

## Commonly Misspelled Words

Some words are easy to spell. Some aren't. Some are spelled like they sound. Some aren't. The following is a list of frequently misspelled words. In some cases, a particularly common misspelling is given in parentheses. Sometimes these alternate spellings are listed in permissive dictionaries as spelling "variants," but this does not mean these spellings are *correct* spellings. (The word "ain't" is in the dictionary, too, but it's not correct.)

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| • accelerate                                     | • exhilarate                           | • pharaoh (pharoah)                 |
| • accidentally<br>(accidently)                   | • existence<br>(existance)             | • pigeon (pidgeon)                  |
| • accommodate                                    | • Fahrenheit                           | • pistachio<br>(pistacchio)         |
| • accordion (accordion)                          | • fiery (firey)                        | • plagiarize                        |
| • accumulate                                     | • flabbergast<br>(flabberghast)        | • playwright                        |
| • acquaintance<br>(acquaintence,<br>aquaintance) | • flotation<br>(floatation)            | • plenitude<br>(plentitude)         |
| • acquire (aquire)                               | • frustum (frustrum)                   | • poinsettia<br>(pointsettia)       |
| • acquit (aquit)                                 | • gauge                                | • precede                           |
| • aficionado                                     | • genius (genious;<br>see "ingenious") | • presumptuous<br>(presumptious)    |
| • a lot (alot)                                   | • grammar<br>(grammer)                 | • proceed                           |
| • amateur  | • gross                                | • pronunciation<br>(pronounciation) |
| • anoint   | • guttural                             | • propagate                         |
| • apology  | • handkerchief<br>(hankerchief)        | • privilege (priviledge)            |
| • argument<br>(arguement)                        | • harass (harrass)                     | • puerile                           |
| • atheist  | • horrific                             | • pursue (persue)                   |
| • a while (awhile)                               | • hypocrisy                            | • putrefy                           |
| • axle (axel)                                    | • imitate                              | • questionnaire<br>(questionaire)   |
| • barbecue (barbeque)                            | • immediately                          | • raspberry                         |
| • believable (believeable)                       | • inadvertent<br>(inadvertant)         | • receipt                           |
| • believe  | • incidentally<br>(incidently)         | • receive                           |
| • broccoli (brocolli)                            |  | • recommend                         |
| • camouflage                                     |  | • refrigerator                      |
| • cantaloupe                                     |  |                                     |
| • carburetor                                     |  |                                     |

- Caribbean
- cartilage
- cemetery (cemetary)
- chauvinism  
(chauvanism)
- chili
- chocolaty  
(chocolatey)
- coliseum, also  
colosseum (colliseum)
- collectible  
(collectable)
- colonel
- commemorate
- congratulations
- conscious
- consensus
- coolly
- daiquiri
- Dalmatian  
(Dalmation)
- deceive
- defendant
- definite (definate)
- desiccate
- desperate
- deterrence
- development  
(developement)
- diorama
- disappear
- disappoint
- dissipate
- drunkenness  
(drunkeness)
- dumbbell (dumbell)
- incredible
- independent
- indispensable  
(indispensible)
- ingenious (ingenius;  
see "genius")
- inoculate  
(innoculate)
- irascible
- irresistible  
(irresistable)
- its (it's)
- judgment  
(judgement)
- led (lead)
- liaison
- lieutenant
- liquefy (liquify)
- lose (loose)
- maneuver, also  
manoeuvre
- marshmallow  
(marshmellow)
- medieval, also  
mediaeval
- memento  
(momento)
- millennium  
(millenium)
- minuscule  
(miniscule)
- mischief (mischeif)
- mischievous  
(mischievious)
- misogyny
- missile
- (refridgerator)
- renowned
- rhythm
- ridiculous
- sacrilegious
- sandal
- savvy
- seize (sieze)
- sensible (sensable)
- separate
- septuagenarian  
(septagenarian)
- sergeant
- sheriff
- shish kebab
- siege
- similar
- simile
- sorcerer (sorceror)
- subpoena
- supersede  
(supercede)
- tariff
- their
- there
- they're
- threshold
- tongue
- too (to)
- tragedy
- tyranny
- ukulele (ukelele)
- until (untill)
- vacuum
- vicious
- weird

- ecstasy
- embarrass
- exercise (excercise)
- misspell (mispell)
- nauseous
- necessary
- no one (noone)
- occasion
- occurrence
- octopus
- onomatopoeia
- parallel
- parliament
- pastime  
(pasttime)
- peninsula
- you're (your)

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