* when the parent entered the room.

immigrate

The man was not permitted to *immigrate* to the United States.

imminent

He believes that the end of the world is *imminent*.

end

I'll *end* the story with an anecdote.

enigmas

There were many *enigmas* surrounding his origin.

enlarge

He sought to *enlarge* his territory.

Incorrect**entered into**

The class *entered into* the room.

enthuse

I hope the ideas will *enthuse* him.

enthused

She became very *enthused* when she heard the speech.

entomology

The work in language included a unit in *entomology*.

enumerable

I have heard that same comment *enumerable* times.

envelop

Place the note in an *envelop*.

envelope

We will *envelope* you with kindness.

envious

He made an *envious* record at college.

envocation

The poem began with an *envocation*.

Correct**entered**

The class *entered* the room.

interest

I hope the ideas will *interest* him.

enthusiastic

She became very *enthusiastic* when she heard the speech.

etymology

The work in language included a unit in *etymology*.

innumerable

I have heard that same comment *innumerable* times.

envelope

Place the note in an *envelope*.

envelop

We will *envelop* you with kindness.

enviable

He made an *enviable* record at college.

invocation

The poem began with an *invocation*.

Incorrect

epic

The recent accomplishments of the astronauts marked the beginning of a new *epic*.

epigrammatic

His comment was *epigrammatic*.

epitaph

He hurled a strange *epitaph* at us.

epithet

There was an *epithet* inscribed on the monument.

epoch

We completed the reading of the *epoch* poem *Paradise Lost*.

equable

An *equable* adjustment will be made in view of the damage.

equally as good

Your work is *equally as good* as his.

equally as good

This pie is *equally as good*.

Correct

epoch

The recent accomplishments of the astronauts marked the beginning of a new *epoch*.

epigrammatic

His comment was *epigrammatic*.

epithet

He hurled a strange *epithet* at us.

epitaph

There was an *epitaph* inscribed on the monument.

epic

We completed the reading of the *epic* poem *Paradise Lost*.

equitable

An *equitable* adjustment will be made in view of the damage.

as good as

Your work is *as good as* his.

equally good

This pie is *equally good*.

Incorrect

equipement

We will need new *equipement* at the factory.

ernest

He is an *ernest* young man.

especial

We were granted several *especial* privileges.

essay

He attempted to *essay* the news.

etymology

In order to learn more about insect control, we took a course in *etymology*.

evert

He tried to *evert* the danger.

every bit

She is *every bit* a student.

every place

He looked *every place*.

everywheres

Everywheres I looked, I saw mountains.

Correct

equipment

We will need new *equipment* at the factory.

earnest

He is an *earnest* young man.

special

We were granted several *special* privileges.

assay

He attempted to *assay* the news.

entomology

In order to learn more about insect control, we took a course in *entomology*.

avert

He tried to *avert* the danger.

in every way

She is *in every way* a student.

everywhere

He looked *everywhere*.

everywhere

Everywhere I looked, I saw mountains.

Incorrect

evesdropper

We were told that she was an *evesdropper*.

exalted

We all *exalted* over the great victory.

example where

Here is a perfect *example where* care must be taken.

exceed

After the war, Germany had to *exceed* many of her colonies.

excel

We must not *excel* our quota.

except

Please *except* this gift.

exceptionable

The child displays *exceptionable* talent.

except she

They are all going *except she*.

excerpt

The dentist had to *excerpt* the tooth.

Correct

eavesdropper

We were told that she was an *eavesdropper*.

exulted

We all *exulted* over the great victory.

example in which

Here is a perfect *example in which* care must be taken.

cede

After the war, Germany had to *cede* many of her colonies.

exceed

We must not *exceed* our quota.

accept

Please *accept* this gift.

exceptional

The child displays *exceptional* talent.

except her

They are all going *except her*.

extract

The dentist had to *extract* the tooth.

Incorrect

excess

He is the only one who has *excess* to the key.

excessively

The day was *excessively* humid.

excize

This is an example of an *excize* tax.

excusable

Your actions are most *excusable*.

exercise

The priest tried to *exercise* the spirit.

exercize

We need more *exercize*.

exhuberance

We enjoyed her *exhuberance*.

exorcise

We need to *exorcise* more frequently in the gymnasium.

expect

I *expect* that he won the race.

Correct

access

He is the only one who has *access* to the key.

exceedingly

The day was *exceedingly* humid.

excise

This is an example of an *excise* tax.

excusable

Your actions are most *excusable*.

exorcise

The priest tried to *exorcise* the spirit.

exercise

We need more *exercise*.

exuberance

We enjoyed her *exuberance*.

exercise

We need to *exercise* more frequently in the gymnasium.

assume

I *assume* that he won the race.

Incorrect**expell**

She had to *expell* him from school.

expence

We had to go to trouble and *expence*.

experiance

He has had little *experiance* as an actor.

experimently

The product is being used *experimently*.

explicit

I have *explicit* faith in your judgment.

expresident

There is the *expresident* of the company.

extant

The *extant* of the damage was not known.

extasy

This was a moment of *extasy*.

Correct**expel**

She had to *expel* him from school.

expense

We had to go to trouble and *expense*.

experience

He has had little *experience* as an actor.

experimentally

The product is being used *experimentally*.

implicit

I have *implicit* faith in your judgment.

ex-president

There is the *ex-president* of the company.

extent

The *extent* of the damage was not known.

ecstasy

This was a moment of *ecstasy*.

Incorrect

extent

There are only seven plays of Aeschylus *extent*.

extoll

He came to *extoll* the hero.

extra

He took *extra* care in explaining the solution.

extra

It's an *extra* beautiful day.

extract

The paragraph was an *extract* from a book.

exulted

It was an *exulted* experience.

eye glasses

I believe you need *eye glasses*.

Correct

extant

There are only seven plays of Aeschylus *extant*.

extol

He came to *extol* the hero.

especial

He took *especial* care in explaining the solution.

unusually

It's an *unusually* beautiful day.

excerpt

The paragraph was an *excerpt* from a book.

exalted

It was an *exalted* experience.

eyeglasses

I believe you need *eyeglasses*.

F

Incorrect

faint-hearted

If you expect to succeed, you cannot be *faint-hearted*.

fair

The *fair* at the inn was varied and well prepared.

fair-sized

This is a *fair-sized* book.

faith

I will go wherever my *faith* leads.

fakir

You are a *fakir*, an imposter!

fallable

We must understand that human beings are *fallable*.

famous

The *famous* gangster was caught.

Correct

fainthearted

If you expect to succeed, you cannot be *fainthearted*.

fare

The *fare* at the inn was varied and well prepared.

fair-size

This is a *fair-size* book.

fate

I will go wherever my *fate* leads.

faker

You are a *faker*, an imposter!

fallible

We must understand that human beings are *fallible*.

notorious

The *notorious* gangster was caught.

Incorrect**fare**

He tries to be *fare* in everything he does.

far-fetched

That is a *far-fetched* explanation.

farther

You will have to delve into the study even *farther*.

fate

The man had many doubts and little *fate*.

father-in-laws

The *father-in-laws* met for the first time.

favor

He *favours* a dog to a cat.

feat

His *feat* ached after the hike.

features

She strongly *features* her sister.

feet

We admired his daring *feet*.

Correct**fair**

He tries to be *fair* in everything he does.

farfetched

That is a *farfetched* explanation.

further

You will have to delve into the study even *further*.

faith

The man had many doubts and little *faith*.

fathers-in-law

The *fathers-in-law* met for the first time.

prefer

He *prefers* a dog to a cat.

feet

His *feet* ached after the hike.

resembles

She strongly *resembles* her sister.

feat

We admired his daring *feat*.

Incorrect**feint**

The sound in the distance was quite *feint*.

fell

The box has *fell* out of the boat.

ferocious

This is a *ferocious* error.

fewer

You have *fewer* money than I.

fickel

She is a very *fickel* and flighty person.

fictitious pseudonym

He writes under a *fictitious pseudonym*.

Filippino

He is a *Filippino* by birth.

final completion

We waited for the *final completion* of the article.

final ending

What is the *final ending* of the play?

Correct**faint**

The sound in the distance was quite *faint*.

fallen

The box has *fallen* out of the boat.

very great

This is a *very great* error.

less

You have *less* money than I.

fickle

She is a very *fickle* and flighty person.

pseudonym

He writes under a *pseudonym*.

Filipino

He is a *Filipino* by birth.

completion

We waited for the *completion* of the article.

ending

What is the *ending* of the play?

Incorrect**find**

The judge *find* the driver.

fined

Where did you *fined* the money?

finish up

Let's *finish up* the business.

fir

She insisted on wearing a *fir* stole.

fire-proof

The building is completely *fire-proof*.

first-aid

He administered *first-aid*.

first-hand

He wants *first-hand* knowledge.

first-lieutenant

He just became a *first-lieutenant*.

firstly

Firstly, I want to thank all of you.

first off

First off, let's talk about the election.

Correct**fined**

The judge *fined* the driver.

find

Where did you *find* the money?

finish

Let's *finish* the business.

fur

She insisted on wearing a *fur* stole.

fireproof

The building is completely *fireproof*.

first aid

He administered *first aid*.

firsthand

He wants *firsthand* knowledge.

first lieutenant

He just became a *first lieutenant*.

first

First, I want to thank all of you.

first

First, let's talk about the election.

Incorrect**fisher**

The paper was hidden in the *fisher*.

fissure

He is a hunter and *fissure*.

five cents worth

I'd like *five cents worth* of candy.

five's

There are three *five's* in fifteen.

fixing

The clock needs *fixing*.

flair

The flames began to *flair* out.

flammible

This material is highly *flammible*.

flare

He has a *flare* for writing.

flea

We must *flea* from this city.

flee

The *flee* flew away.

Correct**fissure**

The paper was hidden in the *fissure*.

fisher

He is a hunter and *fisher*.

five cents' worth

I'd like *five cents' worth* of candy.

fives

There are three *fives* in fifteen.

repairing

The clock needs *repairing*.

flare

The flames began to *flare* out.

flammable

This material is highly *flammable*.

flair

He has a *flair* for writing.

flee

We must *flee* from this city.

flea

The *flea* flew away.

Incorrect**flew**

Has this bird *flew* before?

flied

The paper *flied* through the air.

floor walker

He is a *floor walker* in the store.

flour

The *flour* bloomed in the garden.

flower

The recipe called for a cup of *flower*.

flu

The bird *flu* through the window.

flunk

Did you *flunk* the examination?

flys

The bird *flys* gracefully.

focussed

He *focussed* the camera.

folkdance

We love that *folkdance*.

Correct**flown**

Has this bird *flown* before?

flew

The paper *flew* through the air.

floorwalker

He is a *floorwalker* in the store.

flower

The *flower* bloomed in the garden.

flour

The recipe called for a cup of *flour*.

flew

The bird *flew* through the window.

fail

Did you *fail* the examination?

flies

The bird *flies* gracefully.

focused

He *focused* the camera.

folk dance

We love that *folk dance*.

Incorrect**folksong**

This is a popular *folksong*.

folk tale

He heard an old *folk tale*.

folktune

Isn't this a lovely *folktune*?

followed behind

They *followed behind* the leader.

foot

He is six *foot* tall.

for

There were *for* more pies left.

for

She brought her son *for* dinner.

forbids of

The storm *forbids of* our traveling.

forego

The firm was unwilling to *forego* its usual commission.

foreword

He went *foreword* into battle.

Correct**folk song**

This is a popular *folk song*.

folktale

He heard an old *folktale*.

folk tune

Isn't this a lovely *folk tune*?

followed

They *followed* the leader.

feet

He is six *feet* tall.

four

There were *four* more pies left.

to

She brought her son *to* dinner.

forbids

The storm *forbids* our traveling.

forgo

The firm was unwilling to *forgo* its usual commission.

forward

He went *forward* into battle.

Incorrect**forfiet**

You will have to pay a *forfiet*.

foriegn

We traveled to many *foriegn* lands.

formally

He was *formally* the president of the organization.

formerly

You will have to be *formerly* dressed.

forsook

She has *forsook* her home.

fort

Swimming is not my *fort*.

forte

The settlers went to the *forte*.

forteen

The battle lasted *forteen* hours.

forth

This is the *forth* time I've told you what to do.

Correct**forfeit**

You will have to pay a *forfeit*

foreign

We traveled to many *foreign* lands.

formerly

He was *formerly* the president of the organization.

formally

You will have to be *formally* dressed.

forsaken

She has *forsaken* her home.

forte

Swimming is not my *forte*.

fort

The settlers went to the *fort*.

fourteen

The battle lasted *fourteen* hours.

fourth

This is the *fourth* time I've told you what to do.

Incorrect**fortyniner**

He was a *fortyniner*.

forward

The *forward* contains many interesting comments.

for why

I'll tell you *for why* you should go.

foul

We noticed some strange *foul* in the area.

foul up

He has a tendency to *foul up* all matters.

four

Four whom was the call?

fourth

The lad was ready to go *fourth* into the world.

fourty

It rained for *fourty* days.

fowl

The *fowl* odor felled the three men.

Correct**forty-niner**

He was a *forty-niner*.

foreword

The *foreword* contains many interesting comments.

why

I'll tell you *why* you should go.

fowl

We noticed some strange *fowl* in the area.

confuse

He has a tendency to *confuse* all matters.

for

For whom was the call?

forth

The lad was ready to go *forth* into the world.

forty

It rained for *forty* days.

foul

The *foul* odor felled the three men.

Incorrect**free for nothing**

The pencils are *free for nothing*.

free gratis

These booklets are *free gratis*.

freezed

The lake *freezed* rapidly.

friccassee

She served the *friccassee* in a casserole.

friendly

He talked *friendly* to me.

Frisco

Frisco is an interesting city.

from

She seems to be quite another person *from* what she was.

from hence

He came *from hence*.

from thence

He traveled *from thence* last night.

Correct**free**

The pencils are *free*.

free

These booklets are *free*.

froze

The lake *froze* rapidly.

fricassee

She served the *fricassee* in a casserole.

in a friendly manner

He talked *in a friendly manner* to me.

San Francisco

San Francisco is an interesting city.

than

She seems to be quite another person *than* what she was.

from here

He came *from here*.

from there

He traveled *from there* last night.

Incorrect**from whence**

From *whence* did you get that report?

fryed

The meat was *fryed* in oil.

fuedal

We heard a lecture on *fuedal* laws.

fulsome

He was given *fulsome* praise at the banquet.

funny

I had a *funny* experience that terrified me.

fur

The *fur* tree grew in the forest.

furlow

He was on a *furlow*.

further

He walked *further* than I.

furtivity

His *furtivity* astonished us.

Correct**from where**

From *where* did you get that report?

fried

The meat was *fried* in oil.

feudal

We heard a lecture on *feudal* laws.

abundant

He was given *abundant* praise at the banquet.

strange

I had a *strange* experience that terrified me.

fir

The *fir* tree grew in the forest.

furlough

He was on a *furlough*.

farther

He walked *farther* than I.

furtiveness

His *furtiveness* astonished us.

G

Incorrect

gait

The *gait* needs to be oiled.

gamble

We watched the lambs *gamble* on the green.

gambol

I don't want you to *gambol* or use profanity.

gasses

There are several poisonous *gasses* present.

gate

He walked with a slow *gate*.

gave

What have you *gave* him for his birthday?

gender

Persons of the female *gender* may not enter.

