

VOCABULARY

List

1

SPELLING

Compound words and words with prefixes
(See "Keys to Good Spelling" numbers 1 and 2 on p. 79.)

bookkeeping
granddaughter
headdress
highhanded
illiterate
illogical
immaterial
immature
immigrate
irrational
irregular
lighthouse
misshapen
misspell
misstep
newsstand
reenter
stomachache
taillight
teammate

- absurd** (ab-sürd')
adj. inconsistent with reason or accepted ideas, ridiculous
To think that man would ever fly seemed *absurd* before the 1900s.
• *Synonyms:* ridiculous, strange, bizarre • *Antonyms:* reasonable, realistic, practical • *Related forms:* absurdity, absurdness, absurdly
- accommodate** (ə-kŏm'ə-clät')
v. to have adequate space for
Tom set up more chairs to *accommodate* the extra guests arriving.
• *Synonyms:* make room for, contain • *Antonyms:* reject, refuse
• *Related forms:* accommodative, accommodator
- adolescence** (äd'ŏ-lēs'əns)
n. the development of a young person into an adult
Strong spiritual influence is important during *adolescence* because teenagers' minds are very impressionable.
• *Synonyms:* youthfulness, juvenility • *Antonyms:* adulthood, infancy
- balk** (bŏlk)
v. to stop short, refusing to move or act
Christians should not *balk* at God's commands.
• *Synonyms:* recoil, hesitate, resist • *Antonyms:* accept, allow, meet
- bluntly** (blŏnt'le)
adv. rudely or abruptly, without tact
The doctor spoke *bluntly* because he was serious about her following the prescribed diet.
• *Synonyms:* frankly, directly, honestly • *Antonyms:* indirectly, courteously, politely • *Related forms:* blunter, bluntest
- egotism** (ē'gŏ-tiz'm)
n. conceit, self-exaltation
There is no room for *egotism* in the life of a Christian.
• *Synonyms:* self-exaltedness, conceit, arrogance • *Antonyms:* humility, shyness, modesty
- elocution** (ē'lŏ-kyŏ'shŏn)
n. the art of public speaking
Emily, who is on the debate team, has shown definite talent in *elocution*.
• *Synonyms:* vocalization, delivery, oratory • *Antonym:* silence
• *Related forms:* elocutionary, elocutionist
- extricate** (ēk'strī-kät')
v. to set free, disentangle
Jacob gingerly tried to *extricate* his shirtsleeve from the rosebush without tearing the cloth.
• *Synonyms:* remove, disconnect, detach • *Antonyms:* attach, link, entangle
• *Related forms:* extricable, extrication
- silhouette** (sil'ŏŏ-ēt')
n. shaded outline
The *silhouette* of the palm tree could be seen against the setting sun.
• *Synonyms:* outline, shape, shadow • *Antonyms:* brightness, light
• *Related forms:* silhouetted, silhouetting, silhouettes
- unanimous** (yŏn'än'yŏ-nŏs)
adj. to completely agree
The students' decision to elect new class officers was *unanimous*.
• *Synonyms:* agreed, undisputed • *Antonyms:* undecided, divided, split
• *Related forms:* unanimously, unanimousness

Exercise A

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.
(Note: You may have to change the tense or form of the word.)

1. With his mastery of _____, the chairman soon persuaded the audience to accept his committee's proposal.
2. The harder Joshua tried to _____ himself from the collapsed tent, the more he became entangled in its loose folds.
3. Emma had always _____ at the thought of door-to-door witnessing, but once she started doing it, she quickly gained confidence.
4. In *Paradise Lost*, Satan's _____ showed itself in his proud words: "Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven."
5. Michael's wearing a fur-lined coat on a summer day was _____.
6. The owners _____ refused to even stop and consider the offer.
7. Madison used her photography software to trace Kim's picture and create a(n) _____ of her face.
8. Decisions that a teenager makes during _____ could affect the entire rest of his life.
9. George Washington was the only U.S. president elected with a(n) _____ vote.
10. The gym was designed to _____ several hundred people.

Exercise B

In the space provided, write the vocabulary word that is most nearly a *synonym* (a word that has nearly the same meaning) of each of the following words.

1. contain _____
2. conceit _____
3. hesitate _____
4. ridiculous _____
5. outline _____
6. directly _____
7. undisputed _____
8. detach _____
9. oratory _____
10. juvenility _____

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List 2 SPELLING

Words illustrating rule 1
(See p. 78.)

achieve
belief
ceiling
conceived
deceit
diesel
freight
friend
leisure
lieutenant
mischievous
niece
receive
relieve
seize*
vein
view
weight
weird*
wield

Note: An asterisk (*) indicates an exception to the rule.

