

Spelling

Compound words and words with prefixes (See "Keys to Good Spelling" numbers 1 and 2 on page 6.)

- 1 bookkeeper
- 2 cattail
- 3 disservice
- 4 dissimilar
- 5 earrings
- 6 fishhook
- 7 foolhardy
- 8 illegible
- 9 immortal
- 10 innumerable
- 11 irrelevant
- 12 nighttime
- 13 overrun
- 14 roommate
- 15 unnamed
- 16 unnecessary
- 17 unnerve
- 18 videotape
- 19 whichever
- 20 yardstick

Vocabulary

1. **chamois** (shā'mō'e), n. soft leather used for cleaning
A *chamois* is usually made from the skins of the chamois, a goat-like animal.
2. **guile** (gīl), n. skillful or cunning use of deceit
The conman practiced his *guile* on the unsuspecting tourists.
3. **integrity** (īn-tēg'itē), n. moral soundness, honesty
How we need men of *integrity* in our Congress these days!
4. **irrepressible** (īr-rē-prē'ssə-bəl), ad. unrestrainable, uncontrollable
Mrs. McCray felt an *irrepressible* urge to care for the orphans.
5. **meticulous** (mē-tīk'yə-ləs), ad. careful, accurate
Through the *meticulous* restoration of famous homesteads, Henry Ford preserved a part of our American heritage.
6. **obscurity** (ōb-skyūr'itē), n. the condition of being unknown
Emily Dickinson, a great American poet, died in *obscurity*.
7. **perspective** (pēr-spēk'tiv), n. point of view
From my *perspective*, I believe that he made the right decision.
8. **scrutinize** (skrū'nīz), v. closely examine
A good machinist will *scrutinize* his work to catch imperfections.
9. **steadfast** (stēd'fäst), ad. firmly established, unwavering
According to Hebrews 6:19, the hope which God gives provides a sure and *steadfast* anchor for the soul.
10. **tolerate** (tōl'ar-āt), v. allow, permit
One should learn to *tolerate* differences of opinion.

Exercises

A In the blank provided, write the word from vocabulary list 1 that best completes each sentence. (Note: You may have to change the tense or form of the word.)

1. The native Texan could not _____ Michigan's cold weather.
2. Nineveh was lost in _____ until its ruins were discovered hundreds of years later.
3. Anyone who has a(n) _____ thirst for knowledge will not be denied.
4. Better is the poor that walketh in his _____, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. —Prov. 19:1
5. A _____ is great for drying cars because of its absorbency.
6. Marco Polo's _____ record of his journeys enabled men to develop maps of East Asia.
7. The authorities _____ the evidence to solve the case.
8. The Bible instructs Christians to be _____ and immovable in their faith.

B In each of the following groups, circle the word that is most nearly a synonym of the italicized vocabulary word in the introductory phrase.

1. a *meticulous* housekeeper
(a) precise (b) valuable (c) congenial (d) dependable
2. remaining *steadfast* concerning principles
(a) diplomatic (b) enthusiastic (c) serious (d) constant
3. unquestioned *integrity*
(a) earnestness (b) uprightness (c) calmness (d) pleasantness
4. to *scrutinize* the manuscript
(a) inspect (b) notice (c) condense (d) display
5. should never *tolerate* treason
(a) provoke (b) accept (c) initiate (d) inhibit
6. full of *guile*
(a) honesty (b) bitterness (c) discernment (d) deception
7. the *proper perspective*
(a) standpoint (b) proposal (c) decision (d) pattern

Spelling

Words illustrating rule 1
(See page 4.)

- 1 achievement
- 2 believe
- 3 besiege
- 4 ceiling
- 5 chief
- 6 conceive
- 7 deceit
- 8 eighth
- 9 financier*
- 10 leisure*
- 11 lieutenant
- 12 neighing
- 13 niece
- 14 receipt
- 15 reign
- 16 relieve
- 17 transceiver
- 18 vein
- 19 view
- 20 weird*

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

1. **accelerate** (ak-sel-er-ayt) v. move or develop faster
The car will *accelerate* when traveling down-hill.
2. **alleged** (al-lyejd) adj. assumed or supposed, accused without proof
The *alleged* murderer's trial begins in two months.
3. **demeanor** (di-men-er) n. outward bearing or behavior
Paul hoped that Timothy would have such a good *demeanor* that no one would think poorly of him because of his youth.
4. **inflexible** (in-flek-s-ay-blee) adj. firm in will or purpose, unyielding
It is good to be *inflexible* concerning the authority of God's Word.
5. **irreverent** (i-reev-er-ant) adj. disrespectful, lacking appropriate seriousness
The *irreverent* boy refused to salute the flag.
6. **ludicrous** (loo-d-ee-er-oo) adj. laughable, ridiculous
It is *ludicrous* for any Christian to fight Satan in his own strength.
7. **sullen** (sul-an) adj. ill-humoredly unsociable, gloomily silent
Because the child could not do what he wanted, he became *sullen*.
8. **sumptuous** (somp-choo-oo-s) adj. costly, splendid, luxurious
Unlike the beggar Lazarus, the rich man had *sumptuous* meals every day.
9. **tangible** (tan-j-ee-ble) adj. touchable
If an infant is not given *tangible* objects to play with, he will play with sunbeams or shadows.
10. **valor** (val-er) n. bravery, gallantry, heroism
True *valor* is facing danger even when afraid.