Correct

gate

The *gate* needs to be oiled.

gambol

We watched the lambs *gambol* on the green.

gamble

I don't want you to *gamble* or use profanity.

gases

There are several poisonous *gases* present.

gait

He walked with a slow *gait*.

given

What have you *given* him for his birthday?

sex

Persons of the female *sex* may not enter.

Incorrect**general**

General, he behaves quite well.

generally always

He is *generally always* late.

gentleman

The man sometimes forgot his *gentleman* habits.

gents'

This store advertised *gents'* suits.

gets

His manner *gets* me.

giftwear

They specialize in *giftwear*.

gild

He belonged to the *gild* of carpenters.

gilt

His *gilt* was obvious to the jury.

gimme

Gimme my gloves, please.

Correct**generally**

Generally, he behaves quite well.

usually

He is *usually* late.

gentlemanly

The man sometimes forgot his *gentlemanly* habits.

men's

This store advertised *men's* suits.

puzzles

His manner *puzzles* me.

giftware

They specialize in *giftware*.

guild

He belonged to the *guild* of carpenters.

guilt

His *guilt* was obvious to the jury.

give me

Give me my gloves, please.

Incorrect**given**

They never *given* it to me.

glacier

The *glacier* repaired the window.

glad of

I was *glad of* the news.

glassesful

He drank two *glassesful* of water.

glazier

The *glazier* was coming on in a relentless manner.

god-parents

They are the child's *god-parents*.

going

The *going* trend is to wear simpler hats.

going on

We are *going on* a wedding tomorrow.

good

I don't feel *good* today.

Correct**gave**

They never *gave* it to me.

glazier

The *glazier* repaired the window.

glad at

I was *glad at* the news.

glassfuls

He drank two *glassfuls* of water.

glacier

The *glacier* was coming on in a relentless manner.

godparents

They are the child's *godparents*.

current

The *current* trend is to wear simpler hats.

going to

We are *going to* a wedding tomorrow.

well

I don't feel *well* today.

Incorrect**good**He reads quite *good*.**gorilla**The enemy was known for practicing *gorilla* warfare.**got**Did you *got* a new dress?**got**I *got* a bat and ball.**got**He *got* to go home.**got late**I *got late* to work.**graduated**He never *graduated* high school.**grate**Edison was certainly a *grate* man.**great**The noise began to *great* after a while.**Correct****well**He reads quite *well*.**guerrilla**The enemy was known for practicing *guerrilla* warfare.**get**Did you *get* a new dress?**have**I *have* a bat and ball.**must**He *must* go home.**was late**I *was late* to work.**graduated from**He never *graduated from* high school.**great**Edison was certainly a *great* man.**grate**The noise began to *grate* after a while.

Incorrect**greatest of**

He expressed his *greatest of* regrets.

greatful

I am *greatful* for all your help.

greatly minimized

He *greatly minimized* the importance of the book.

greif

Her *greif* was understandable.

groan

He has *groan* over the summer.

growed

Who *growed* these flowers?

growed

He has *growed* considerably.

grown

Suddenly we heard a *grown* in the dark.

grub

What type of *grub* did they serve?

Correct**greatest**

He expressed his *greatest* regrets.

grateful

I am *grateful* for all your help.

minimized

He *minimized* the importance of the book.

grief

Her *grief* was understandable.

grown

He has *grown* over the summer.

grew

Who *grew* these flowers?

grown

He has *grown* considerably.

groan

Suddenly we heard a *groan* in the dark.

food

What type of *food* did they serve?

Incorrect**guerrilla**

The *guerrilla* is said to be a shy animal.

guessed

Mrs. Jones was the *guessed* of honor.

guest

I never *guest* what was in store for us.

guidence

Many adolescents are in need of *guidence*.

guild

Do not *guild* the lily.

guilt

The certificate had *guilt* edges.

gutteral

He made a *gutteral* sound.

Correct**gorilla**

The *gorilla* is said to be a shy animal.

guest

Mrs. Jones was the *guest* of honor.

guessed

I never *guessed* what was in store for us.

guidance

Many adolescents are in need of *guidance*.

gild

Do not *gild* the lily.

gilt

The certificate had *gilt* edges.

guttural

He made a *guttural* sound.

H

Incorrect

habitual braggart

My sister is a *habitual braggart*.

hadded to

He said he *hadded to* do it.

had have

If you *had have* come, you would have seen them.

hadn't ought

He *hadn't ought* to have spoken.

had of

I wish I *had of* gone.

had ought

The men *had ought* to go to the theater.

hail

He was *hail* at the age of seventy.

hair

The *hair* leaped through the glade.

Correct

braggart

My sister is a *braggart*.

had to

He said he *had to* do it.

had

If you *had* come, you would have seen them.

ought not

He *ought not* to have spoken.

had

I wish I *had* gone.

ought

The men *ought* to go to the theater.

hale

He was *hale* at the age of seventy.

hare

The *hare* leaped through the glade.

Incorrect**halfmast**

The flag was at *halfmast*.

hale

Suddenly it became cold and began to *hale*.

half-brother

Is this his *half-brother*?

half-sister

I believe Rose is her *half-sister*.

hall

The truck will *hall* away the rubbish.

hallow

The tube was *hallow*.

halucination

I believe it was simply a *halucination*.

hand-made

This article is *hand-made*.

handsful

Take two *handsful* of wool.

Correct**half-mast**

The flag was at *half-mast*.

hail

Suddenly it became cold and began to *hail*.

half brother

Is this his *half brother*?

half sister

I believe Rose is her *half sister*.

haul

The truck will *haul* away the rubbish.

hollow

The tube was *hollow*.

hallucination

I believe it was simply a *hallucination*.

handmade

This article is *handmade*.

handfuls

Take two *handfuls* of wool.

Incorrect**handsome**

He rode in a *handsome*.

hangar

You need a *hangar* for that dress.

hanged

They *hanged* the curtains in the bedroom.

hanger

The airplane crashed into the *hanger*.

hansom

He is a *hansom* youth.

hardly no

I have *hardly no* money.

hardwear

We need a *hardwear* store.

hare

Please comb your *hare*.

hart

Your question reaches the *hart* of the problem.

Correct**hansom**

He rode in a *hansom*.

hanger

You need a *hanger* for that dress.

hung

They *hung* the curtains in the bedroom.

hangar

The airplane crashed into the *hangar*.

handsome

He is a *handsome* youth.

hardly any

I have *hardly any* money.

hardware

We need a *hardware* store.

hair

Please comb your *hair*.

heart

Your question reaches the *heart* of the problem.

Incorrect**has**They *has* a new apartment.**has been**There *has been* two accidents.**has began**He *has began* his writing.**has done**Mary is among the students who *has done* honor to her school.**has got**This rose *has got* a sweet fragrance.**has rang**I am sure the bell *has rang*.**has sang**She *has sang* here before.**has sank**The ship *has sank*.**has shrank**The dress *has shrank* considerably.**haul**There is a fine picture in the *haul*.**Correct****have**They *have* a new apartment.**have been**There *have been* two accidents.**has begun**He *has begun* his writing.**have done**Mary is among the students who *have done* honor to her school.**has**This rose *has* a sweet fragrance.**has rung**I am sure the bell *has rung*.**has sung**She *has sung* here before.**has sunk**The ship *has sunk*.**has shrunk**The dress *has shrunk* considerably.**hall**There is a fine picture in the *hall*.

Incorrect**have a right to**

You *have a right to* be shot.

have brung

You should *have brung* some ice cream home.

have came

I *have came* several times.

hay

Hay! Watch out for the car!

hayday

They had a *hayday* in the city.

he

Between Joan and *he* there are no secrets.

healthful

He has a *healthful* glow to his face.

healthy

Our city has a *healthy* climate.

hear

Place the bottle over *hear*.

Correct**ought to**

You *ought to* be shot.

have brought

You should *have brought* some ice cream home.

have come

I *have come* several times.

hey

Hey! Watch out for the car!

heyday

They had a *heyday* in the city.

him

Between Joan and *him* there are no secrets.

healthy

He has a *healthy* glow to his face.

healthful

Our city has a *healthful* climate.

here

Place the bottle over *here*.

Incorrect**hear say**

I *hear say* he is ill.

hear tell

I *hear tell* you are going to the market.

heart

The *heart* was sacred to Artemis.

hebrew

The *hebrew* leader crossed the river.

heerd

I *heerd* he died last week.

heir

The *heir* is cool tonight.

her

Bill and *Her* are going together.

here

I do not *here* you very well.

herecy

It is *herecy* to make such a statement.

Correct**hear**

I *hear* he is ill.

hear

I *hear* you are going to the market.

hart

The *hart* was sacred to Artemis.

Hebrew

The *Hebrew* leader crossed the river.

heard

I *heard* he died last week.

air

The *air* is cool tonight.

she

Bill and *she* are going together.

hear

I do not *hear* you very well.

heresy

It is *heresy* to make such a statement.

Incorrect**her's**The book is *her's*.**he who**You must believe in *he who* will help you.**hey**We went on a *hey* ride.**high pressure**I resent your *high pressure* tactics.**higher**The workman is worthy of his *higher*.**him**It was *him* who called.**him**John and *him* are going with us.**him**He is better than *him*.**him**The worship service opened with the singing of a *him*.**Correct****hers**The book is *hers*.**him who**You must believe in *him who* will help you.**hay**We went on a *hay* ride.**high-pressure**I resent your *high-pressure* tactics.**hire**The workman is worthy of his *hire*.**he**It was *he* who called.**he**John and *he* are going with us.**he**He is better than *he*.**hymn**The worship service opened with the singing of a *hymn*.

Incorrect**hipocrisy**

I will not tolerate *hipocrisy*.

hire

He went even *hire* than we thought possible.

historical

This is the *historical* spot where the first shot was fired.

hi's

This game is *hi's*.

his

One should be true to *his* faith.

his'n

Are you sure it's *his'n*?

hisself

He did the work *hisself*.

hoard

The *hoard* of teenagers pushed into the theater.

hoarse

The *hoarse* was friendly to the children.

Correct**hypocrisy**

I will not tolerate *hypocrisy*.

higher

He went even *higher* than we thought possible.

historic

This is the *historic* spot where the first shot was fired.

his

This game is *his*.

one's

One should be true to *one's* faith.

his

Are you sure it's *his*?

himself

He did the work *himself*.

horde

The *horde* of teenagers pushed into the theater.

horse

The *horse* was friendly to the children.

Incorrect**holey**

The shrine was considered *holey*.

hollowed

This is a *hollowed* shrine, sacred for centuries.

holly

The ground you stand upon is *holly*.

holy

She was *holy* satisfied.

holy

A wreath of *holy* was over the mantle.

home

I hope to be *home* for the summer.

honest truth

The *honest truth* is that I did not go.

hoop

When they charged into battle, the Indians gave a loud *hoop*.

horde

He was told not to *horde* food.

Correct**holy**

The shrine was considered *holy*.

hallowed

This is a *hallowed* shrine, sacred for centuries.

holy

The ground you stand upon is *holy*.

wholly

She was *wholly* satisfied.

holly

A wreath of *holly* was over the mantle.

at home

I hope to be *at home* for the summer.

truth

The *truth* is that I did not go.

whoop

When they charged into battle, the Indians gave a loud *whoop*.

hoard

He was told not to *hoard* food.

Incorrect**hors-d'oeuvres**

The *hors-d'oeuvres* were delicious.

horse

I am *horse* from speaking so much.

hour

We are looking for *hour* book.

however

However could you do it!

human

He behaved in a *human* way toward the convict.

humane

Does every *humane* possess the instinct for survival?

hung

The men of the town *hung* the outlaw.

hurted

The wound *hurted* him.

hymn

Must we always wait for *hymn*?

Correct**hors d'oeuvres**

The *hors d'oeuvres* were delicious.

hoarse

I am *hoarse* from speaking so much.

our

We are looking for *our* book.

how

How could you do it!

humane

He behaved in a *humane* way toward the convict.

human

Does every *human* possess the instinct for survival?

hanged

The men of the town *hanged* the outlaw.

hurt

The wound *hurt* him.

him

Must we always wait for *him*?

Incorrect

hypercritical

His *hypercritical* remarks were just further indications of how he tried to please everyone.

hypocritical

He did not want to be *hypocritical* in discussing the play with its faults.

Correct

hypocritical

His *hypocritical* remarks were just further indications of how he tried to please everyone.

hypercritical

He did not want to be *hypercritical* in discussing the play with its faults.

I

Incorrect

I

They asked Joan and *I* to go with them.

I

Did you call Rose and *I*?

I

He spoke to Bob and *I*.

I

He likes you better than *I*

ice coffee

We were given some *ice coffee*.

ice-cream

He ordered a dish of *ice-cream*.

ice tea

The *ice tea* was most refreshing.

identical to

He is *identical to* his twin brother.

Correct

me

They asked Joan and *me* to go with them.

me

Did you call Rose and *me*?

me

He spoke to Bob and *me*.

me

He likes you better than *me*.

iced coffee

We were given some *iced coffee*.

ice cream

He ordered a dish of *ice cream*.

iced tea

The *iced tea* was most refreshing.

identical with

He is *identical with* his twin brother.

Incorrect**idle**

They fashioned an *idle* and worshipped it.

idol

Jeff was *idol* all afternoon.

idol

This was a lovely summer *idol*.

idyll

Idyll hands make mischief.

idyll

There was evidence of *idyll* worship.

if

I did not know *if* he would ride or walk.

illegible

He is *illegible* to vote in this election.

illicit

Try to *illicit* the information, if you can.

ill of

She is *ill of* a cold.

Correct**idol**

They fashioned an *idol* and worshipped it.

idle

Jeff was *idle* all afternoon.

idyll

This was a lovely summer *idyll*.

idle

Idle hands make mischief.

idol

There was evidence of *idol* worship.

whether

I did not know *whether* he would ride or walk.

ineligible

He is *ineligible* to vote in this election.

elicit

Try to *elicit* the information, if you can.

ill with

She is *ill with* a cold.

Incorrect

ill tempered

He is *ill tempered* and nasty.

illude

Are you trying to *illude* yourself?

illusion

The *illusion* was to the Bible.

imbue

The courage he *imbued* in his men was remarkable.

immersed

We *immersed* from the tunnel.

immigrated

That was Robert's aim when he *immigrated* from Spain.

imminent

The man was an *imminent* member of the community.

imminent

These are some of her *imminent* qualities.

imitation leatherette

The wallet is *imitation leatherette*.

Correct

ill-tempered

He is *ill-tempered* and nasty.

delude

Are you trying to *delude* yourself?

allusion

The *allusion* was to the Bible.

instil

The courage he *instilled* in his men was remarkable.

emerged

We *emerged* from the tunnel.

emigrated

That was Robert's aim when he *emigrated* from Spain.

eminent

The man was an *eminent* member of the community.

immanent

These are some of her *immanent* qualities.

leatherette

The wallet is *leatherette*.

Incorrect**impecable**

He has an *impecable* record.

imply

We can *imply* from the readings that this theory has never been substantiated.

in

The child was not *in* fault.

in

He jumped from the board *in* the pool.

In a.d.

He died *in a.d.* 1865

in between

Put this marker *in between* these two pages.

Inc

Fordham, *Inc* is a fine shop.

incamped

The troops were *incamped* by the hill.

