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280 Commonly Misspelled Words for Court Reporters

Because today's society focuses so much on technology, spelling words correctly often is overlooked. But anyone in the court reporting world will tell you that spelling is an important part of presenting accurate court transcripts. It also shows that you are a skilled and knowledgeable court reporter.

I can hear you now – "What about spell check?" Yes, sometimes spell check will catch your mistakes but not all of them. And there will be times when you can't use spell check, so it's still best to learn how to correctly spell words.

Check out this list of 280 commonly misspelled words and learn their correct spellings before you submit your next court transcript.

a

absence	not absense, absance
acceptable	not acceptable
accommodate	not accomodate, acommodate
accommodation	not accomodation
accumulate	not acumulate
achieve	not acheive
acknowledge	not acknowlege, aknowledge
acquaintance	not acquaintence, aquaintance
acquire	not aquire, adquire
acreage	not acrage, acerage
adjuster	not adjustor
advice	not advise, advize
advisable	not adviseable, advizable
advise	not advice
affect	not effect, advize
aggression	not agression
aggressive	not aggressive
aggression	not agression
allegiance	not allegaince, allegience, alegiance
all right	not alright, allright
a lot	not alot
amateur	not amatuer, amature
annually	not anually, annually
apparent	not apparant, aparent
apparently	not apparantly
appearance	not appearance

arctic
argument
ascend
assassination
atheist
athletic
attendance
awful

not artic
not argument
not assend
not asassination
not athiest
not atheletic
not attendance
not awfull, aweful

B

balloon
barbecue
bargain
basically
because
becoming
beginning
belief
believe
beneficial
benefited
bizarre
Britain
broccoli
buoy
buoyant
business

not baloon
not barbeque, BBQ
not bargain
not basicly
not becuase
not becomeing
not begining
not beleif
not beleive, belive
not benifical
not benifited, benefitted
not bizzare
not Britan
not broccoli
not bouy
not bouyant
not buisness

C

calendar
camaraderie
camouflage
capital
capitol
Caribbean
category
caught
cemetery
changeable
chauffeur
chief
colleague
collectible
colonel

not calender
not camradarie
not camoflage, camoflague
not capitol
not capital
not Carribean
not catagory
not cauhgt, caught
not cemetary, cematerly
not changable
not chauffer
not cheif
not colleague
not collectable
not kernel

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column
committee
committed
comparative
completely
concede
congratulate
congratulations
conceivable
conscience
conscientious
conscious
consensus
controversy
coolly
correspondence
counselor
criticize
curiosity

not colum
not commitee
not committed, comitted
not comparative
not completly
not conceed
not congradulate
not congradulations
not conceivable
not conscious, concious,
not consciencious
not concious, consious
not concensus
not controversy
not coolly
not correspondance
not counsilor
not critisize
not curiosity

D

daiquiri
deceive
definite
definitely
desperate
diarrhea
difference
dilemma
disappear
disappoint
disastrous
discipline
distributor
drunkenness
dumbbell

not dacquiri, daquiri
not decieve
not definate, definit
not definitly, definately, defiantly
not desparate
not diarrhea, diarreah
not diffrence
not dilema
not dissappear
not disapoint
not disasterous
not disipline
not distributer
not drunkeness
not dumbbell

E

effect
eligible
embarrass
embarrassment
eminent
environment

not affect
not iligible
not embaras, embarass
not embarasment, embarassment
not imminent
not enviroment

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equipment
exhilarate
exceed
existence
experience
extreme

not equiptment
not exilarate, exilerate
not excede
not existance
not experiance
not extreem

F

Fahrenheit
familiar
fascinating
February
fiery
finally
fluorescent
foreign
foreseeable
forty
forward
friend
fulfill
further

not Farenheit
not familiar
not fascinating
not Feburary, Febuary
not firey
not finaly
not florescent, flourescent
not foriegn
not forseeable
not fourty
not foward
not freind
not fullfill
not futher

G

gauge
gist
glamorous
government
grateful
guarantee
guard
guidance

not gage, guage
not jist
not glamourous
not goverment
not gratefull, greatful
not guarantee, garentee, garanty
not gard
not guidance

