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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 accommodate, 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 agressive
aggression	not agression
allegiance	not allegaince, allegience, alegiance
all right	not alright, allright
a lot	not alot
amateur	not amatuer, amature
annually	not anually, annualy
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, awful

B

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

not baloon
not barbeque, BBQ
not bargin
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	not colum
committee	not commitee
committed	not committed, comitted
comparative	not comparitive
completely	not completly
concede	not conceed
congratulate	not congradulate
congratulations	not congradulations
conceivable	not concevable
conscience	not conscuous, concious,
conscientious	not consciencious
conscious	not concious, consious
consensus	not concensus
controversy	not contraversy
coolly	not cooly
correspondence	not correspondance
counselor	not counsilor
criticize	not critisize
curiosity	not curiosity

D

daiquiri	not dacquiri, daquiri
deceive	not decieve
definite	not definate, definit
definitely	not defintly, definately, defiantly
desperate	not desparate
diarrhea	not diarrhea, diarreah
difference	not diffrence
dilemma	not dilema
disappear	not dissappear
disappoint	not disapoint
disastrous	not disasterous
discipline	not disipline
distributor	not distributer
drunkenness	not drunkeness
dumbbell	not dumbbell

E

effect	not affect
eligible	not iligible
embarrass	not embaras, embarass
embarrassment	not embarasment, embarassment
eminent	not iminent
environment	not enviroment

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equipment
exhilarate
exceed
existence
experience
extreme

not equipment
not exhilarate, 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 government
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, heighth
not heirarchy
not honorary
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	not maintainance, maintainence, maintnance
maneuver	not manuver, manoeuvre
medieval	not medeval, medevil, mideval, midieval
memento	not momento
millennium	not milenium, millenium, millennium
miniature	not miniture
minuscule	not miniscool
mischievous	not mischievious, mischevous, mischevious
misspell	not misspell, misspel

N

Neanderthal	not Neandertal
necessary	not neccessary, necessery
neighbor	not nieghbor
niece	not neice
noticeable	not noticable

O

occasion	not ocassion, occassion
occasionally	not occasionaly, occassionally
occurred	not occured
occurrence	not occurance, occurance, occurence
occurring	not occuring
omission	not ommision, omision
original	not orignal
outrageous	not outragous

P

paid	not payd
parliament	not parliment
pastime	not pasttime, passtime
pavilion	not pavillion
perceive	not percieve
perseverance	not perseverance
persistent	not persistant
personnel	not personell, personel
pharaoh	not pharoah
piece	not peice
plagiarize	not plagerize

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playwright	not playright, playwright
politician	not politican
Portuguese	not Portugese
possession	not posession, possession
potatoes	not potatos
precede	not preceed
preferred	not prefered
preferring	not prefering
presence	not presance, presents
principle	not principal
principal	not principle
privilege	not privelege, priviledge
professor	not professer
promise	not promiss
pronunciation	not pronounciation
propaganda	not propoganda
publicly	not publically

Q

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

R

readable	not readable
really	not realy
receive	not recieve
receipt	not reciept
recommend	not recomend, reccommend
reference	not referance, refrence
referred	not refered
referring	not refering
relevant	not relevent, revelant, revelent
religious	not religous, religius
remember	not rember, remeber
repetition	not repitition
resistance	not resistence
restaurant	not restarant, restaraunt
rhyme	not rime, ryme
rhythm	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 threshold
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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