Correct**impeccable**

He has an *impeccable* record.

infer

We can *infer* from the readings that this theory has never been substantiated.

at

The child was not *at* fault.

into

He jumped from the board *into* the pool.

a.d.

He died *a.d.* 1865

between

Put this marker *between* these two pages.

Inc.

Fordham, *Inc.* is a fine shop.

encamped

The troops were *encamped* by the hill.

Incorrect**incidence**

The two *incidence* occurred in the evening.

incidentally

Incidentally, my boy, you are mistaken.

incidents

The *incidents* of failure is higher among the nonacademic.

incite

He has unusual *incite*.

incredible

The *incredible* people did not believe our story.

incredulous

The story seemed *incredulous*.

indicted

They *indicted* a complaint to the president of the congregation.

indited

He was *indited* by the grand jury.

indivisible

That number is *indivisible* by three.

Correct**incidents**

The two *incidents* occurred in the evening.

incidentally

Incidentally, my boy, you are mistaken.

incidence

The *incidence* of failure is higher among the nonacademic.

insight

He has unusual *insight*.

incredulous

The *incredulous* people did not believe our story.

incredible

The story seemed *incredible*.

indited

They *indited* a complaint to the president of the congregation.

indicted

He was *indicted* by the grand jury.

indivisible

That number is *indivisible* by three.

Incorrect

ineffable

In order for a guest to enjoy a party, the host must be *ineffable* to everyone.

ineligible

His writing was *ineligible*.

infected

The wound was *infected* with germs.

infer

Are you trying to *infer* that I would do something dishonest?

inferior poetaster

Jonson ridiculed an *inferior poetaster* in one of his plays.

infested

Because the wound had not been properly cleaned, the hand became *infested*.

inforce

They did not *inforce* the law.

ingenious

We enjoyed the *ingenious* quality of the youngster.

Correct

affable

In order for a guest to enjoy a party, the host must be *affable* to everyone.

illegible

His writing was *illegible*.

infested

The wound was *infested* with germs.

imply

Are you trying to *imply* that I would do something dishonest?

poetaster

Jonson ridiculed a *poetaster* in one of his plays.

infected

Because the wound had not been properly cleaned, the hand became *infected*.

enforce

They did not *enforce* the law.

ingenuous

We admired the *ingenuous* quality of the youngster.

Incorrect**ingenuous**

The *ingenuous* man invented a two-headed nail.

in group

He wanted to be part of the *in group*.

in Hamlet it

In Hamlet it describes a man's struggle with his conscience.

inhibitted

He is very *inhibitted* in front of his parents.

injured

His teeth were *injured*.

injury

We had a terrible *injury* when we fell on the lawn.

in regards to

In regards to your request, I shall send the merchandise at once.

inrich

This book will *inrich* your life.

Correct**ingenious**

The *ingenious* man invented a two-headed nail.

in-group

He wanted to be part of the *in-group*.

Hamlet

Hamlet describes a man's struggle with his conscience.

inhibited

He is very *inhibited* in front of his parents.

damaged

His teeth were *damaged*.

accident

We had a terrible *accident* when we fell on the lawn.

in regard to

In regard to your request, I shall send the merchandise at once.

enrich

This book will *enrich* your life.

Incorrect**Correct****in search for**

He went *in search for* a new position.

inshrine

We will *inshrine* him in our hearts.

inside of

He was *inside of* the house.

inside of

She walked *inside of* the house.

inside of

Inside of three weeks, he had his reply.

instance where

This is an *instance where* you are wrong.

instil

The speech *instilled* everyone with enthusiasm.

instants

This is an *instants* that reveals his intelligence.

insured

He *insured* me that he would not let this happen again.

in search of

He went *in search of* a new position.

enshrine

We will *enshrine* him in our hearts.

inside

He was *inside* the house.

inside

She walked *inside* the house.

within

Within three weeks, he had his reply.

instance in which

This is an *instance in which* you are wrong.

imbue

The speech *imbued* everyone with enthusiasm.

instance

This is an *instance* that reveals his intelligence.

assured

He *assured* me that he would not let this happen again.

Incorrect**Correct****intangled**

The situation became hopelessly *intangled*.

intelligensia

He is part of the nation's *intelligensia*.

intelligible

An *intelligible* voter knows the issues of the day.

intents

The heat was *intents*.

into

He walked back and forth *into* the small room.

introduced

The soldier was *introduced* to the queen.

invented

They *invented* the island quite by chance.

in view of

In view of recent discoveries, the speech should be changed.

entangled

The situation became hopelessly *entangled*.

intelligentsia

He is part of the nation's *intelligentsia*.

intelligent

An *intelligent* voter knows the issues of the day.

intense

The heat was *intense*.

in

He walked back and forth *in* the small room.

presented

The soldier was *presented* to the queen.

discovered

They *discovered* the island quite by chance.

in light of

In light of recent discoveries, the speech should be changed.

Incorrect

invite

I received an *invite* to the wedding.

irruption

We were terrified by the volcanic *irruption*.

isle

We like to sit near an *isle* in the theater.

its

I think *its* going to rain.

it's

The dog wagged *it's* tail.

Correct

invitation

I received an *invitation* to the wedding.

eruption

We were terrified by the volcanic *eruption*.

aisle

We like to sit near an *aisle* in the theater.

it's

I think *it's* going to rain.

its

The dog wagged *its* tail.

J

Incorrect

jack-in-the-boxes

There was a display of unusual *jack-in-the-boxes*.

Jan.

He was born in *Jan.*

jealous

The young salesman was *jealous* of the large accounts of the older man.

jedge

He was an honest and trustworthy *jedge*.

jell

It became a *jell* when it cooled.

jewish

He is *jewish*.

Jones's

The *Jones's* are coming to the theater.

Correct

jacks-in-the-box

There was a display of unusual *jacks-in-the-box*.

January

He was born in *January*.

envious

The young salesman was *envious* of the large accounts of the older man.

judge

He was an honest and trustworthy *judge*.

jelly

It became a *jelly* when it cooled.

Jewish

He is *Jewish*.

Joneses

The *Joneses* are coming to the theater.

Incorrect

judged from

Judged from ethical standards, his behavior is highly culpable.

jump in

The boys *jumped in* the lake.

just

He was *just* tired out.

just exactly

This is *just exactly* what I want.

Correct

judged by

Judged by ethical standards, his behavior is highly culpable.

jump into

The boys *jumped into* the lake.

simply

He was *simply* tired out.

just

This is *just* what I want.

K

Incorrect

kahki

They were all dressed in *kahki*.

Kernel

Kernel Edwards was waiting at the barracks.

kimona

She wore a pink *kimona*.

kind of

This decision was *kind of* sudden.

kind of

I *kind of* thought you would go.

kind of a

What *kind of a* car does he drive?

knave

We will wait in the *knave* of the church.

knead

Tell us what you *knead* for college.

Correct

khaki

They were all dressed in *khaki*.

Colonel

Colonel Edwards was waiting at the barracks.

kimono

She wore a pink *kimono*.

rather

The decision was *rather* sudden.

somehow

I *somehow* thought you would go.

kind of

What *kind of* car does he drive?

nave

We will wait in the *nave* of the church.

need

Tell us what you *need* for college.

Incorrect**knew**

This is a *knew* house.

knicknack

She is a collector of *knicknacks*.

knight-errants

The chapter dealt with the exploits of *knight-errants*.

knowed

I *knowed* the outcome in advance.

Correct**new**

This is a *new* house.

knickknack

She is a collector of *knickknacks*.

knights-errant

The chapter dealt with the exploits of *knights-errant*.

knew

I *knew* the outcome in advance.

L

Incorrect

lade

He has *lade* the paper on the desk.

laid

I have *laid* here for an hour.

laid

There he *laid*, at perfect rest.

lain

We strolled down the *lain* together.

lamasary

We visited a *lamasary* in Tibet.

lane

He has *lane* here for hours without moving.

lapsed

A great deal of time *lapsed*.

Correct

laid

He has *laid* the paper on the desk.

lain

I have *lain* here for an hour.

lay

There he *lay*, at perfect rest.

lane

We strolled down the *lane* together.

lamasery

We visited a *lamasery* in Tibet.

lain

He has *lain* here for hours without moving.

elapsed

A great deal of time *elapsed*.

Incorrect**large-sized**

This is a rather *large-sized* apple.

last

Toward the *last* of the book, a most exciting scene takes place.

last

My aunt was the *last* arrival.

later

Use the *later* of the two as your topic.

later on

I shall speak to you *later on*.

latter

It is *latter* than you think.

laughed on

He *laughed on* me.

law

We were interested in studying bird *law*.

lay

He *lay* the book on the table.

Correct**large-size**

This is a rather *large-size* apple.

end

Toward the *end* of the book, a most exciting scene takes place.

latest

My aunt was the *latest* arrival.

latter

Use the *latter* of the two as your topic.

later

I shall speak to you *later*.

later

It is *later* than you think.

laughed at

He *laughed at* me.

lore

We were interested in studying bird *lore*.

laid

He *laid* the book on the table.

Incorrect**lay**

I think I shall *lay* down now.

layed

He *layed* the linoleum in the dinette.

laying

He was *laying* down to rest when the telephone rang.

lead

The soldiers were *lead* by the general.

leaks

Leaks were called the poor man's asparagus.

learn

I hope that I shall *learn* you many things.

least

Don't mumble, *least* you do damage.

leave

Will he *leave* you go to the theater?

Correct**lie**

I think I shall *lie* down now.

laid

He *laid* the linoleum in the dinette.

lying

He was *lying* down to rest when the telephone rang.

led

The soldiers were *led* by the general.

leeks

Leeks were called the poor man's asparagus.

teach

I hope that I shall *teach* you many things.

lest

Don't mumble, *lest* you do damage.

let

Will he *let* you go to the theater?

Incorrect**led**The pipe was made of *led*.**leek**There is a *leek* in the pipe.**left**He *left* me go swimming.**lemme***Lemme* see the painting.**lend**I need a *lend* of ten dollars.**less**There are *less* students in this class than in the other.**lest**He is the *lest* likely to succeed.**let's us***Let's us* visit Mr. Jones.**leveling off**The men are *leveling off* this road.**liable**He was sued for *liable*.**Correct****lead**The pipe was made of *lead*.**leak**There is a *leak* in the pipe.**let**He *let* me go swimming.**let me***Let me* see the painting.**loan**I need a *loan* of ten dollars.**fewer**There are *fewer* students in this class than in the other.**least**He is the *least* likely to succeed.**let us***Let us* visit Mr. Jones.**leveling**The men are *leveling* this road.**libel**He was sued for *libel*.

Incorrect**liable**

He is *liable* to come.

libel

The driver is *libel* for all damage.

libel

When we heard his story, we considered it *libel*.

lie

Please *lie* the book down for a moment.

lien

I will *lien* heavily on you.

lighted out

She *lighted out* the candle.

lightening

Flashes of *lightening* were seen.

light-house

We took a trip to the *light-house*.

like

Bob started to blush just *like* I always do.

Correct**likely**

He is *likely* to come.

liable

The driver is *liable* for all damage.

slander

When we heard his story, we considered it *slander*.

lay

Please *lay* the book down for a moment.

lean

I will *lean* heavily on you.

put out

She *put out* the candle.

lightning

Flashes of *lightning* were seen.

lighthouse

We took a trip to the *lighthouse*.

as

Bob started to blush just *as* I always do.

Incorrect**like**

It looks *like* it might rain.

like

Many actors were there, *like* Robert Taylor and Jerry Lewis.

like as if

It looks *like as if* it may rain.

like for him

Would you *like for him* to go?

likely

I find you *likely* to study science.

liquefy

Before going out of business, he tried to *liquefy* his assets.

liquidate

The ice began to *liquidate*.

liquify

The ice began to *liquify*.

littoral

He is very *littoral*-minded.

Correct**as if**

It looks *as if* it might rain.

such as

Many actors were there, *such as* Robert Taylor and Jerry Lewis.

as if

It looks *as if* it may rain.

like him

Would you *like him* to go?

apt

I find you *apt* to study science.

liquidate

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liquefy

The ice began to *liquefy*.

liquefy

The ice began to *liquefy*.

literal

He is very *literal*-minded.

Incorrect**Correct****live at**

In what city do you *live at*?

live at

What street do you *live at*?

loan

Loan me your pen.

loan

The *loan* settler was not discouraged easily.

located

He is *located* in Florida.

lode

That's quite a *lode* the donkey has.

lone

The *lone* was for a short time.

lonsome

He was *lonsome* when his family went on a vacation.

looker-ons

There were many *looker-ons* at the accident.

live

In what city do you *live*?

live on

What street do you *live on*?

lend

Lend me your pen.

lone

The *lone* settler was not discouraged easily.

settled

He *settled* in Florida.

load

That's quite a *load* the donkey has.

loan

The *loan* was for a short time.

lonesome

He was *lonesome* when his family went on a vacation.

lookers-on

There were many *lookers-on* at the accident.

Incorrect**looksee**

He had a *looksee* in the park.

loose

Try not to *loose* the watch.

lore

An accountant must have a knowledge of *lore*.

lose

She may not be able to make the ring that *lose*.

lose out

The team may *lose out* in the next game.

lots of

Lots of people do that.

loud

He shouted as *loud* as he could.

lying

He was *lying* his head on the pillow when we entered.

Correct**look**

He had a *look* in the park.

lose

Try not to *lose* the watch.

law

An accountant must have a knowledge of *law*.

loose

She may not be able to make the ring that *loose*.

lose

The team may *lose* in the next game.

many

Many people do that.

loudly

He shouted as *loudly* as he could.

laying

He was *laying* his head on the pillow when we entered.

M

Incorrect

maccaroni

She added cheese to the *maccaroni* salad.

maccaroon

Cyrano ate one *maccaroon* and half a grape.

mad

Please don't be *mad*.

made

The *made* came to dust and clean.

magnet

He was an important steel *magnet*.

maid

It was *maid* in Europe.

maid-of-honor

She was the *maid-of-honor* at the wedding.

Correct

macaroni

She added cheese to the *macaroni* salad.

macaroon

Cyrano ate one *macaroon* and half a grape.

angry

Please don't be *angry*.

maid

The *maid* came to dust and clean.

magnate

He was an important steel *magnate*.

made

It was *made* in Europe.

maid of honor

She was the *maid of honor* at the wedding.

Incorrect**maid of honors**

They were both *maid of honors*.

mail

We bought a *mail* puppy.

main

The horse's *main* glistened in the sun.

maintain

Does that barbaric practice still *maintain*?

make

She will *make* dinner.

make

Please *make* out the light.

makebelieve

The story was largely *makebelieve*.

make eat

Please *make eat*.

male

We waited for the *male* to arrive.

Correct**maids of honor**

They were both *maids of honor*.

male

We bought a *male* puppy.

mane

The horse's *mane* glistened in the sun.

exist

Does that barbaric practice still *exist*?

prepare

She will *prepare* dinner.

put

Please *put* out the light.

make-believe

The story was largely *make-believe*.

prepare dinner

Please *prepare dinner*.

mail

We waited for the *mail* to arrive.