A From vocabulary list 2, choose the word that best completes each sentence.
(Note: You may have to change the tense or form of the word.)

1. The _____ life of a king or queen is difficult for the ordinary person to imagine.
2. Newscasters have to be careful to say that a suspect is a(n) _____ criminal until he is convicted of the crime.
3. Playing around in church reveals a(n) _____ attitude.
4. Many people long for something visible and _____ as an object of worship.
5. The doctor's grave _____ showed that he had been unable to save the dying man.
6. A hero is a person who shows an unusual degree of _____ even in the most terrifying of circumstances.
7. The senator remained _____ in his stand, responding neither to threats nor promises.
8. We need to _____ the processing of these forms.
9. The king was stirred from his _____ mood by the court jester.
10. That man could go to the moon was once considered _____.

B Write the vocabulary word from list 2 that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning to the word at the left.

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| 1. untouchable _____ | 6. confirmed _____ |
| 2. serious _____ | 7. submissive _____ |
| 3. cowardice _____ | 8. cheerful _____ |
| 4. honoring _____ | 9. gradual _____ |
| 5. sparing _____ | |

Spelling

Words illustrating rule 2
(See page 4.)

- 1 abhorrent
- 2 allotted
- 3 annulled
- 4 beginning
- 5 benefited
- 6 compelling
- 7 conferring
- 8 counselor
- 9 equipped
- 10 getting
- 11 grabbed
- 12 marvelous
- 13 occurrence
- 14 patrolled
- 15 perilous
- 16 preferred
- 17 quarreled
- 18 reference
- 19 repelled
- 20 transmitted

1. **admonish** (əd'mɒnɪʃ/ɪʃ) v. warn, counsel
Count him not as an enemy, but *admonish* him as a brother. → *Thou. 3:15*
2. **aggravate** (əg'reɪvət) v. worsen, intensify
Lying to cover a wrong will only *aggravate* your guilt.
3. **arbitrary** (ɑr'bitrəri) adj. based on whim or chance
The dictator's *arbitrary* laws harmed many.
4. **chortle** (tʃɔrtl) n. joyful chuckle
Chortle combines the two words *chuckle* and *snort*.
5. **gallantly** (gæl'æntli) adv. bravely, daringly, dashing
The knight *gallantly* fought his enemy in battle.
6. **informality** (ɪn'fɔrməl'ɪtɪ) n. relaxedness, casualness
The man felt out of place in his coat and tie when he noticed the *informality* of the occasion.
7. **institute** (ɪn'stɪtju:t) v. establish, initiate
They decided to *institute* an inquiry into the organization's finances.
8. **lavish** (læv'ɪʃ) adj. prodigal, extravagant
The *lavish* use of our oil supplies has necessitated the need for alternative fuels.
9. **morale** (mɔ'reɪl) n. spirit, confidence, discipline
It is a great advantage to troops in wartime if they can maintain their *morale*.
10. **stimulus** (stɪm'yʊ:ləs) n. goad, spur, incentive
An increase of the money supply is usually a *stimulus* to business.

A From vocabulary list 3, choose the word that best completes each sentence.
(Note: You may have to change the tense or form of the word.)

1. Sometimes when a rule seems _____, we just have to trust God and submit to His authority by obeying it.
2. It became apparent that the company must _____ a new method of cost accounting.
3. Please _____ your friend not to tell such tall tales about his hunting trips.
4. Todd _____ stepped aside to let his best friend have the chance to be class president.
5. Scratching a mosquito bite usually just _____ the itching.
6. The friendly _____ of the hostess immediately put her guests at ease.
7. The audience erupted with _____ when the child tripped in the class play.
8. A good coach realizes that in order to have a winning season he must somehow maintain the _____ of his team.
9. There is no _____ to improvement like fair competition.
—*Mattieann*
10. The queen of Sheba presented _____ gifts to King Solomon.

B Circle the vocabulary word in parentheses that best completes the meaning.

1. Ignoring the problem now will (admonish, aggravate) the difficulty of the solution.
2. It is important that a nation keep up its (stimulus, morale) so that if war becomes necessary the nation can fight to win.
3. The (informality, stimulus) of John's outfit was inappropriate for the banquet.
4. The apostle Paul tells us to (admonish, institute) a brother who does not obey the Word of God.
5. The (arbitrary, informality) decision to buy a new car turned out to be a good decision.