

# Commonly Misspelled Words

*(Adapted from website [kcweb.nhmccd.edu/employee/jsamuels/spelling.htm](http://kcweb.nhmccd.edu/employee/jsamuels/spelling.htm))*

## A

- **accept / except**
- accomplish
- achieve
- although
- **a lot** [always two words]
- ancient
- arrangement
- **accommodate**
- accurate
- **address**
- almost
- arctic
- available
- article
- answer
- appearance
- appropriate

## B

- beginning
- **business**
- belief
- **believe**
- basically
- benefit

## C

- category
- character
- characteristic
- **column**
- **committed**
- **conscience**
- couldn't
- criticize
- **calendar**
- coming
- criticism

- civilization
- conscious
- changeable
- choose / chose
- \* congratulations
- colour

## D

- descend
- deceive
- desperate
- does / doesn't
- don't
- decision
- definitely
- disappear
- definition
- description
- disappoint

## E

- earliest
- encouraging
- entirely
- eventually
- explanation
- \* effect / **affect**
- entrance
- excitement
- **extraordinary**
- **especially**
- extremely
- eighth
- \* **embarrass**
- enormous
- **experience**

## F

- **familiar**
- fortunately

- fascinate
- February
- Friend
- forty / fourth

## G

- generally
- guard
- \* government

## H

- happiness
- hoping / hopping
- height
- humour

## I/J/K

- imaginary
- incredible
- \* knowledge

- imagination
- intelligence
- immediate
- \* its / it's
- immediately
- interesting
- journal

## L

- license
- \* loose / lose
- \* literature
- library
- loneliness

## M

- mystery / mysterious
- misspell
- maybe

## N/O

- \* necessary
- neither
- \* noticeable
- obvious
- occur
- \* occasion

## P/Q

- passed / past
- perform
- perseverance
- \* principal / principle
- personally
- \* professor
- probably
- quiet / quite

## R

- \* receive / receiving

- \* **recomm**end
- **refer**ence
- **resta**urant
- **rhythm**

## S

- sandwich
- **sch**edule
- **se**ize
- \* **se**parate
- **sh**ouldn't
- **sinc**erely
- \* **suc**ceed
- \* **sup**pose / **sup**posed

## T

- **temper**ature
- **than** / **then**
- \* **the**ir / **the**re / **the**y're
- **thor**ough

- \* through [not "thru"]
- to / too / two

## UVWXYZ

- \* undoub**ted**ly
- un**fortunate**
- \* un**necessary**
- un**til**
- un**usually**
- \* use / use**d**
- val**uable**
- we**ird**
- weath**er** / whe**ther**
- \* wh**ose** / wh**o's**
- wo**n't**
- wo**uldn't**
- \* yo**ur** / yo**u're**

**You may also visit the “First 100 Most Frequently Used Words” at <http://www.theteacherspot.com/classroom/first100.htm> .**