Incorrect**maltreated badly**

He *maltreated* his men *badly*.

mane

The *mane* idea was never explained.

man-hood

He considered that a slur on his *man-hood*.

manner of a

What *manner of a* man can he be?

man-slaughter

He was convicted of *man-slaughter*.

market place

The *market place* was astir with the news.

marshal

We heard the sound of *marshal* music.

marten

The *marten* flew south.

martin

We used the fur from the *martin*.

Correct**maltreated**

He *maltreated* his men.

main

The *main* idea was never explained.

manhood

He considered that a slur on his *manhood*.

manner of

What *manner of* man can he be?

manslaughter

He was convicted of *manslaughter*.

marketplace

The *marketplace* was astir with the news.

martial

We heard the sound of *martial* music.

martin

The *martin* flew south.

marten

We used the fur from the *marten*.

Incorrect**maskerade**

We were at a *maskerade* party.

massacred

The woman was cruelly *massacred*.

massmeeting

There was a *massmeeting* at city hall.

massuer

He earned a living as a *massuer*.

materiel

The dress is made of excellent *materiel*.

may

She *may* sing quite well.

may of

I *may of* gone, but I was ill.

mayonaise

Add some *mayonaise* to the salad.

me

Mel and *me* will be there.

Correct**masquerade**

We were at a *masquerade* party.

murdered

The woman was cruelly *murdered*.

mass meeting

There was a *mass meeting* at city hall.

masseur

He earned a living as a *masseur*.

material

The dress is made of excellent *material*.

can

She *can* sing quite well.

might have

I *might have* gone, but I was ill.

mayonnaise

Add some *mayonnaise* to the salad.

I

Mel and *I* will be there.

Incorrect**me**Tell mother it is *me*.**me**I want *me* hat.**me**They objected to *me* going there.**mean**Why so grave a *mean*, young man?**meat**The track *meat* will not be held.**medal**Gold is a precious *medal*.**medalion**She wore an unusual *medalion*.**media**I suggest you try another *media*.**medium**The artist used many *medium*.**medium-sized**He chose a *medium-sized* fruit.**Correct****I**Tell mother it is *I*.**my**I want *my* hat.**my**They objected to *my* going there.**mien**Why so grave a *mien*, young man?**meet**The track *meet* will not be held.**metal**Gold is a precious *metal*.**medallion**She wore an unusual *medallion*.**medium**I suggest you try another *medium*.**media**The artist used many *media*.**medium-size**He chose a *medium-size* fruit.

Incorrect**meet**

Some people prefer fish to *meet*.

meet

The judge will *meet* out the punishment.

men-eaters

These cannibals are vicious *men-eaters*.

mens'

There is a sale of *mens'* hats.

ment

He *ment* to say the correct thing.

meself

I saw him *meself*.

metal

He was awarded a *metal* of honor.

metallic

The pin has a *metallic* look.

mete

I shall *mete* you at the park.

Correct**meat**

Some people prefer fish to *meat*.

mete

The judge will *mete* out the punishment.

man-eaters

These cannibals are vicious *man-eaters*.

men's

There is a sale of *men's* hats.

meant

He *meant* to say the correct thing.

myself

I saw him *myself*.

medal

He was awarded a *medal* of honor.

metallic

The pin has a *metallic* look.

meet

I shall *meet* you at the park.

Incorrect**Correct****mien**I did not *mien* that at all.**might of**He *might of* come, for all I know.**mind**He *mind* for gold in Nevada.**mined**I do not *mined* your coming here.**miner**A *miner* will not be permitted to see this film.**minor**The *minor* despised his work.**mischievous**He is a very *mischievous* youngster.**mislaid**He *mislaid* the document.**misspell wrongly**You always *misspell* this word *wrongly*.**mean**I did not *mean* that at all.**might have**He *might have* come, for all I know.**mined**He *mined* for gold in Nevada.**mind**I do not *mind* your coming here.**minor**A *minor* will not be permitted to see this film.**miner**The *miner* despised his work.**mischievous**He is a very *mischievous* youngster.**misaid**He *misaid* the document.**misspell**You always *misspell* this word.

Incorrect**missus**

I shall speak to my *missus*.

mistakened

He was *mistakened*.

moan

The lawn has not been *moan*.

moment

The bell rings for exactly one *moment*.

momentums

We saved some *momentums* during our trip.

money-making

He has many *money-making* ideas.

moon-light

She looked lovely in the *moon-light*.

moral

The *moral* of the men was poor.

morale

The story had a *morale*.

Correct**wife**

I shall speak to my *wife*.

mistaken

He was *mistaken*.

mown

The lawn has not been *mown*.

minute

The bell rings for exactly one *minute*.

mementos

We saved some *mementos* during our trip.

moneymaking

He has many *moneymaking* ideas.

moonlight

She looked lovely in the *moonlight*.

morale

The *morale* of the men was poor.

moral

The story had a *moral*.

Incorrect

more absolute

He desired *more absolute* answers.

more better

I believe he is *more better* than Bill.

more empty

This glass is *more empty* than that one.

more fundamental

This rule is *more fundamental*.

more higher

My marks are *more higher* than yours.

more lovelier

She was *more lovelier* than a queen.

more perfect

This paper is *more perfect* than that one.

more round

This ball is *more round* than any of the others.

Correct

more nearly absolute

He desired *more nearly absolute* answers.

better

I believe he is *better* than Bill.

more nearly empty

This glass is *more nearly empty* than that one.

more nearly fundamental

This rule is *more nearly fundamental*.

higher

My marks are *higher* than yours.

lovelier

She was *lovelier* than a queen.

more nearly perfect

This paper is *more nearly perfect* than that one.

more nearly round

This ball is *more nearly round* than any of the others.

Incorrect**Correct****more square**

This diagram is *more square* than any other one.

more unique

This is a *more unique* idea.

morn

Do not *morn* the passing of time.

morning

The lady was in deep *morning*.

most

The train arrives *most* every hour.

most best

She is the *most best* actress in the play.

mother-in-laws

The *mother-in-laws* were not present.

mottos

He chose among the several *mottos*.

mourn

We'll go tomorrow *mourn*.

more nearly square

This diagram is *more nearly square* than any other one.

unique

This is a *unique* idea.

mourn

Do not *mourn* the passing of time.

mourning

The lady was in deep *mourning*.

almost

The train arrives *almost* every hour.

best

She is the *best* actress in the play.

mothers-in-law

The *mothers-in-law* were not present.

mottoes

He chose among the several *mottoes*.

morn

We'll go tomorrow *morn*.

Incorrect**mourning**

We'll meet in the *mourning*.

mown

We heard a low *mown* and then there was silence.

much

Much drops of water go to make up a stream.

multitude of many

There was a *multitude of many* people on the shore.

must of

He *must of* come to my house when I was out.

mutual

He is our *mutual* friend.

myself

He told the answer to Ben and *myself*.

Correct**morning**

We'll meet in the *morning*.

moan

We heard a low *moan* and then there was silence.

many

Many drops of water go to make up a stream.

multitude of

There was a *multitude of* people on the shore.

must have

He *must have* come to my house when I was out.

common

He is our *common* friend.

me

He told the answer to Ben and *me*.

N

Incorrect

naif

He's really quite *naif*.

napsack

Place the thermos in your *napsack*.

naptha

He added *naptha* to the mixture.

narrow minded

She is bigoted and *narrow minded*.

nary a

He spoke *nary a* word.

naught

Place a *naught* after the ten.

nauseation

He was overcome with a feeling of *nauseation*.

nave

The *nave* is incorrigible.

Correct

naive

He's really quite *naive*.

knapsack

Place the thermos in your *knapsack*.

naphtha

He added *naphtha* to the mixture.

narrow-minded

She is bigoted and *narrow-minded*.

not a

He spoke *not a* word.

nought

Place a *nought* after the ten.

nausea

He was overcome with a feeling of *nausea*.

knave

The *knave* is incorrigible.

Incorrect**near**

He is not *near* so tall as you.

near by

He lives in a house *near by* the river.

near to

They planted the tree *near to* the building.

neat

Can you iron as *neat* as the tailor?

neckware

I believe you will find tie bars in the *neckware* department.

negligent

The money due was *negligent*.

negligible

He has been most *negligible* in his duties.

nett

What was the *nett* result of the victory?

never

I don't *never* wish to hear you say that.

Correct**nearly**

He is not *nearly* so tall as you.

near

He lives in a house *near* the river.

near

They planted the tree *near* the building.

neatly

Can you iron as *neatly* as the tailor?

neckwear

I believe you will find tie bars in the *neckwear* department.

negligible

The money due was *negligible*.

negligent

He has been most *negligent* in his duties.

net

What was the *net* result of the victory?

ever

I don't *ever* wish to hear you say that.

Incorrect**new**

He *new* the solution to the riddle.

new innovation

He is responsible for many *new innovations* in the school.

newstand

I bought a magazine at the *newstand*.

New Year Day

How did you celebrate *New Year Day*?

nick-name

He has a most peculiar *nick-name*.

nieghbor

I shall ask my *nieghbor* for a book.

night

She expected everyone to be a *night* in shining armor.

night-gown

She bought a silk *night-gown*.

night-mare

The child had a *night-mare*.

Correct**knew**

He *knew* the solution to the riddle.

innovation

He is responsible for many *innovations* in the school.

newsstand

I bought a magazine at the *newsstand*.

New Year's Day

How did you celebrate *New Year's Day*?

nickname

He has a most peculiar *nickname*.

neighbor

I shall ask my *neighbor* for a book.

knight

She expected everyone to be a *knight* in shining armor.

nightgown

She bought a silk *nightgown*.

nightmare

The child had a *nightmare*.

Incorrect**night time**

The robbery occurred in the *night time*.

no

I don't want *no* advice.

no

I don't *no* what to do.

nonchristian

This is a *nonchristian* group.

none

I do not need *none*.

nope

Nope, I didn't go.

no place

He is *no place* to be found.

northernly

We sailed in a *northernly* direction.

northnorthwest

We traveled *northnorthwest*.

not

He tied a *not* in the rope.

Correct**nighttime**

The robbery occurred in the *nighttime*.

any

I don't want *any* advice.

know

I don't *know* what to do.

non-Christian

This is a *non-Christian* group.

any

I do not need *any*.

no

No, I didn't go.

nowhere

He is *nowhere* to be found.

northerly

We sailed in a *northerly* direction.

north-northwest

We traveled *north-northwest*.

knot

He tied a *knot* in the rope.

Incorrect**notary publics**

They are both *notary publics*.

note book

He always has his *note book* with him.

noted

He was a *noted* outlaw and brigand.

nothing

The boy did not want *nothing*.

nothing like

He is *nothing like* so handsome as my father.

nothing much

I have *nothing much* to do.

notorious

Dickens was a *notorious* author of the nineteenth century.

not scarcely

The man could *not scarcely* talk in his excitement.

nought

The matter came to *nought*.

Correct**notaries public**

They are both *notaries public*.

notebook

He always has his *notebook* with him.

notorious

He was a *notorious* outlaw and brigand.

anything

The boy did not want *anything*.

not nearly

He is *not nearly* so handsome as my father.

not much

I have *not much* to do.

famous

Dickens was a *famous* author of the nineteenth century.

scarcely

The man could *scarcely* talk in his excitement.

naught

The matter came to *naught*.

Incorrect**no use**

It is *no use* to go there.

nowheres

She was *nowheres* to be seen.

nul

The contract was rendered *nul* and void.

number

A large *number* of salt was used in cooking.

numbskull

He was called a *numbskull*.

N.Y.

We will visit *N.Y.* on our trip.

Correct**of no use**

It is *of no use* to go there.

nowhere

She was *nowhere* to be seen.

null

The contract was rendered *null* and void.

amount

A large *amount* of salt was used in cooking.

numskull

He was called a *numskull*.

New York

We will visit *New York* on our trip.

O

Incorrect

obscured over

The sun was *obscured over* by a cloud and we became chilled.

observance

From my *observance* of your way of life, you must be very happy.

oclock

It is six *oclock*.

odorous

Ralph showed a great deal of *odorous*.

of

I might *of* seen him.

of about

The girls in the club were all *of about* sixteen.

off

He received the assignment *off* me.

Correct

obscured

The sun was *obscured* by a cloud and we became chilled.

observation

From my *observation* of your way of life, you must be very happy.

o'clock

It is six *o'clock*.

odium

Ralph showed a great deal of *odium*.

have

I might *have* seen him.

about

The girls in the club were all *about* sixteen.

from

He received the assignment *from* me.

Incorrect**offhanded**

He spoke in an *offhanded* manner.

office of presidency

He was nominated for the *office of presidency*.

office of the consulate

He went to the *office of the consulate* this morning.

official

He behaved in a pompous and *official* manner.

officious

He is carrying out his *officious* duties.

off of

Borrow the book *off of* your friend.

off of

The child fell *off of* the chair.

of old

He is seven years *of old*.

oilwell

The *oilwell* was completely dry.

Correct**offhand**

He spoke in an *offhand* manner.

the presidency

He was nominated for the *presidency*.

consulate

He went to the *consulate* this morning.

officious

He behaved in a pompous and *officious* manner.

official

He is carrying out his *official* duties.

from

Borrow the book *from* your friend.

off

The child fell *off* the chair.

old

He is seven years *old*.

oil well

The *oil well* was completely dry.

Incorrect**old fashioned**

She has many *old fashioned* ideas.

olny

She is *olny* a little girl.

on

He did it *on* his own accord.

on about

The boat will sail *on about* the seventh of May.

on account of

I like him *on account of* he's so intelligent.

on account of

The reason is *on account of* I was ill.

on advice

He refused to appear *on advice* of his doctor.

one another

The two men told *one another* the answer.

one sided

This is a rather *one sided* argument.

Correct**old-fashioned**

She has many *old-fashioned* ideas.

only

She is *only* a little girl.

of

He did it *of* his own accord.

about

The boat will sail *about* the seventh of May.

because

I like him *because* he's so intelligent.

that

The reason is *that* I was ill.

by advice

He refused to appear *by advice* of his doctor.

each other

The two men told *each other* the answer.

one-sided

This is a rather *one-sided* argument.

Incorrect**Correct****one of which**

My brother has many friends, *one of which* goes to Cornell.

on line

We stood *on line*.

only barely

We have *only barely* time to visit our cousin.

open and shut

This is an *open and shut* case.

opened up

She was very excited when she *opened up* the package.

or

He can neither read *or* write.

or

We found a rich deposit of iron *or*.

ordnance

There is a state *ordnance* outlawing boxing.

ore

Will you *ore* won't you go with us?

one of whom

My brother has many friends, *one of whom* goes to Cornell.

in line

We stood *in line*.

barely

We have *barely* time to visit our cousin.

open-and-shut

This is an *open-and-shut* case.

opened

She was very excited when she *opened* the package.

nor

He can neither read *nor* write.

ore

We found a rich deposit of iron *ore*.

ordinance

There is a state *ordinance* outlawing boxing.

or

Will you *or* won't you go with us?

Incorrect**ornamently**

It is useful *ornamently*.

our

This is the dismissal *our*.

ourn

The work is *ourn*.

our's

I believe this is *our's*.

outbid above

I shall *outbid above* all the people there.

out loud

She read the poem *out loud*.

outside of

Outside of Jim, no one went.

outside of

Outside of the house he could hear everything.

overdo

The gift is long *overdo*.

