

258 Commonly Misspelled Words

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absence	capital	environment	Interfering	perspiration	salary
accept	career	equipped	judgment	physical	schedule
access	changeable	especially	knowledge	picnicking	seize
accidentally	changing	evaluation	laboratory	possess	sense
accommodations	choose	exaggerate	laid	possession	separate
accumulate	chose	excellence	liaison	possibility	separation
achievement	coming	except	lightning	possible	sergeant
acknowledge	commission	exhilarate	loneliness	practically	severely
acquisition	committee	existence	lose	precede	shining
acquire	comparative	existent	losing	precedence	similar
acquitted	conceivable	experience	maintenance	preference	since
adequate	conceive	explanation	maneuver	preferred	sincerely
advice	conferred	familiar	manufacture	prejudice	sophomore
advise	conscience	fascinate	marriage	preparation	specifically
affect	conscientious	feasible	mathematics	prevalent	specimen
amateur	conscious	February	maybe	principal	stationery
among	control	fiery	mere	principle	statue
analysis	controversial	foreign	miniature	privilege	studying
analyze	controversy	forty	mischievous	probably	success
apologize	convenient	fourth	mysterious	procedure	succession
apparatus	correspondence	frantically	necessary	proceed	superintendent
appearance	credentials	generally	negotiate	profession	surprise
arguing	curriculum	government	neighborhood	professor	technique
argument	deferred	grammar	ninety	prominent	temperamental
arithmetic	definitely	grandeur	noticeable	pronunciation	tendency
ascend	definition	grievous	occasionally	pursue	tragedy
assessment	describe	height	occurred	quantity	transferring
assignments	description	heroes	occurrence	questionnaire	tries
assistance	desperate	hindrance	omitted	quizzes	truly
attendance	dictionary	hoping	opinion	recede	tyranny
balance	dining	humorous	opportunity	receive	unanimous
bankruptcy	disappearance	hypocrisy	optimistic	receiving	undoubtedly
beginning	disappoint	hypocrite	paid	recommendation	unnecessary
belief	disastrous	illegible	parallel	recruit	until
believe	discipline	immediately	paralysis	reference	usually
beneficial	dissatisfied	incidentally	paralyze	referring	village
benefited	dormitory	incredible	particular	repetition	villain
boundaries	effect	independence	pastime	restaurant	weather
business	elementary	inevitable	performance	rhyme	weird
calendar	eligible	intellectual	permissible	rhythm	whether
candidate	eliminate	intelligence	perseverance	ridiculous	woman
category	embarrass	interesting	personal	sacrifice	women
cemetery	eminent	irresistible	personnel	sacrilegious	writing