1. agonize (əg'ə-nīz)

v. to struggle with or to worry intensely about a decision

Sharon tends to *agonize* over every answer she puts on a spelling test.

• *Synonyms:* worry, suffer, struggle • *Antonyms:* comfort, relieve, soothe
• *Related form:* agonizingly

2. ethical (ēth'ī-kəl)

adj. morally right

Is it *ethical* to test products on animals?

• *Synonyms:* moral, principled, honorable • *Antonyms:* corrupt, improper, dishonest • *Related forms:* ethically, ethicalness, ethicality

3. gnarled (nārld)

adj. rough, twisted, knotted

With *gnarled* but skillful hands, the old carpenter carefully crafted a crib for his first great-grandchild.

• *Synonyms:* knotted, crooked, twisted • *Antonyms:* uncurled, unbent, straight

4. heirloom (āir'loōm')

n. possession handed down from generation to generation

Ethan cherishes the *heirloom* that his grandfather left to him.

• *Synonyms:* inheritance, bequest, treasure

5. imperil (im-pēr'əl)

v. to expose to danger

Lack of confidentiality will *imperil* the entire secret mission.

• *Synonyms:* endanger, jeopardize • *Antonyms:* protect, guard, save
• *Related form:* imperilment

6. impetuous (im-pech'ōō-əs)

adj. acting quickly with little thought, hasty

The apostle Peter, *impetuous* as always, assured the Lord Jesus that he would never deny Him.

• *Synonyms:* impulsive, reckless, spontaneous • *Antonyms:* considered, calm, circumspect • *Related forms:* impetuously, impetuosity

7. livid (līv'ɪd)

adj. enraged, furious

Mr. Arnold became *livid* when he realized that he had missed his flight.

• *Synonyms:* incensed, irate, outraged • *Antonyms:* pleased, cheerful, calm
• *Related forms:* lividness, lividly

8. mutilate (myū'til-āt)

v. to cut off or remove a part of

Billing statements may carry the warning not to fold, bend, or *mutilate* them.

• *Synonyms:* maim, harm, disable • *Antonyms:* heal, repair, mend
• *Related forms:* mutilation, mutilator

9. semblance (sēm'bləns)

n. similar outward appearance, though often misleading

Her expression had the *semblance* of peaceful composure when actually her mind was spinning in thought.

• *Synonyms:* façade, impression, appearance, resemblance • *Antonyms:* reality, concrete, unlikeness, fallacious • *Related forms:* semblable, semblably

10. stamina (stām'ə-nīz)

n. endurance, strength to continue

Christopher has the physical *stamina* it takes to run a long distance.

• *Synonyms:* resilience, determination, fortitude • *Antonyms:* frailty, weakness, powerlessness • *Related form:* stamina

Exercise A

In the blank, write the vocabulary word that is suggested by each sentence.

LIST
2

- _____ 1. Because of its age and beauty, Isabella was thrilled with the antique table her great aunt had given her.
- _____ 2. The man is impulsive, always ready to try things which others are afraid even to consider.
- _____ 3. Though battered by wind and rain, the twisted oak tree still stands after eighty-five years.
- _____ 4. Those who are not living under the control of the Holy Spirit become unreasonably furious when things do not go their way.
- _____ 5. Because Jill believes lying is not right, she tries her best to be as honest as she can.
- _____ 6. Glenn Cunningham built up his endurance by running whenever he was sent on an errand.
- _____ 7. The room appeared to always be kept neat and tidy, but the bulging dresser drawers and shadowed piles under the bed indicated otherwise.
- _____ 8. William's foolish choice to text while driving endangered himself and everyone else on the road.
- _____ 9. Christians do not need to struggle and worry over the Lord's will if they will simply trust Him and do the next right thing.
- _____ 10. Dad's work gloves were scattered in pieces all over the living room, a result of the bad chewing habit of our new dog, Oakley.

Exercise B

In the space provided, write the vocabulary word that is most nearly an antonym (a word that has the opposite meaning) of each of the following words.