Correct**ornamentally**

It is useful *ornamentally*.

hour

This is the dismissal *hour*.

ours

The work is *ours*.

ours

I believe this is *ours*.

outbid

I shall *outbid* all the people there.

aloud

She read the poem *aloud*.

except for

Except for Jim, no one went.

outside

Outside the house he could hear everything.

overdue

The gift is long *overdue*.

Incorrect

overdue

Do not *overdue* your appreciation.

overlook

Before we buy the car, let's *overlook* it.

overly cautious

He is not *overly cautious*.

over-production

We soon will discuss the matter of *over-production*.

overstayed beyond

The soldier *overstayed beyond* his leave.

over with

I am glad that is *over with*.

own

I *own* it was my fault.

oxes

The *oxes* carried the packs of food.

Correct

overdo

Do not *overdo* your appreciation.

look over

Before we buy the car, let's *look* it *over*.

overcautious

He is not *overcautious*.

overproduction

We soon will discuss the matter of *overproduction*.

overstayed

The soldier *overstayed* his leave.

over

I am glad that is *over*.

admit

I *admit* it was my fault.

oxen

The *oxen* carried the packs of food.

P

Incorrect

packed

There was a secret *packed* between the two nations.

pact

We are all *pact* and ready.

paid for

The dues must be *paid for* today.

pail

This is beyond the *pail* of the church.

pain

We need a new *pain* of glass.

pair

The *pair* tree bore no fruit.

pair

You will have to *pair* the bush.

pale

We will need a *pale* of water.

Correct

pact

There was a secret *pact* between the two nations.

packed

We are all *packed* and ready.

paid

The dues must be *paid* today.

pale

This is beyond the *pale* of the church.

pane

We need a new *pane* of glass.

pear

The *pear* tree bore no fruit.

pare

You will have to *pare* the bush.

pail

We will need a *pail* of water.

Incorrect**panacea**

He hoped to find a *panacea* for arthritis.

panacea for all

Here is a *panacea for all* the ills of the world.

pane

After the operation, the man was in great *pane*.

panic stricken

We were *panic stricken* when she entered.

para-trooper

He was a *para-trooper* in the last war.

parcel-post

The package was sent by *parcel post*.

pare

The dessert consisted of stewed *pares*.

pare

I need a *pare* of stockings.

Correct**cure**

He hoped to find a *cure* for arthritis.

panacea for

Here is a *panacea for* the ills of the world.

pain

After the operation, the man was in great *pain*.

panic-stricken

We were *panic-stricken* when she entered.

paratrooper

He was a *paratrooper* in the last war.

parcel post

The package was sent by *parcel post*.

pear

The dessert consisted of stewed *pears*.

pair

I need a *pair* of stockings.

Incorrect

parenthesis

Make sure that you have included the use of the period, comma, and *parenthesis*.

parralel

Draw two parralel lines.

partake

Do you wish to *partake* in the baseball game?

parted from

He *parted* from his notebook.

partly

The treaty proved *partly* successful.

part with

Jack did not like to *part with* his parents.

party

A certain *party* told me the story.

passable

His eyes are highly *passable*.

passed

Let us try to forget the *passed*.

Correct

parentheses

Make sure that you have included the use of the period, comma, and *parentheses*.

parallel

Draw two parallel lines.

participate

Do you wish to *participate* in the baseball game?

parted with

He *parted with* his notebook.

partially

The treaty proved *partially* successful.

part from

Jack did not like to *part from* his parents.

person

A certain *person* told me the story.

passible

His eyes are highly *passible*.

past

Let us try to forget the *past*.

Incorrect**passerbys**

The street was filled with *passerbys*.

passible

The road is not *passible*.

past

The train *past* by quite rapidly.

pastor

The sheep are in the *pastor*.

pasture

He is the *pasture* of the church.

pathos

The critic condemned the play because of the moments of *pathos*.

patience

The *patience* were well received by the nurse.

patients

You must have *patients* and not lose hope.

payed

He was *payed* by the hour.

Correct**passersby**

The street was filled with *passersby*.

passable

The road is not *passable*.

passed

The train *passed* by quite rapidly.

pasture

The sheep are in the *pasture*.

pastor

He is the *pastor* of the church.

bathos

The critic condemned the play because of the moments of *bathos*.

patients

The *patients* were well received by the nurse.

patience

You must have *patience* and not lose hope.

paid

He was *paid* by the hour.

Incorrect**pay-roll**

He is not on the *pay-roll*.

peace

May I have a *peace* of cake?

peak

When you play that game, you must not *peak*.

peal

The *peal* on the floor proved hazardous.

pear

I never had a *pear* of shoes that were of that color.

pear

Be careful to *pear* the tree properly.

pedal

We will not permit anyone to *pedal* this merchandise.

peddle

The *peddle* on the bicycle is broken.

Correct**payroll**

He is not on the *payroll*.

piece

May I have a *piece* of cake?

peek

When you play that game, you must not *peek*.

peel

The *peel* on the floor proved hazardous.

pair

I never had a *pair* of shoes that were of that color.

pare

Be careful to *pare* the tree properly.

peddle

We will not permit anyone to *peddle* this merchandise.

pedal

The *pedal* on the bicycle is broken.

Incorrect**peek**

We reached the *peek* of activity.

peel

The *peel* of the bells sounded the alarm.

penitence

The *penitence* entered the mission.

penitents

True *penitents* is hard to achieve.

pen-name

The author had an unusual *pen-name*.

per

He earned fifty dollars *per* week.

persecuted

All offenders will be *persecuted* to the full extent of the law.

personal

He is in charge of *personal* at the office.

Correct**peak**

We reached the *peak* of activity.

peal

The *peal* of the bells sounded the alarm.

penitents

The *penitents* entered the mission.

penitence

True *penitence* is hard to achieve.

pen name

The author had an unusual *pen name*.

a

He earned fifty dollars *a* week.

prosecuted

All offenders will be *prosecuted* to the full extent of the law.

personnel

He is in charge of *personnel* at the office.

Incorrect

personalized

A highly *personalized* affair was stirring.

personnel

This is strictly a *personnel* matter that I don't wish to discuss.

perspective

The realtor has a *perspective* purchaser.

pervades through

The odor *pervades through* the kitchen.

phase

Nothing could *phase* a man with his ability.

phenomena

The student was asked to explain this *phenomena*.

phenomenon

These *phenomenon* are amazing.

physic

He has a handsome *physic*.

Correct

personal

A highly *personal* affair was stirring.

personal

This is strictly a *personal* matter that I don't wish to discuss.

prospective

The realtor has a *prospective* purchaser.

pervades

The odor *pervades* the kitchen.

faze

Nothing could *faze* a man with his ability.

phenomenon

The student was asked to explain this *phenomenon*.

phenomena

These *phenomena* are amazing.

physique

He has a handsome *physique*.

Incorrect**picture**

Fill the *picture* with water.

piece

We all pray for world *piece*.

pillar

The *pillar* was stuffed with feathers.

pillow

Samson took hold of the *pillows* of the temple.

pitcher

We need a *pitcher* to hang on the wall.

pity of

It's a *pity of* you.

plain

We studied *plain* geometry.

plait

Please pass the *plait*.

plan on

Do you *plan on* going to the show?

Correct**pitcher**

Fill the *pitcher* with water.

peace

We all pray for world *peace*.

pillow

The *pillow* was stuffed with feathers.

pillar

Samson took hold of the *pillars* of the temple.

picture

We need a *picture* to hang on the wall.

pity for

It's a *pity for* you.

plane

We studied *plane* geometry.

plate

Please pass the *plate*.

plan to

Do you *plan to* go to the show?

Incorrect**plane**

The Navajo dwelt on the *plane*.

plate

The girl decided to *plate* her hair.

play-ground

The younger children are in the *play-ground*.

pleasureable

That was a most *pleasureable* experience.

plenty

I have *plenty* paper.

plenty

It is *plenty* good.

plenty

This paper is *plenty* heavy.

plenty of

Plenty of knives were on the table.

p.m. at night

The play will begin at 8 *p.m. at night*.

Correct**plain**

The Navajo dwelt on the *plain*.

plait

The girl decided to *plait* her hair.

playground

The younger children are in the *playground*.

pleasurable

That was a most *pleasurable* experience.

much

I have *much* paper.

quite

It is *quite* good.

very

This paper is *very* heavy.

enough

Enough knives were on the table.

p.m.

The play will begin at 8 *p.m.*

Incorrect**pocket-book**

She purchased a new *pocket-book*.

poet laureates

May I have a list of England's *poet laureates*?

pole

He had to pay a *pole* tax.

poll

We can use this *poll* for fishing.

poplar

He is a very *poplar* young man.

popular

The *popular* tree is more stately than the fir tree.

pore

Pore the milk into the glass.

portion

In which *portion* of the country do you live?

positively

He is *positively* handsome.

Correct**pocketbook**

She purchased a new *pocketbook*.

poets laureate

May I have a list of England's *poets laureate*?

poll

He had to pay a *poll* tax.

pole

We can use this *pole* for fishing.

popular

He is a very *popular* young man.

poplar

The *poplar* tree is more stately than the fir tree.

pour

Pour the milk into the glass.

part

In which *part* of the country do you live?

very

He is *very* handsome.

Incorrect**Correct****possessed with**

He is *possessed with* very strange ideas.

postrenaissance

This is an example of *postrenaissance* art.

potion

He was given a large *potion* of pie.

powerfull

He is very strong and *powerfull*.

pow wow

The Sioux held a *pow wow*.

practible

The plan was not *practible*.

practicable

He is a very *practicable* type of person.

practical

We wondered if the new boat would be *practical*.

pray

The ignorant are easy *pray* for tricksters.

possessed of

He is *possessed of* very strange ideas.

post-Renaissance

This is an example of *post-Renaissance* art.

portion

He was given a large *portion* of pie.

powerful

He is very strong and *powerful*.

powwow

The Sioux held a *powwow*.

practicable

The plan was not *practicable*.

practical

He is a very *practical* type of person.

practicable

We wondered if the new boat would be *practicable*.

prey

The ignorant are easy *prey* for tricksters.

Incorrect**prays**

He received a great deal of *prays* in the newspaper.

precede before

He *preceded before* me in rank.

preceed

He is going to *preceed* you.

prefer that than

I should *prefer that than* anything else.

prehaps

Prehaps he is not there.

preposition

I have a *preposition* that I think will interest you.

prescribed

Smoking was *prescribed* while his throat was irritated.

prey

We fervently *prey* that the world will know peace.

pried

We observed a *pried* of lions.

Correct**praise**

He received a great deal of *praise* in the newspaper.

precede

He *preceded* me in rank.

precede

He is going to *precede* you.

prefer that to

I should *prefer that to* anything else.

perhaps

Perhaps he is not there.

proposition

I have a *proposition* that I think will interest you.

proscribed

Smoking was *proscribed* while his throat was irritated.

pray

We fervently *pray* that the world will know peace.

pride

We observed a *pride* of lions.

Incorrect

principal

The *principal* of equality before the law is basic.

principle

He is the *principle* figure in the dispute.

probritish

He has many *probritish* sentiments.

procede

Did everything *procede* according to plan?

proceed forward

You will have to *proceed forward* now.

procure

Where did you *procure* that book?

prodigy

The musician's *prodigy* followed in their father's path.

profit

The *profit* and the priest have not always agreed.

Correct

principle

The *principle* of equality before the law is basic.

principal

He is the *principal* figure in the dispute.

pro-British

He has many *pro-British* sentiments.

proceed

Did everything *proceed* according to plan?

proceed

You will have to *proceed* now.

obtain

Where did you *obtain* that book?

progeny

The musician's *progeny* followed in their father's path.

prophet

The *prophet* and the priest have not always agreed.

Incorrect**profitted**

He *profitted* from the sale.

progeny

We admired the child *progeny*.

promise

I *promise* you I was surprised!

prophecy

He will not *prophecy* in the palace.

prophesy

His *prophesy* was not heeded.

prophet

We did not make a *prophet* on the sale.

proposition

Propositions are considered a part of speech.

proposition

The mine was a paying *proposition* from the beginning.

proscribed

The doctor *proscribed* a special medicine.

Correct**profited**

He *profited* from the sale.

prodigy

We admired the child *prodigy*.

assure

I *assure* you I was surprised!

prophecy

He will not *prophecy* in the palace.

prophecy

His *prophecy* was not heeded.

profit

We did not make a *profit* on the sale.

preposition

Prepositions are considered a part of speech.

venture

The mine was a paying *venture* from the beginning.

prescribed

The doctor *prescribed* a special medicine.

Incorrect**prosecuted**

No one should be *prosecuted* because of his religion.

prospective

There was excellent *prospective* in the picture.

protestant

He is a member of a *protestant* group.

psychoanalyst

He visited a *psychoanalyst*.

publically

He will announce it *publically* next week.

put across

He *put across* the idea.

put in

The boy *put* the marbles *in* his pocket.

put in

We *put in* two days in Ithaca.

putrify

The meat has begun to *putrify*.

Correct**persecuted**

No one should be *persecuted* because of his religion.

perspective

There was excellent *perspective* in the picture.

Protestant

He is a member of a *Protestant* group.

psychoanalyst

He visited a *psychoanalyst*.

publicly

He will announce it *publicly* next week.

make clear

He *made* the idea *clear*.

put into

The boy *put* the marbles *into* his pocket.

spent

We *spent* two days in Ithaca.

putrefy

The meat has begun to *putrefy*.

Q

Incorrect

quarts

This rock is rich in *quarts*.

quay

This is the *quay* to the house.

question-mark

Place a *question-mark* after the last word.

questionnaire

A *questionnaire* will be sent out to all students.

queue

The actor forgot his *queue*.

quick

In case of emergency, act *quick*.

quick-sand

He tried to avoid the *quick-sand*.

quiet

I am not *quiet* ready.

Correct

quartz

This rock is rich in *quartz*.

key

This is the *key* to the house.

question mark

Place a *question mark* after the last word.

questionnaire

A *questionnaire* will be sent out to all students.

cue

The actor forgot his *cue*.

quickly

In case of emergency, act *quickly*.

quicksand

He tried to avoid the *quicksand*.

quite

I am not *quite* ready.

Incorrect

quire

He will sing in the *quire*.

quit

Please *quit* your joking.

quite

Please try to be *quite* near the hospital.

quite a few

I have *quite a few* papers to mark.

quite a good deal of

Quite a good deal of boys were present.

Correct

choir

He will sing in the *choir*.

stop

Please *stop* your joking.

quiet

Please try to be *quiet* near the hospital.

a good many

I have *a good many* papers to mark.

quite a good many

Quite a good many boys were present.

R

Incorrect

racquet

I believe you need a new *racquet*.

radicle

He has many *radicle* ideas.

rain

When did Elizabeth begin to *rain*?

raise

Farmers *raise* early.

raised

We *raised* the row of condemned buildings.

raised

He *raised* the boy from infancy.

ranker

He spoke softly, without *ranker*.

rank of dukedom

He has the *rank of dukedom*.

Correct

racket

I believe you need a new *racket*.

radical

He has many *radical* ideas.

reign

When did Elizabeth begin to *reign*?

rise

Farmers *rise* early.

razed

We *razed* the row of condemned buildings.

reared

He *reared* the boy from infancy.

rancor

He spoke softly, without *rancor*.

rank of duke

He has the *rank of duke*.

