Spelling Grade-Appropriate Words

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Quick Review

Two kinds of Grade 7 spelling traps come up most often. (1) HOMOPHONES — sound alike, spelled differently: accept (receive) / except (leave out); affect (verb, to influence) / effect (noun, the result); complement (completes) / compliment (praise); stationary (not moving) / stationery (paper, with an -e- like envelope); lose (misplace) / loose (not tight); past (already happened) / passed (went by); council (a group) / counsel (advice or to advise). (2) HIGH-FREQUENCY MISSPELLINGS — silent letters and doubled consonants: accommodate (two c's, two m's), occurrence (two c's, two r's), conscience, judgment (no -e- before -ment in American English), separate (-par-, not -per-), definitely (-finite-, not -finate-), embarrass (two r's, two s's), necessary (one c, two s's), mischievous (no extra -i- before -ous), possession (two s's, two s's). Always pick the spelling that fits the meaning in the sentence.

PRACTICE

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The new hotel can ___ up to four hundred guests.'

A. acommodate

B. accomodate

C. accommodate

D. acomodate

2. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The judge had to ___ the witnesses from the jury during the trial.'

A. accept

B. except

C. exept

D. acept

3. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The coach offered helpful ___ before the championship game.'

A. advise

B. advice

C. advize

D. advise's

4. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'Heavy rain may ___ the outcome of tomorrow's race.'

A. effect

B. affect

C. afect

D. effekt

5. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The librarian asked us to keep our ___ pencils in a separate cup.'

A. lose

B. loose

C. loos

D. louse

6. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The poster needs a colorful border to ___ the photograph in the center.'

A. compliment

B. complement

C. complament

D. complement's

7. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'We bought new ___ for writing thank-you notes after the party.'

A. stationary

B. stationery

C. stationarey

D. stationiry

8. Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The teacher reminded us that this kind of ___ is rare and should be reported.'

A. ocurrence

B. occurence

C. occurrence

D. ocurence

9. Rewrite this sentence with all four underlined words spelled or chosen correctly: 'Their is no way the principle will accept that excuse, and the affect on our grades will be definately bad.' (Underlined: Their, principle, affect, definately.)

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10. Write ONE sentence that uses BOTH 'accept' and 'except' correctly, and spell each word correctly.

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Answer Keys

1	A	B	**C**	D	6	A	**B**	C	D
2	A	**B**	C	D	7	A	**B**	C	D
3	A	**B**	C	D	8	A	B	**C**	D
4	A	**B**	C	D	9	See below			
5	A	**B**	C	D	10	See below			

Explanations

1. C	'Accommodate' has DOUBLE c AND double m — both pairs of letters doubled. Memory trick: it is a big word that 'accommodates' two of everything. A doubles only the m. B doubles only the c. D drops both doublings.
2. B	'Except' is a verb here meaning 'to leave out' or 'to exclude' — the judge removed the witnesses from the jury's presence. 'Accept' means 'to receive willingly' (the judge would not 'receive' witnesses from a jury). 'Exept' and 'acept' are misspellings of the two real words and do not appear in standard English.
3. B	'Advice' is the NOUN (the thing offered or received) and ends in -ice, like 'ice.' The sentence needs a noun after 'helpful.' 'Advise' is the VERB (the action of giving advice) and ends in -ise, like 'wise.' 'Advize' uses a -z- spelling not found in standard English. 'Advise's' is the verb with an apostrophe-s, which is not a noun form.
4. B	'Affect' is the VERB meaning 'to influence.' The sentence has 'may ___' — that blank needs a verb, and the meaning is 'influence the outcome.' 'Effect' is the NOUN meaning 'the result' and cannot follow 'may' as the main verb. 'Afect' is a misspelling. 'Effekt' is the German spelling, not English.
5. B	'Loose' (rhymes with 'goose') is the adjective meaning 'not tight' or 'not contained' — the pencils are unattached and roll around. 'Lose' (rhymes with 'choose') is the verb meaning 'to misplace' and cannot describe pencils here. 'Loos' is a misspelling. 'Louse' is a different word meaning a parasitic insect.
6. B	'Complement' (with an -e- in the middle) means 'to complete' or 'to go well with' — the border completes the design around the photograph. Memory trick: 'complEment' has an -e- like 'complEte.' 'Compliment' (with an -i-) means 'praise' (a border cannot praise a photo). 'Complament' is a misspelling. 'Complement's' adds an apostrophe-s, which is not a verb form.
7. B	'Stationery' (with an -e-) means writing paper and envelopes. Memory trick: stationEry has an -e- like 'Envelope.' 'Stationary' (with an -a-) means 'not moving' — a bike at the gym is stationary, but paper is stationery. 'Stationarey' and 'stationiry' are misspellings that do not exist in English.
8. C	'Occurrence' has DOUBLE c AND double r — both pairs of letters doubled, plus the -ence ending. Memory trick: an occurrence happens twice in spelling too. A drops one of the c's. B drops one of the r's. D drops both doublings.
9.	**Answer:** There is no way the principal will accept that excuse, and the effect on our grades will be definitely bad. 'There' (place/existence) is needed at the start, not 'Their' (possessive). 'Principal' (-pal, the head of school) is needed, not 'principle' (a rule). 'Effect' (noun, the result) is needed after 'the,' not 'affect' (the verb). 'Definitely' is spelled -finite-, not -finate- — the word contains 'finite' inside it. Any rewrite that fixes all four words is correct.

10.	**Answer:** Sample answer: I will accept every gift except the one with the broken ribbon. 'Accept' is a VERB meaning 'to receive willingly'; 'except' is usually a PREPOSITION meaning 'leaving out' or 'not including.' The sample uses 'accept' as the verb (the action of receiving) and 'except' to single out the one item not being received. Any sentence that uses 'accept' as the verb of receiving and 'except' to exclude something, with both spelled correctly, is correct.

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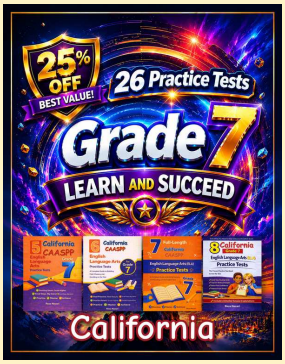

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