

Spelling Grade-Level Words Correctly

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Quick Review

By Grade 5, you are expected to spell common patterns correctly: -tion / -sion / -cian endings (vacation, decision, musician); -ous / -ious endings (courageous, mysterious); -able / -ible endings (comfortable, responsible); the doubling rule (run → running); the drop-e rule (recite → reciting); the change-y-to-i rule (victory → victories); and tricky high-frequency words like 'separate', 'necessary', 'definitely', 'receive', and 'restaurant'. When you are unsure, check a dictionary — do not guess.

PRACTICE

Choose the best answer.

1. Which is the correct spelling of the word that completes this sentence? 'We took a family ____ to the mountains last summer.'
 - A. vacasion
 - B. vaccation
 - C. vacation
 - D. vacaition
2. Which is the correct spelling? 'The firefighter showed ____ effort during the rescue.'
 - A. courageous
 - B. couragous
 - C. couragious
 - D. corageous
3. Which is the correct spelling? 'You are ____ for keeping your desk clean.'
 - A. responsible
 - B. responsibile
 - C. responseble
 - D. responsibel
4. Which is the correct spelling? 'The athlete was ____ around the track.'
 - A. runing
 - B. runeing
 - C. running
 - D. running



5. Which is the correct spelling? 'The actor was ___ his lines on stage.'
- A. reciting
 - B. reciteing
 - C. recitting
 - D. recieting
6. Which is the correct spelling? 'Our team won three ___ in a row.'
- A. victorys
 - B. victorees
 - C. victories
 - D. victoryes
7. Which is the correct spelling? 'Making a good ___ takes time and thought.'
- A. decission
 - B. decision
 - C. desicion
 - D. decicion
8. Which is the correct spelling? 'The detective looked into the ___ disappearance.'
- A. misterious
 - B. mysterius
 - C. mysterous
 - D. mysterious
9. Which is the correct spelling? 'Please put your books in a ___ pile so we can sort them.'
- A. separate
 - B. seperate
 - C. seperete
 - D. separete
10. Spell the word that means 'the action or result of deciding'. (Hint: it ends with -sion, not -tion.)
Answer: _____



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D


- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10

Explanations

1. C	Words for an action or state often end in -tion (one c, one t). A wrongly uses -sion. B doubles the c. D adds an extra 'i'.
2. A	When a word ending in soft -ge takes the suffix -ous, you keep the 'e' to keep the g soft: courage → courageous. B drops the 'e'. C adds an unneeded 'i'. D drops the 'u' from 'cour-'.
3. B	'Responsible' uses the -ible ending, not -able. A uses -able. C inserts an 'e' that doesn't belong. D flips the last two letters.
4. D	Doubling rule: a one-syllable word ending in a single vowel + single consonant doubles the consonant before -ing (run → running). A doubles nothing. B keeps a silent 'e' that isn't there. C triples the 'n'.
5. A	Drop-e rule: when a word ends in a silent 'e', drop the 'e' before adding -ing (recite → reciting). B keeps the 'e'. C wrongly doubles the 't' (the stress is on the second syllable, but the rule for doubling does not apply when an 'e' is dropped). D scrambles the letters.
6. C	Change-y-to-i rule: when a word ends in a consonant + 'y', change the 'y' to 'i' and add -es (victory → victories). A keeps the 'y'. B replaces with 'ee'. D adds 'es' to the 'y'.
7. B	'Decision' uses the -sion ending (because the base word is 'decide'). A doubles the 's'. C swaps the second 'c' for an 's'. D writes 'cic' instead of 'cis'.
8. D	'Mysterious' begins with 'my-' (from 'mystery') and ends with the -ious pattern. A starts with 'mi-'. B drops the 'o' before 'us'. C drops the 'i' before 'ous'.
9. A	'Separate' has the pattern sep-A-rate (think 'a rat is in sep-A-rate'). B and C use 'e' in the middle — the most common student misspelling. D uses 'e' at the end.
10. decision	The base word 'decide' ends in -de, which becomes -sion when the suffix is added: decide → decision. The most common misspellings to avoid are 'decission' (double s), 'desicion' (s instead of c), and 'decicion' (two c's).



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