Incorrect**rap**

Rap the gift carefully.

rarely ever

I *rarely ever* see her.

razed

We *razed* corn last year.

read

He fashioned the flute from a marsh *read*.

read where

I *read where* the troops were being reviewed.

real

He was *real* happy after winning the prize.

real

The *real* was broken on the projector.

real

It was a *real* warm day.

rear

The farmer must *rear* a new crop every spring.

Correct**wrap**

Wrap the gift carefully.

rarely

I *rarely* see her.

raised

We *raised* corn last year.

reed

He fashioned the flute from a marsh *reed*.

read that

I *read that* the troops were being reviewed.

really

He was *really* happy after winning the prize.

reel

The *reel* was broken on the projector.

very

It was a *very* warm day.

raise

The farmer must *raise* a new crop every spring.

Incorrect**reasonable**

The worker has a *reasonable* secure future.

reason is because

The *reason is because* I witnessed the event.

recall again

Will he *recall* the scene *again* to his mind?

recline back

Recline back on the couch and relax.

recount again

He began to *recount* his tale *again*.

red

I *red* that book yesterday.

redeem back

He had to *redeem* his son *back* from slavery.

reed

I will *reed* the story later.

reel

Is that stone *reel*?

Correct**reasonably**

The worker has a *reasonably* secure future.

reason is that

The *reason is that* I witnessed the event.

recall

Will he *recall* the scene to his mind?

recline

Recline on the couch and relax.

recount

He began to *recount* his tale.

read

I *read* that book yesterday.

redeem

He had to *redeem* his son from slavery.

read

I will *read* the story later.

real

Is that stone *real*?

Incorrect**refer back**

He had to *refer back* to his notes.

reference

His indirect *references* to the Bible were not understood.

referring

When he mentioned dictators, we felt he was *referring* to Hitler.

refrain back

Bob tried to *refrain back* from speaking.

reign

Joe tied the *reign* securely.

rein

We hope that the king will have a calm *rein*.

reload again

You must *reload* the camera *again*.

remediable

He needs a course in *remediable* reading.

remedial

My illness was *remedial*.

Correct**refer**

He had to *refer* to his notes.

allusion

His indirect *allusions* to the Bible were not understood.

alluding

When he mentioned dictators, we felt he was *alluding* to Hitler.

refrain

Bob tried to *refrain* from speaking.

rein

Joe tied the *rein* securely.

reign

We hope that the king will have a calm *reign*.

reload

You must *reload* the camera.

remedial

He needs a course in *remedial* reading.

remediable

My illness was *remediable*.

Incorrect**remit**

He received regular *remits* from his banker.

reopened again

The case will have to be *reopened again*.

repay back

You should *repay back* the money you borrowed.

repeat again

Would you *repeat* that sentence *again*?

rephrase again

Please try to *rephrase* that idea *again*.

replace back

I will *repluce back* the vase I damaged.

report back

We will *report back* to the group.

reprint again

I hope the publisher will *reprint* the poem *again*.

Correct**remittance**

He received regular *remittances* from his banker.

reopened

The case will have to be *reopened*.

repay

You should *repay* the money you borrowed.

repeat

Would you *repeat* that sentence?

rephrase

Please try to *rephrase* that idea.

replace

I will *replace* the vase I damaged.

report

We will *report* to the group.

reprint

I hope the publisher will *reprint* the poem.

Incorrect**reproduce anew**

Reproduce the painting *anew* for the exhibit.

reread again

Please *reread* the sentence *again* to the class.

respectfully

Send notes to Watts, Anderson, Jones, and Smith, *respectfully*.

respectively

He *respectively* paid tribute to those who had died.

resume again

When will he *resume* reading *again*?

retraced back

He *retraced* his family line *back* through history.

returned back

They *returned back* to the hotel.

reveal

He wanted to *reveal* in his good fortune.

Correct**reproduce**

Reproduce the painting for the exhibit.

reread

Please *reread* the sentence to the class.

respectively

Send notes to Watts, Anderson, Jones, and Smith, *respectively*.

respectfully

He *respectfully* paid tribute to those who had died.

resume

When will he *resume* reading?

retraced

He *retraced* his family line through history.

returned

They *returned* to the hotel.

revel

He wanted to *revel* in his good fortune.

Incorrect**revel**

I shall not *revel* your secret.

revenge

Sydney died but Carl promised to *revenge* his death.

revert back

The land will *revert back* to the original owners.

rich

That story is *rich*.

right along

I knew the answer *right along*.

rights

Will last *rights* be administered now?

ring

Please *ring* the mop dry.

risen

Has he *risen* the flag yet?

rite

This is a basic *rite* of the people.

Correct**reveal**

I shall not *reveal* your secret.

avenge

Sydney died but Carl promised to *avenge* his death.

revert

The land will *revert* to the original owners.

funny

That story is *funny*.

all the time

I knew the answer *all the time*.

rites

Will last *rites* be administered now?

wring

Please *wring* the mop dry.

raised

Has he *raised* the flag yet?

right

This is a basic *right* of the people.

Incorrect**rite**

Did you *rite* to your parents?

road

We *road* the horse yesterday.

rode

The *rode* is paved all the way.

role

I bought a *role* of film.

roll

The actor knew his *roll*.

roller-skate

The *roller-skate* is broken.

room mate

Dorothy is my *room mate*.

root

How do I get to the main *root*?

rose

When the guard *rose* the flag, we all stood.

Correct**write**

Did you *write* to your parents?

rode

We *rode* the horse yesterday.

road

The *road* is paved all the way.

roll

I bought a *roll* of film.

role

The actor knew his *role*.

roller skate

The *roller skate* is broken.

roommate

Dorothy is my *roommate*.

route

How do I get to the main *route*?

raised

When the guard *raised* the flag, we all stood.

Incorrect**roster**

The speaker rested his arm on the *roster*.

rostrum

Each teacher was given an alphabetically arranged *rostrum*.

round

He traveled *round* the city.

rounder

This ball is *rounder* than that one.

roundest

This is the *roundest* orange I have.

route

The *route* of the tree was damaged.

rung

He *rung* the bell.

runs

He *runs* the store by himself.

Correct**rostrum**

The speaker rested his arm on the *rostrum*.

roster

Each teacher was given an alphabetically arranged *roster*.

about

He traveled *about* the city.

more nearly round

This ball is *more nearly round* than that one.

most nearly round

This is the *most nearly round* orange I have.

root

The *root* of the tree was damaged.

rang

He *rang* the bell.

operates

He *operates* the store by himself.

S

Incorrect

said

When *said* coat was returned, it was torn.

said

The professor *said* to study.

sail

There was a special *sail* downtown.

sailer

The *sailer* is home from the sea.

salary

The *salary* of the day laborer was small.

sale

We will *sale* to Bermuda next week.

sanitory

We noted the *sanitory* conditions.

Correct

this

When *this* coat was returned, it was torn.

told (us)

The professor *told us* to study.

sale

There was a special *sale* downtown.

sailor

The *sailor* is home from the sea.

wages

The *wages* of the day laborer were small.

sail

We will *sail* to Bermuda next week.

sanitary

We noted the *sanitary* conditions.

Incorrect**sapphire**

The ring had a beautiful *sapphire*.

sat

He *sat* the bucket on the ground.

satire

The *satire* plays of Greece were written by the great writers of tragedies.

satyr

This play is a *satyr* on life in the eighteenth century.

saw

I have *saw* both boys.

says

I *says* to him, "Let's find out."

scarcely have enough

I *scarcely have enough* to go around.

scarcely no

I have *scarcely no* money.

scene

I have *scene* strange sights.

Correct**sapphire**

The ring had a beautiful *sapphire*.

set

He *set* the bucket on the ground.

satyr

The *satyr* plays of Greece were written by the great writers of tragedies.

satire

This play is a *satire* on life in the eighteenth century.

seen

I have *seen* both boys.

said

I *said* to him, "Let's find out."

have scarcely enough

I *have scarcely enough* to go around.

scarcely any

I have *scarcely any* money.

seen

I have *seen* strange sights.

Incorrect**scent**

The gum costs but a *scent*.

scent

The mother *scent* a package to her son.

science

He mastered the *science* of writing.

search for

The police went in *search for* the criminal.

sea-shore

We spent the week at the *sea-shore*.

seclude apart

She wished to *seclude* herself *apart* from the group.

see where

I *see where* there was another accident.

seed

We will *seed* the land to you.

Correct**cent**

The gum costs but a *cent*.

sent

The mother *sent* a package to her son.

art

He mastered the *art* of writing.

search of

The police went in *search of* the criminal.

seashore

We spent the week at the *seashore*.

seclude

She wished to *seclude* herself from the group.

see that

I *see that* there was another accident.

cede

We will *cede* the land to you.

Incorrect**seed**

I have not *seed* him.

seeing that

Seeing that the class is crowded, I won't participate.

seen

He *seen* me yesterday.

seen

The *seen* was indeed poignant.

seldom ever

I *seldom ever* play tennis.

seldom ever

We *seldom ever* see Martin without Bruce.

self

Self and my family wish you heartiest congratulations.

sell

The prisoner's *sell* was dark and dirty.

Correct**seen**

I have not *seen* him.

since

Since the class is crowded, I won't participate.

saw

He *saw* me yesterday.

scene

The *scene* was indeed poignant.

seldom

I *seldom* play tennis.

seldom if ever

We *seldom if ever* see Martin without Bruce.

I

I and my family wish you heartiest congratulations.

cell

The prisoner's *cell* was dark and dirty.

Incorrect

semiweekly

We will have *semiweekly* meetings, the first and third Sunday of the month.

sensitive of

Don't be so *sensitive of* criticism.

sensual

Poetry is more *sensual* than prose.

sent

The *sent* of perfume was in the air.

separated with

He was *separated with* his family.

seraphims

He portrayed the *seraphims* beautifully.

serf

We liked to swim in the *serf*.

serge

Great emotions began to *serge* within him.

Correct

biweekly

We will have *biweekly* meetings, the first and third Sunday of the month.

sensitive to

Don't be so *sensitive to* criticism.

sensuous

Poetry is more *sensuous* than prose.

scent

The *scent* of perfume was in the air.

separated from

He was *separated from* his family.

seraphim

He portrayed the *seraphim* beautifully.

surf

We liked to swim in the *surf*.

surge

Great emotions began to *surge* within him.

Incorrect**serial**

She prepared a hot *serial* for breakfast.

serie

He wrote a *serie* of words in his book.

servicable

The truck is not *servicable*.

set

Set the book there.

set

He *set* in the chair.

sever

He has a *sever* cold.

severe

I thought he would *severe* his finger with the paper cutter.

sew

We will *sew* seed and hope for a good harvest.

sewage

New York City has an excellent *sewage* system.

Correct**cereal**

She prepared a hot *cereal* for breakfast.

series

He wrote a *series* of words in his book.

serviceable

The truck is not *serviceable*.

place

Place the book there.

sat

He *sat* in the chair.

severe

He has a *severe* cold.

sever

I thought he would *sever* his finger with the paper cutter.

sow

We will *sow* seed and hope for a good harvest.

sewerage

New York City has an excellent *sewerage* system.

Incorrect**sewerage**

It may have fallen into the *sewerage* disposal unit.

shall

He *shall* be home soon.

shape

The property is in bad *shape*.

shear

She wore a *shear* blouse.

sheer

Tomorrow we shall *sheer* the sheep.

shiek

The *shiek* arrived at the oasis.

shone

He *shone* his shoes.

shone

He was *shone* how to do the problem.

should of

You *should of* gone home.

Correct**sewage**

It may have fallen into the *sewage* disposal unit.

will

He *will* be home soon.

condition

The property is in bad *condition*.

sheer

She wore a *sheer* blouse.

shear

Tomorrow we shall *shear* the sheep.

sheik

The *sheik* arrived at the oasis.

shined

He *shined* his shoes.

shown

He was *shown* how to do the problem.

should have

You *should have* gone home.

Incorrect**show**

Hamlet is a fine *show*.

shown

The sun *shown* brightly.

show up

We waited for him, but he did not *show up*.

shrink up

The meat has a tendency to *shrink up*.

shrunk

Is it true that the suit *shrunk*?

since

I attended a wedding not long *since*.

sink down

You can *sink down* into this mud if you are not careful.

sister-in-laws

The two *sister-in-laws* did not agree.

site

Try to *site* a few illustrations.

Correct**play**

Hamlet is a fine *play*.

shone

The sun *shone* brightly.

appear

We waited for him, but he did not *appear*.

shrink

The meat has a tendency to *shrink*.

shrank

Is it true that the suit *shrank*?

ago

I attended a wedding not long *ago*.

sink

You can *sink* into this mud if you are not careful.

sisters-in-law

The two *sisters-in-law* did not agree.

cite

Try to *cite* a few illustrations.

Incorrect**site**

The *site* of the underground cavern was magnificent.

six footer

Mr. Jones is a *six footer*.

sizeable

He took a *sizeable* portion.

skillfull

Martin is *skillfull* in all athletics.

skys

There are cloudy *skys* ahead.

slander

The publisher was sued for *slander*.

slay

The snow was deep enough for a *slay* ride.

slayed

He *slayed* the dragon.

sleezy

Don't use that *sleezy* material.

Correct**sight**

The *sight* of the underground cavern was magnificent.

six-footer

Mr. Jones is a *six-footer*.

sizable

He took a *sizable* portion.

skillful

Martin is *skillful* in all athletics.

skies

There are cloudy *skies* ahead.

libel

The publisher was sued for *libel*.

sleigh

The snow was deep enough for a *sleigh* ride.

slew

He *slew* the dragon.

sleazy

Don't use that *sleazy* material.

Incorrect**sleigh**

He intends to *sleigh* the giant.

smaller

He has the *smaller* nose of the three.

smallest

She has the *smallest* ring of the two.

smooth

The machine runs *smooth*.

so

He came early *so* he could see his friends.

soar

He has a *soar* throat.

sole

And Jonathan loved David as his own *sole*.

soliloquys

We memorized the famous *soliloquys*.

Correct**slay**

He intends to *slay* the giant.

smallest

He has the *smallest* nose of the three.

smaller

She has the *smaller* ring of the two.

smoothly

The machine runs *smoothly*.

so that

He came early *so that* he could see his friends.

sore

He has a *sore* throat.

soul

And Jonathan loved David as his own *soul*.

soliloquies

We memorized the famous *soliloquies*.

Incorrect**some**

I shall spend *some* of the afternoon in the store.

some

They have changed the arrangement *some*.

someplace

It must be *someplace*.

son-in-laws

She has three *son-in-laws*.

sore

Let your ambitions *sore* high.

sort of

She was *sort of* sad.

sort of a

This is an interesting *sort of a* play.

soul

The *soul* on this shoe must be repaired.

southernly

We drove in a *southernly* direction.

Correct**part**

I shall spend *part* of the afternoon in the store.

somewhat

They have changed the arrangement *somewhat*.

somewhere

It must be *somewhere*.

sons-in-law

She has three *sons-in-law*.

soar

Let your ambitions *soar* high.

somewhat

She was *somewhat* sad.

sort of

This is an interesting *sort of* play.

sole

The *sole* on this shoe must be repaired.

southerly

We drove in a *southerly* direction.

Incorrect

sow

Please *sow* a button on this shirt.

speach

I enjoyed his *speach*.

specie

There is more than one *specie* of animal in the park.

spect

I *spect* he should soon arrive.

spectators

We are the unseen radio *spectators*.

speek

Did he *speek* to you?

spirituel

He told the pastor to concern himself with *spirituel* matters.

sportsware

This store has a *sportsware* department.

