

Misspelled words

Only One Is a Word: Quiz on 20 Commonly Misspelled Words

In each of the following pairs, only one is a word; the other is a common misspelling of that word. Guided by the brief definition, see if you can identify the correctly spelled word in each set. (Correct answers appear at the end of the post.) You have two minutes--starting *now*.

1. (a) **atheist** (b) **athiest**
One who denies the existence of a deity.
2. (a) **bouyant** (b) **buoyant**
Capable of floating.
3. (a) **concensus** (b) **consensus**
General agreement.
4. (a) **dialate** (b) **dilate**
To enlarge or expand.
5. (a) **fiery** (b) **firey**
Burning, glowing, volatile.
6. (a) **foresee** (b) **forsee**
To know beforehand.
7. (a) **grammar** (b) **grammer**
The systematic study and description of a language.
8. (a) **lambaste** (b) **lamblast**
To assault violently or attack verbally.
9. (a) **libary** (b) **library**
A place in which books and other materials are kept for use.
10. (a) **mathematics** (b) **mathmatics**
The science of numbers and their operations.

11. (a) **mischievious** (b) **mischievous**
Naughty, troublesome, irritating.
12. (a) **neice** (b) **niece**
Daughter of one's brother or sister.
13. (a) **playwright** (b) **playwrite**
A person who writes plays.
14. (a) **portray** (b) **protray**
To make a picture or describe in words.
15. (a) **relevant** (b) **revelant**
Having some bearing on the matter at hand.
16. (a) **roomate** (b) **roommate**
One of two or more persons sharing a living quarters.
17. (a) **separate** (b) **seperate**
To set or keep apart.
18. (a) **sheriff** (b) **sherrif**
An administrative official or an officer of the law.
19. (a) **supremacist** (b) **supremist**
One who believes that a particular group is superior.
20. (a) **visable** (b) **visible**
Capable of being seen.

Only for Teachers

Answers:

1. (a) atheist, 2. (b) buoyant, 3. (b) consensus, 4. (b) dilate, 5. (a) fiery, 6. (a) foresee, 7. (a) grammar, 8. (a) lambaste, 9. (b) library, 10. (a) mathematics, 11. (b) mischievious, 12. (b) niece, 13. (a) playwright, 14. (a) portray, 15. (a) relevant, 16. (b) roommate, 17. (a) separate, 18. (a) sheriff, 19. (a) supremacist, 20. (b) visible.