1. comfort _____
2. frailty _____
3. corrupt _____
4. reality _____
5. straight _____
6. heal _____
7. guard _____
8. pleased _____
9. circumspect _____

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List

3

SPELLING

Words illustrating rule 2
(See p. 78.)

beginning
benefited
blotting
canceled
conferred
dependence
dropped
equipped
marveled
occurred
omitted
planned
preferable
preferred
quarreling
recurred
repelled
scanning
scarred
shipped

- 1. allegory** (al'i-gŏr'ē)
n. the representation of particular truths through characters and events within a story, picture, play, etc.
 John Bunyan wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*, an *allegory* of the Christian life.
 • *Synonyms:* symbol, parable, metaphor • *Antonyms:* non-fiction, direct truth
 • *Related forms:* allegories, allegorist
- 2. diverse** (di-vŏrs'ē)
adj. varied from one another; differing
 Caitlyn's *diverse* interests made it more difficult for her to choose what she wanted to study in college.
 • *Synonyms:* miscellaneous, sundry, assorted • *Antonyms:* similar, alike, identical • *Related forms:* diversely, diverseness
- 3. dreary** (dri'rē)
adj. dull, bleak
 On a *dreary* winter day, Olivia likes to curl up with a blanket and a good book.
 • *Synonyms:* boring, unexciting, gloomy • *Antonyms:* interesting, eventful, lively
 • *Related forms:* drearily, dreariness
- 4. exquisite** (ik-skŏwtz'it)
adj. without flaw, delicate and lovely
 Her *exquisite* handkerchief was embroidered with rosebuds and butterflies.
 • *Synonyms:* beautiful, attractive, fine • *Antonyms:* ugly, flawed, imperfect
 • *Related forms:* exquisitely, exquisiteness
- 5. ominous** (ŏm'ŏ-nŏs)
adj. ill-omened, threatening
 An *ominous* silence preceded the storm.
 • *Synonyms:* menacing, foreboding, unpromising • *Antonyms:* cheerful, encouraging, pleasant • *Related forms:* ominously, ominousness
- 6. plod** (plŏd)
v. to walk heavily or laboriously
 When his car stalled, Gabriel had to *plod* home through deep snow.
 • *Synonyms:* trudge, tread, lumber • *Antonyms:* tiptoe, race, breeze
 • *Related forms:* plodder, ploddingly
- 7. refer** (ri-fŏr)
v. to mention for the purpose of additional information
 Mrs. Bowman will often *refer* to her twin daughters as a perfect example of God's creative design.
 • *Synonyms:* mention, state, attribute • *Antonyms:* ignore, neglect, exclude, disregard • *Related forms:* referral, reference
- 8. smolder** (smŏl'dŏr)
v. to burn without a flame
 The campfire *smoldered* for an hour before it went out.
 • *Synonyms:* simmer, fester, seethe
- 9. submerge** (sŏb-mŏrj'ē)
v. to go beneath the surface
 Most modern submarines can *submerge* to depths of 1,500 feet.
 • *Synonyms:* plunge, immerse, dive • *Antonyms:* ascend, surface, rise
 • *Related forms:* submergence
- 10. tedious** (tē'dē-ŏs)
adj. long and tiresome
 Repairing watches is a *tedious* job, but Mr. Irwin enjoys it.
 • *Synonyms:* monotonous, wearisome, exhausting • *Antonyms:* interesting, easy, pleasant • *Related forms:* tediously, tediousness

Exercise A

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.
(Note: You may have to change the tense or form of the word.)

 LIST
3

- The _____ thunderclouds promised poor weather for our picnic.
- The exhausted courier _____ down the street, searching for a good place to spend the night.
- Because Abigail dislikes _____ routines, she never eats the same breakfast cereal two days in a row.
- The alligator's entire body was _____ under the murky water except for his piercing yellow eyes and flared green nostrils.
- With a dreaded look, Emilie tackled the _____ job.
- The _____ Venetian glass vase was easily damaged.
- If you allow anger to _____ in your heart, it will one day burst into horrible flame.
- In Psalm 9:2, David _____ to God as "thou most High."
- In George Orwell's _____ *Animal Farm*, the pig named Squealer represents the propaganda of that day.
- The wide cardboard box held a(n) _____ assortment of doughnuts, all different colors and flavors.

Exercise B

Solve the following analogies. The first one is done for you. (For help, see p. 80, How to Solve Analogy Questions.)

- ALLEGORICAL : BOOK ::
 a. diverse : varied
 b. tedious : task
 c. dreary : dull
 d. cancel : confirm
- LITTLE : KITTEN ::
 a. refer : mention
 b. ominous : thunder
 c. happy : enthusiastic
 d. vase : exquisite
- SMOLDER : FLAME ::
 a. plod : race
 b. beach : sand
 c. deluge : flood
 d. submerge : submarine