Correct

sew

Please *sew* a button on this shirt.

speech

I enjoyed his *speech*.

species

There is more than one *species* of animal in the park.

believe

I *believe* he should soon arrive.

audience

We are the unseen radio *audience*.

speak

Did he *speak* to you?

spiritual

He told the pastor to concern himself with *spiritual* matters.

sportwear

This store has a *sportwear* department.

Incorrect**spys**

The *spys* were convicted.

square-dance

This is an American *square-dance*.

squirt

Blood began to *squirt* from the wound.

S'r

He began his letter with the salutation, "Dear *S'r*."

stair

Don't *stair* across the aisle.

stake

The *stake* was delicious.

stare

The third *stare* needs repair.

started up

The trouble *started up* again.

state of serfdom

The peasants live in a *state of serfdom*.

Correct**spies**

The *spies* were convicted.

square dance

This is an American *square dance*.

spurt

Blood began to *spurt* from the wound.

Sir

He began his letter with the salutation, "Dear *Sir*."

stare

Don't *stare* across the aisle.

steak

The *steak* was delicious.

stair

The third *stair* needs repair.

started

The trouble *started* again.

serfdom

The peasants live in *serfdom*.

Incorrect

stationary

He purchased a box of personalized *stationary*.

stationery

The deer remained *stationery* as if he sensed danger.

statue

We admired his magnificent build and tall *statue*.

statuesque-like

The actress is quite *statuesque-like*.

statuet

We bought a *statuet* at the art exhibit.

stature

The *stature* was placed in the museum.

stature

We referred to a *stature* passed by the legislature in 1856.

statute

He was a handsome youth with fine *statute*.

Correct

stationery

He purchased a box of personalized *stationery*.

stationary

The deer remained *stationary* as if he sensed danger.

stature

We admired his magnificent build and tall *stature*.

statuesque

The actress is quite *statuesque*.

statuette

We bought a *statuette* at the art exhibit.

statue

The *statue* was placed in the museum.

statute

We referred to a *statute* passed by the legislature in 1856.

stature

He was a handsome youth with fine *stature*.

Incorrect**steak**

The bear was tied to a *steak* in the ground.

steal

We were interested in reading about the *steal* industry.

steel

The man planned to *steel* the jewels.

still continuing

Our work in Asia is *still continuing*.

still more yet

There is *still more yet* to be said.

stole

He *stole* the bank of its money.

stood

He *stood* in bed for three days.

storys

We heard several interesting *storys*.

Correct**stake**

The bear was tied to a *stake* in the ground.

steel

We were interested in reading about the *steel* industry.

steal

The man planned to *steal* the jewels.

continuing

Our work in Asia is *continuing*.

still more

There is *still more* to be said.

robbed

He *robbed* the bank of its money.

stayed

He *stayed* in bed for three days.

stories

We heard several interesting *stories*.

Incorrect

straight

The ship took refuge in the *straight*.

strait

Please draw a *strait* line.

stratagy

That was interesting *stratagy*.

strategem

He tried a new *strategem*.

subscribe for

I *subscribe for* three magazines.

such

It is *such* a small matter.

such a good

We had *such a good* time.

sufficient

Thirty-four points are *sufficient* for graduation.

suite

This has a *suite* scent.

Correct

strait

The ship took refuge in the *strait*.

straight

Please draw a *straight* line.

strategy

That was interesting *strategy*.

stratagem

He tried a new *stratagem*.

subscribe to

I *subscribe to* three magazines.

so

It is *so* small a matter.

a good

We had *a good* time.

adequate

Thirty-four points are *adequate* for graduation.

sweet

This has a *sweet* scent.

Incorrect**sung**She *sung* a song.**sunk**I heard the boat *sunk*.**sure**His wife was *sure* glad he kept still.**sure and**Be *sure and* come early.**surf**The *surf* felt like a slave.**surge**He wore a blue *surge* suit.**surplice**We have a *surplice* of corn.**surplus**The hermit wore a hair *surplus*.**surrender over**The general had to *surrender* his troops *over* to the enemy.**Correct****sang**She *sang* a song.**sank**I heard the boat *sank*.**surely**His wife was *surely* glad he kept still.**sure to**Be *sure to* come early.**serf**The *serf* felt like a slave.**serge**He wore a blue *serge* suit.**surplus**We have a *surplus* of corn.**surplice**The hermit wore a hair *surplice*.**surrender**The general had to *surrender* his troops to the enemy.

Incorrect**suspicion**

Do you *suspicion* anything?

suspect

I *suspect* Joe will attend college.

suspicious

This was a *suspicious* beginning.

swam

I have *swam* the width of the river three times.

sweet

They ordered a *sweet* of furniture for their apartment.

sweetly

Fresh flowers smell *sweetly*.

swell

That's a *swell* film.

swell up

His finger began to *swell up*.

swum

The boy *swum* the length of the pool.

Correct**suspect**

Do you *suspect* anything?

suppose

I *suppose* Joe will attend college.

auspicious

This was an *auspicious* beginning.

swum

I have *swum* the width of the river three times.

suite

They ordered a *suite* of furniture for their apartment.

sweet

Fresh flowers smell *sweet*.

wonderful

That's a *wonderful* film.

swell

His finger began to *swell*.

swam

The boy *swam* the length of the pool.

Incorrect

Correct

symbols

There was a clash of *symbols* and the clowns entered.

cymbals

There was a clash of *cymbals* and the clowns entered.

sympathy for

The fugitives *sympathized for* each other in their plight.

sympathy with

The fugitives *sympathized with* each other in their plight.

T

Incorrect

tail

He told a sad and strange *tail*.

take

Please *take* it to me.

taken

I *taken* the book to the library.

tale

It seems that the *tale* is wagging the dog.

tallest

He is the *tallest* of the two boys.

tantamount

My *tantamount* concern is for your safety.

tapir

Give me a *tapir* to light the way.

tare

Did you *tare* the hat?

Correct

tale

He told a sad and strange *tale*.

bring

Please *bring* it to me.

took

I *took* the book to the library.

tail

It seems that the *tail* is wagging the dog.

taller

He is the *taller* of the two boys.

paramount

My *paramount* concern is for your safety.

taper

Give me a *taper* to light the way.

tear

Did you *tear* the hat?

Incorrect

tarrif

They are in favor of a high *tarrif*.

tastes well

The coffee *tastes well*.

tasty

She is a *tasty* dresser.

teams

The lake *teams* with small fish.

tee

We went to her *tee* party.

temperature

Has the patient any *temperature*?

than

We read for an hour and *than* went home.

than

Hardly was the ship under way *than* it sprung a leak.

than any

He is taller *than any* boy in the room.

Correct

tariff

They are in favor of a high *tariff*.

tastes good

The coffee *tastes good*.

tasteful

She is a *tasteful* dresser.

teems

The lake *teems* with small fish.

tea

We went to her *tea* party.

fever

Has the patient any *fever*?

then

We read for an hour and *then* went home.

when

Hardly was the ship under way *when* it sprung a leak.

than any other

He is taller *than any other* boy in the room.

Incorrect**Correct****than us**They are better *than us*.**than we**They are better *than we*.**that**He was *that* angry that he ruined the painting.**so**He was *so* angry that he ruined the painting.**that near**You can approach only *that near*.**so near**You can approach only *so near*.**that there***That there* picture is excellent.**that***That* picture is excellent.**that un***That un* is your hat.**that***That* is your hat.**the all**I'll see *the all* of them.**all**I'll see *all* of them.**the all of you***The all of you* should study harder.**all of you***All of you* should study harder.**the both**I'll fight *the both* of you.**both**I'll fight *both* of you.**the either**I'll invite *the either* of the boys to my home.**either**I'll invite *either* of the boys to my home.

Incorrect**Correct****their**Anyone can lose *their* card.**his**Anyone can lose *his* card.**their***Their* are the books.**there***There* are the books.**theirn**The boat is *theirn*.**theirs**The boat is *theirs*.**their's**This car is *their's*.**theirs**This car is *theirs*.**theirsself**They went *theirsself* to the play.**themselves**They went *themselves* to the play.**theirselves**They decided to get it *theirselves*.**themselves**They decided to get it *themselves*.**them**I think *them* flowers are lovely.**those**I think *those* flowers are lovely.**them***Them* are the ones I want.**those***Those* are the ones I want.**them**He is as intelligent as *them*.**they**He is as intelligent as *they*.**then**I would rather swim *then* hunt.**than**I would rather swim *than* hunt.

Incorrect

the neither

I'll speak to *the neither* of them.

the present

I have enough at *the present*.

there has been

There has been two accidents.

these

I like *these* kind of shoes.

these kind

These kind of books is instructive.

these many

I have completed *these many* cards.

The United States

I live in *The United States*.

the which

Tell me *the which* is right.

the whole of

The whole of the trustees will attend.

Correct

neither

I'll speak to *neither* of them.

present

I have enough at *present*.

there have been

There have been two accidents.

this

I like *this* kind of shoes.

this kind

This kind of books is instructive.

this many

I have completed *this many* cards.

the United States

I live in *the United States*.

which

Tell me *which* is right.

all of

All of the trustees will attend.

Incorrect**they**

They say he is honest.

they're

I think this is *they're* house.

they theirself

They theirself went along on the outing.

they want

A person can find whatever *they want* in this store.

they was

They was not at home.

thing about it

The *thing about it* is that we have lost the account.

this

Give me *this* books.

this here

This here book is interesting.

this un

This un is mine.

Correct**people**

People say he is honest.

their

I think this is *their* house.

they themselves

They themselves went along on the outing.

he wants

A person can find whatever *he wants* in this store.

they were

They were not at home.

truth of the matter

The truth of the matter is that we have lost the account.

those

Give me *those* books.

this

This book is interesting.

this

This is mine.

Incorrect**Correct****those**Do you like *those* kind of book?**that**Do you like *that* kind of book?**though***Though* it was late, we decided to remain.**although***Although* it was late, we decided to remain.**three-sided triangle**The figure in the illustration is a *three-sided triangle*.**triangle**The figure in the illustration is a *triangle*.**threwed**He *threwed* the ball.**threw**He *threw* the ball.**thru**We went *thru* the woods.**through**We went *through* the woods.**thusly***Thusly* the brave young man set out.**thus***Thus* the brave young man set out.**tied**We sail at high *tied*.**tide**We sail at high *tide*.**to**It is *to* warm in here.**too**It is *too* warm in here.**today night***Today night* I shall go to his home.**tonight***Tonight* I shall go to his home.

Incorrect**told**The bells *told* at noon.**tolled**The truth was *tolled*.**to my estimation***To my estimation*, the theater is an excellent form of entertainment.**tonnage total**Please estimate the *tonnage total* of the load.**too**He likes *too* swim.**too**The *too* of them are ill.**took and hit**He *took and hit* the ball over the fence.**tooked**He *tooked* his medicine.**too much wordiness**Please avoid *too much wordiness*.**Correct****tolled**The bells *tolled* at noon.**told**The truth was *told*.**in my estimation***In my estimation*, the theater is an excellent form of entertainment.**tonnage**Please estimate the *tonnage* of the load.**to**He likes *to* swim.**two**The *two* of them are ill.**hit**He *hit* the ball over the fence.**took**He *took* his medicine.**wordiness**Please avoid *wordiness*.

Incorrect**tooth ache**

He had a severe *tooth ache*.

tooth brush

He brought his *tooth brush* with him.

tooth paste

I prefer *tooth paste* to tooth powder.

tooth pick

He gave him a gold *tooth pick* on his birthday.

tooth powder

He uses the new type of *tooth powder*.

to out

He is going *to out*.

tore

He hasn't *tore* his ticket.

tortuous

A painful ordeal can be *tortuous*.

torturous

The road through the mountains is *torturous*.

Correct**toothache**

He had a severe *toothache*.

toothbrush

He brought his *toothbrush* with him.

toothpaste

I prefer *toothpaste* to tooth powder.

toothpick

He gave him a gold *toothpick* on his birthday.

tooth powder

He uses the new type of *tooth powder*.

out

He is going *out*.

torn

He hasn't *torn* his ticket.

torturous

A painful ordeal can be *torturous*.

tortuous

The road through the mountains is *tortuous*.

Incorrect**to sing**

He likes dancing and *to sing*.

to suicide

She was about *to suicide* when we entered the room.

to up

He wants *to up*.

tow

He injured his *tow*.

transpire

The wedding will *transpire* next week.

translucent

We looked at the diamond through the *translucent* showcase.

truely

He is *truely* a hero.

try and

I will *try and* get the tickets.

T-square

The engineer used a *T-square*.

Correct**singing**

He likes dancing and *singing*.

to commit suicide

She was about *to commit suicide* when we entered the room.

to get up

He wants *to get up*.

toe

He injured his *toe*.

take place

The wedding will *take place* next week.

transparent

We looked at the diamond through the *transparent* showcase.

truly

He is *truly* a hero.

try to

I will *try to* get the tickets.

T square

The engineer used a *T square*.

Incorrect**tuck**

Have you *tuck* your papers to the office?

turbid

The *turbid* river overflowed its banks.

turned

When you *turned* the key, what happens next?

two

We want to go *two*.

two mile

It is *two mile* from here.

two-miles

It is a *two-miles* hike.

two twins

John and Peter are *two twins*

type

I don't enjoy that *type* of notoriety.

type of a

I like this *type of a* film.

Correct**taken**

Have you *taken* your papers to the office?

turgid

The *turgid* river overflowed its banks.

turn

When you *turn* the key, what happens next?

too

We want to go *too*.

two miles

It is *two miles* from here.

two-mile

It is a *two-mile* hike.

twins

John and Peter are *twins*.

kind

I don't enjoy that *kind* of notoriety.

type of

I like this *type of* film.

U

Incorrect

Uboat

We saw a German *Uboat*.

ugly

He is never in an *ugly* mood.

unanimously of one opinion

The group was *unanimously of one opinion*.

unbeknown

Unbeknown to him, we were invited to the dance.

unbeknownst

Unbeknownst to the class, the instructor planned to give a test.

undesireable

This is highly *undesireable*.

uninterested

A fair judge must be *uninterested*.

Correct

U-boat

We saw a German *U-boat*.

ill-tempered

He is never in an *ill-tempered* mood.

unanimous

The group was *unanimous*.

unknown

Unknown to him, we were invited to the dance.

unknown

Unknown to the class, the instructor planned to give a test.

undesirable

This is highly *undesirable*.

disinterested

A fair judge must be *disinterested*.

Incorrect**unite together**

It is essential that all nations *unite together*.

unpredictable

The event was *unpredictable*.

urbane

Many people do not like the constant buzz of *urbane* living.

urn

You must *urn* your own money.

us

Us boys are going to school.

useable

This machine is not *useable*.

usedn't to

He *usedn't to* like to go to baseball games when he lived in New York.

usen't to

I *usen't to* go to the theater often when I was young.

Correct**unite**

It is essential that all nations *unite*.

unpredictable

The event was *unpredictable*.

urban

Many people do not like the constant buzz of *urban* living.

earn

You must *earn* your own money.

we

We boys are going to school.

usable

This machine is not *usable*.

didn't

He *didn't* like to go to baseball games when he lived in New York.

didn't

I *didn't* go to the theater often when I was young.

