

## KS3 English Quiz - Spelling (Common Mistakes) 01 (Questions)

**Are you excited or exited to be playing this quiz? There are many common mistakes in spelling.** The English language is not the easiest to spell correctly! Although you can learn all of the rules and practise and practise your spellings, there are still a number of pitfalls. First, there are the words which do not follow the rules. Then there are all the homophones in the English language, like "their", "they're" and "there". There are also words which change according to grammatical usage: "practise" is a verb, whereas "practice" is a noun; "affect" is a verb, whereas "effect" is a noun. Then there are different spellings used in different countries: "leveled" or "levelled", anyone? Add to that the fact that sometimes multiple spellings are accepted, such as "spelled" and "spelt"! How anyone can spell well is a miracle!

This quiz tests your ability to spot common errors involving confusion between similar words. For instance, is "desert" or "dessert" edible? Is it a "werewolf" or a "wherewolf". Only joking, there's no such thing as a "wherewolf"!

See if you can find the correct spelling of the following words.

1. Which word means "covered"?

- Rapt
- Wraped
- Wrapped
- Wrapt

2. Which word means "left"?

- Excited
- Excitted
- Exited
- Exitted

3. Which word means "way down"?

- Decent
- Descent
- Desent
- Dissent

4. Which word is a sandy region?

- Derrset
- Derset
- Desert
- Dessert

5. Which word might you find at a harbour?

- Kee
- Key
- Quay
- Quey

6. Which word is fixed and floating?

- Booy
- Bouy
- Boy
- Buoy

7. Which word can mean "agitated" or "thrilled"?

- Excited
- Excitted
- Exited
- Exitted

8. Which word means "peaceful"?

- Quiet
- Quiete
- Quit
- Quite

9. Which word can be eaten?

- Derset
- Deserrt
- Desert
- Dessert

10. Which word means "to disagree"?

- Decent
- Descent
- Disent
- Dissent

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1. Which word means "covered"?

- Rapt
- Wraped
- Wrapped
- Wrapt

"Wrapt"/"rapt" means "lost in thought"

2. Which word means "left"?

- Excited
- Excitted
- Exited
- Exitted

"Exit" (with a c) means "way out"

3. Which word means "way down"?

- Decent
- Descent
- Desent
- Dissent

"Decent" means "suitable" or "kind"; "dissent" means "disagree"

4. Which word is a sandy region?

- Derrset
- Derset
- Desert
- Dessert

Not to be confused with a sweet "dessert"!

5. Which word might you find at a harbour?

- Kee
- Key
- Quay
- Quey

A "key" unlocks a door

6. Which word is fixed and floating?

- Booy
- Bouy
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Learn how to spell "buoy/ant", remembering to place the u before the o

7. Which word can mean "agitated" or "thrilled"?

- Excited
- Excitted
- Exited
- Exitted

A common mistake is to write "exited" for "excited"

8. Which word means "peaceful"?

- Quiet
- Quiete
- Quit
- Quite

Learn "quite quiet", which is to say "partially (or wholly) peaceful"

9. Which word can be eaten?

- Derset
- Deserrt
- Desert
- Dessert

A "desert" is "a sandy region"

10. Which word means "to disagree"?

- Decent
- Descent
- Disent
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"Descent" means "way down"