H

happened
harass
harassment
height
hierarchy
honorary
hors d'oeuvres

not happend
not harrass
not harrassment
not heighth, heigth
not heirarchy
not honourary
not hors derves, ordeurves

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humorous
hygiene
hypocrisy
hypocrite

not humorus, humourous, humerous
not hygene, hygine, hiygeine, higeine, hygeine
not hipocracy
not hipocrit

I

idiosyncrasy
ignorance
imitate
immediate
immediately
incidentally
independent
indispensable
inoculate
intelligence
interrupt
irresistible

not idiosyncracy
not ignorence
not immitate
not imediate
not immediatly, imediately
not incidently
not independant
not indispensable
not innoculate
not intelligance, inteligence
not interrupt
not irresistable

J

jewelry
judgment

not jewelery
not judgement

K

kernel
ketchup
knowledge

not kernal, colonel
not catchup, catsup
not knowlege

L

leisure
liaison
library
license
lightning
lollipop
lose

not lesure, liesure
not liason, liazon
not libary, liberry
not lisense, lisence
not lightening
not lollypop
not loose

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M

maintenance
maneuver
medieval
memento
millennium
miniature
minuscule
mischievous
misspell

not maintainance, maintainence, maintnance
not manuver, manoeuvre
not medeval, medevil, mideval, midieval
not momento
not milenium, millenium, millennium
not miniture
not miniscool
not mischievious, mischevous, mischevious
not mispell, misspel

N

Neanderthal
necessary
neighbor
niece
noticeable

not Neandertal
not neccessary, necessary
not nieghbor
not neice
not noticable

O

occasion
occasionally
occurred
occurrence
occurring
omission
original
outrageous

not ocassion, occassion
not occasionally, occassionally
not occured
not occurance, occurance, occurence
not occuring
not ommision, omision
not orignal
not outragous

P

paid
parliament
pastime
pavilion
perceive
perseverance
persistent
personnel
pharaoh
piece
plagiarize

not payd
not parliment
not pasttime, passtime
not pavillion
not percieve
not perseverance
not persistant
not personell, personel
not pharoah
not peice
not plagerize

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playwright
politician
Portuguese
possession
potatoes
precede
preferred
preferring
presence
principle
principal
privilege
professor
promise
pronunciation
propaganda
publicly

not playwright, playwrite
not politican
not Portugese
not posession, possession
not potatos
not preceed
not prefered
not prefering
not presance, presents
not principal
not principle
not privelege, privileged
not professor
not promiss
not pronounciation
not propoganda
not publically

Q

quarantine
queue
questionnaire

not quarentine
not cue, que
not questionare, questionnaire, questionnair

R

readable
really
receive
receipt
recommend
reference
referred
referring
relevant
religious
remember
repetition
resistance
restaurant
rhyme
rhythm

not readable
not realy
not recieve
not reciept
not recomend, reccommend
not referance, refrence
not refered
not refering
not relevent, revelant, revelent
not religous, religius
not rember, remeber
not repitition
not resistance
not restarant, restaraunt
not rime, ryme
not rythm, rythem

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S

secretary	not secratary, secretery
seize	not sieze
sense	not sence
separate	not seperate
sergeant	not sargent
siege	not seige
similar	not similer
skillful	not skilfull
successful	not succesful, successfull, sucessful
supersede	not supercede
surprise	not suprise, surprize

T

tattoo	not tatoo
tendency	not tendancy
therefore	not therefor
threshold	not threshhold
tomatoes	not tomatos
tomorrow	not tommorow, tommorrow
tongue	not tounge
truly	not truely
twelfth	not twelth
tyranny	not tyranny

U

underrate	not underate
unforeseen	not unforseen
unfortunately	not unfortunatly
until	not untill
upholstery	not upholstry
usable	not usable

V

vacuum	not vaccuum, vaccum, vacume
vehicle	not vehical
vendor	not vender
vicious	not visious

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W

warrant
weather
welfare
weird
wherever
whether
which
willful
withhold

not warant
not whether, wether
not wellfare, welfair
not wierd
not whereever
not weather, wether
not wich
not wilfull
not withhold

Y

yacht
yield

not yact, yaght
not yeild

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