Incorrect

Correct

use to

I *use to* go hiking in the summer.

utterance

We were surprised at the strange *utterance*.

used to

I *used to* go hiking in the summer.

utterance

We were surprised at the strange *utterance*.

V

Incorrect

vaccilate

Don't *vaccilate*, but act at once.

vaccuum

We are told that nature abhors a *vaccuum*.

vain

There was bleeding from a *vain*.

vain

The weather *vain* was most interesting.

vale

She wore a hat with a *vale*.

vallies

His call echoed in the *vallies*.

valueable

This is a very *valueable* ring.

valueble

He has a *valueble* ring.

Correct

vacillate

Don't *vacillate*, but act at once.

vacuum

We are told that nature abhors a *vacuum*.

vein

There was bleeding from a *vein*.

vane

The weather *vane* was most interesting.

veil

She wore a hat with a *veil*.

valleys

His call echoed in the *valleys*.

valuable

This is a very *valuable* ring.

valuable

He has a *valuable* ring.

Incorrect**Correct****veil**

In mountain and *veil* we searched in vain.

vein

In *vein* did we try to solve the riddle.

venal

Murder is no *venal* sin.

veracity

The *veracity* of the matter is that we are lost.

veritable

My signature is *veritable* at the bank.

very

The house is *very* changed.

very same identical

This is the *very same identical* book.

vial

This is a *vial* habit.

vice

He placed the wood in a *vice*.

vale

In mountain and *vale* we searched in vain.

vain

In *vain* did we try to solve the riddle.

venial

Murder is no *venial* sin.

truth

The *truth* of the matter is that we are lost.

verifiable

My signature is *verifiable* at the bank.

very much

The house is *very much* changed.

same

This is the *same* book.

vile

This is a *vile* habit.

vise

He placed the wood in a *vise*.

Incorrect**vice-roy**

The *vice-roy* was at the affair.

vichysoisse

I have a marvelous recipe for *vichysoisse*.

vigilence

Extreme *vigilence* is necessary.

vinagar

He added *vinagar* to the salad.

violincello

The *violincello* is an interesting musical instrument.

vocabulery

She has an excellent *vocabulery*.

vocation

The actor's *vocation* is bodybuilding.

Vshaped

The dress has a *Vshaped* neckline.

Correct**viceroiy**

The *viceroiy* was at the affair.

vichysooise

I have a marvelous recipe for *vichysooise*.

vigilance

Extreme *vigilance* is necessary.

vinegar

He added *vinegar* to the salad.

violoncello

The *violoncello* is an interesting musical instrument.

vocabulary

She has an excellent *vocabulary*.

avocation

The actor's *avocation* is bodybuilding.

V-shaped

The dress has a *V-shaped* neckline.

W

Incorrect

wade

We *wade* the package at the post office.

wailing

We went on a *wailing* expedition.

waist

Do not *waist* the food.

wait

She gained *wait* over the summer.

waited on

I *waited on* you at the entrance to the museum.

waive

We will *waive* to you when we see you.

waiver

He began to *waiver* when he heard the news.

Correct

weighed

We *weighed* the package at the post office.

whaling

We went on a *whaling* expedition.

waste

Do not *waste* the food.

weight

She gained *weight* over the summer.

waited for

I *waited for* you at the entrance to the museum.

wave

We will *wave* to you when we see you.

waver

He began to *waver* when he heard the news.

Incorrect**want**

I *want* for a gift.

wants in

She says she *wants in*.

wants out

He *wants out* now.

ward

The tribes *ward* against one another.

ware

What will you *ware* to the reception?

warmblooded

I believe the whale is *warm-blooded*.

warm-hearted

The teacher is a *warm-hearted* person.

warm up

Please *warm up* the coffee.

warred

She was still his *warred*.

Correct**wish**

I *wish* for a gift.

wants to come in

She says she *wants to come in*.

wants to go out

He *wants to go out* now.

warred

The tribes *warred* against one another.

wear

What will you *wear* to the reception?

warm-blooded

I believe the whale is *warm-blooded*.

warmhearted

The teacher is a *warmhearted* person.

warm

Please *warm* the coffee.

ward

She was still his *ward*.

Incorrect**warrier**

He was a brave and loyal *warrier*.

was

They *was* here yesterday.

was

I wish I *was* king.

wasn't they

Wasn't they handsome?

wasn't you

Wasn't you there last night?

waste

She has a slender *waste*.

waste basket

Throw the paper in the *wastebasket*.

water-proof

He neglected to *water-proof* his coat.

wave

We *wave* our rights to the mine.

waver

He signed a *waver*, relinquishing his rights to the property.

Correct**warrior**

He was a brave and loyal *warrior*.

were

They *were* here yesterday.

were

I wish I *were* king.

weren't they

Weren't they handsome?

weren't you

Weren't you there last night?

waist

She has a slender *waist*.

wastebasket

Throw the paper in the *wastebasket*.

waterproof

He neglected to *waterproof* his coat.

waive

We *waive* our rights to the mine.

waiver

He signed a *waiver*, relinquishing his rights to the property.

Incorrect**way**

His hair was as white as *way*.

waylayed

The rich merchant was *waylayed*.

ways

The theater is a long *ways* from here.

ways

I live a long *ways* from here.

we

It's just a *we* mouse.

weak

I shall see you next *weak*.

weakminded

She is a very *weakminded* person.

wearily

She looks *wearily* with housework.

wears

He cannot sell his *wears*.

weather

We do not know *weather* to go.

Correct**whey**

His hair was as white as *whey*.

waylaid

The rich merchant was *waylaid*.

distance

The theater is a long *distance* from here.

way

I live a long *way* from here.

wee

It's just a *wee* mouse.

week

I shall see you next *week*.

weak-minded

She is a very *weak-minded* person.

weary

She looks *weary* with housework.

wares

He cannot sell his *wares*.

whether

We do not know *whether* to go.

Incorrect**Wed.**

I shall come on *Wed.*

week

The illness left him quite *week*.

week-day

He is there every *week-day*.

weighed

Do not *weighed* in the water.

weight

Weight here until I return.

well read

She is very *well read*.

went

He has *went* yesterday.

were

One of my brothers *were* there.

westernly

You should sail in a *westernly* direction.

we was

We was there yesterday.

Correct**Wednesday**

I shall come on *Wednesday*.

weak

The illness left him quite *weak*.

weekday

He is there every *weekday*.

wade

Do not *wade* in the water.

wait

Wait here until I return.

well-read

She is very *well-read*.

gone

He has *gone* yesterday.

was

One of my brothers *was* there.

westerly

You should sail in a *westerly* direction.

we were

We were there yesterday.

Incorrect**whale**

Then we heard the women *whale*.

what

Here is the book *what* you had wanted.

whatever

Whatever shall we do today?

where

I read in the paper *where* a boy was injured.

where at

Where were you *at*?

whether

We heard the *whether* report.

whey

This is the *whey* of all men.

which

I saw a boy *which* looked like you.

which

She is the actress *which* I like best.

Correct**wail**

Then we heard the women *wail*.

which

Here is the book *which* you had wanted.

what

What shall we do today?

that

I read in the paper *that* a boy was injured.

where

Where were you?

weather

We heard the *weather* report.

way

This is the *way* of all men.

who

I saw a boy *who* looked like you.

whom

She is the actress *whom* I like best.

Incorrect**while**

Tom likes fiction *while* Joe prefers nonfiction.

whine

We ordered a bottle of *whine*.

whither

The rose will soon *whither* and fade.

who

He is a boy *who* I admire.

who

Who are you laughing at?

whoever

Speak to *whoever* you see.

whom

He is a man *whom* I believe will make a good president.

whom

Whom shall I say is calling?

whomever

Give the book to *whomever* wants it.

Correct**whereas**

Tom likes fiction *whereas* Joe prefers nonfiction.

wine

We ordered a bottle of *wine*.

wither

The rose will soon *wither* and fade.

whom

He is a boy *whom* I admire.

whom

Whom are you laughing at?

whomever

Speak to *whomever* you see.

who

He is a man *who* I believe will make a good president.

who

Who shall I say is calling?

whoever

Give the book to *whoever* wants it.

Incorrect**who's**

Who's book is on the table?

whose

Whose coming with us?

who'se

Who'se book is this?

widow woman

We went to visit the *widow woman*.

width

We are going *width* our friends.

with

They came up *with* the elevator.

with

Please measure the *with* of the room.

withdraw back

He intends to *withdraw back* his name.

woman

We studied the great *woman* of the past.

Correct**whose**

Whose book is on the table?

who's

Who's coming with us?

whose

Whose book is this?

widow

We went to visit the *widow*.

with

We are going *with* our friends.

on

They came up *on* the elevator.

width

Please measure the *width* of the room.

withdraw

He intends to *withdraw* his name.

women

We studied the great *women* of the past.

Incorrect**women**

She is a fine and lovely *women*.

womens'

Womens' gloves are on sale.

wood

We *wood* have gone, had we known the address.

wore

She has *wore* that hat to church.

wored

I never *wored* this suit.

works by

He *works by* the grocery.

worse

He is the *worse* of the group.

worser

I feel *worser* today.

worst

Ann feared the *worst* of the two.

would

The cabinet is made of *would*.

Correct**woman**

She is a fine and lovely *woman*.

women's

Women's gloves are on sale.

would

We *would* have gone, had we known the address.

worn

She has *worn* that hat to church.

wore

I never *wore* this suit.

works at

He *works at* the grocery.

worst

He is the *worst* of the group.

worse

I feel *worse* today.

worse

Ann feared the *worse* of the two.

wood

The cabinet is made of *wood*.

Incorrect**would best**

He *would best* avoid such an arrangement.

would have gone

If we *would have gone*, we might have met.

wrist watch

He purchased a *wrist watch*.

write

Do you know the *write* answer?

write down

Write your name *down* on this paper.

write up

Please *write up* the note for me.

wrote

He has *wrote* a charming story.

Correct**had best**

He *had best* avoid such an arrangement.

had gone

If we *had gone*, we might have met.

wristwatch

He purchased a *wristwatch*.

right

Do you know the *right* answer?

write

Write your name on this paper.

write

Please *write* the note for me.

written

He has *written* a charming story.

X

Incorrect

X-Cell

He tries to *x-cell* in all he does.

X-Cellent

He delivered an *x-cellent* speech.

Xray

We had *Xray* treatments.

x-tra

We received *x-tra* credit for our work.

Correct

excel

He tries to *excel* in all he does.

Excellent

He delivered an *excellent* speech.

X-ray

We had *X-ray* treatments.

extra

We received *extra* credit for our work.

Y

Incorrect

yeah

Yeah, I saw her hat.

yep

Yep, we should go too.

yoke

The *yoke* of the egg was not eaten.

yolk

We submitted to the *yolk* like oxen.

you at

Where are *you at*?

you'ns

You'ns are invited to the party.

you'ns's

Is this paper *you'ns's*?

your

Your absolutely correct about that matter.

Correct

yes

Yes, I saw her hat.

yes

Yes, we should go too.

yolk

The *yolk* of the egg was not eaten.

yoke

We submitted to the *yoke* like oxen.

you

Where are *you*?

you

You are invited to the party.

yours

Is this paper *yours*?

you're

You're absolutely correct about that matter.

Incorrect**you're**

I believe she is *you're* aunt.

yourn

Is this hat *yourn*?

your's

Is this book *your's*?

youse

I want both of *youse* to be here.

youself

You did the work *youself*.

youselves

You saw them *youselves*.

you was

You was going to be my guest.

Yrs. trly.

He closed his letter with *Yrs. trly.*

Correct**your**

I believe she is *your* aunt.

yours

Is this hat *yours*?

yours

Is this book *yours*?

you

I want both of *you* to be here.

yourself

You did the work *yourself*.

yourselves

You saw them *yourselves*.

you were

You were going to be my guest.

Yours truly

He closed his letter with *Yours truly.*

Z

Incorrect

zaney

His *zaney* antics displeased me.

zincing

He originated a new *zincing* process.

zweiback

He ate a piece of *zweiback*.

Correct

zany

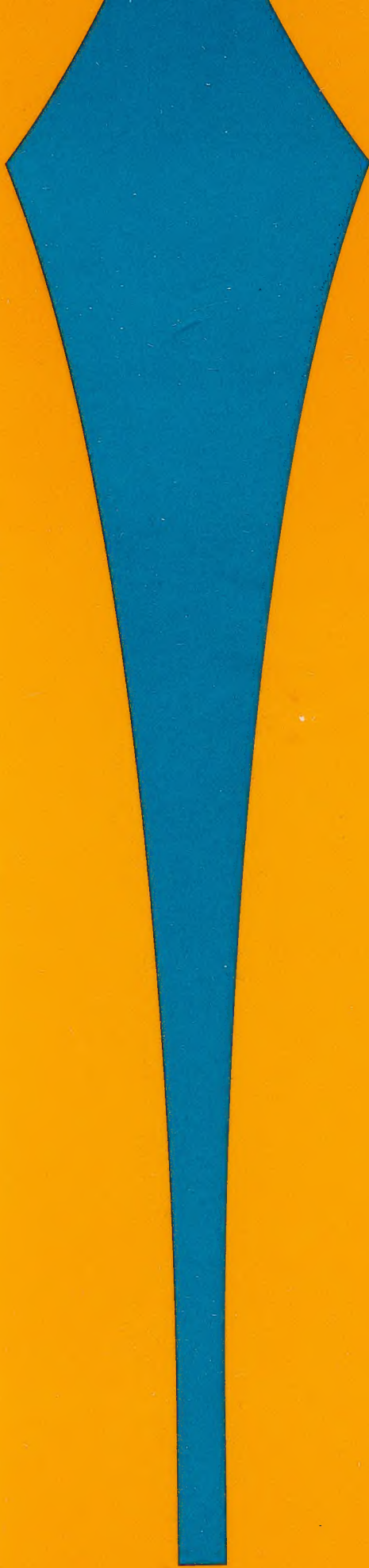
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zincking

He orginated a new *zincking* process.

zwieback

He ate a piece of *zwieback*.



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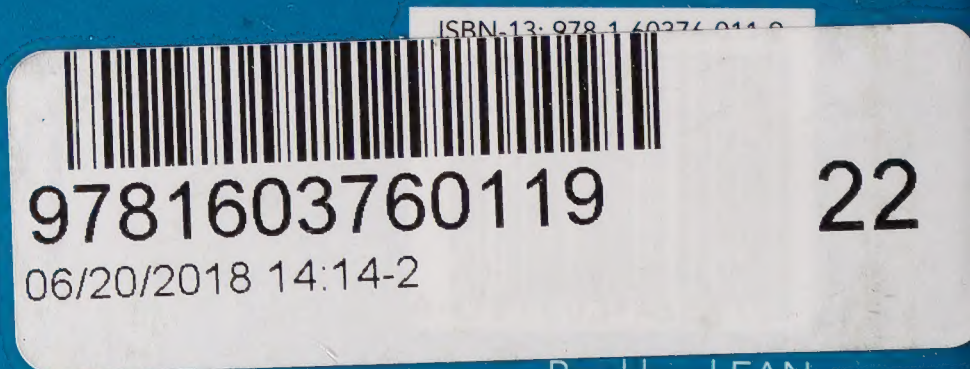
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