

SPELLING Common Errors

SPELLCHECKERS CHECK FOR **SPELLING**, NOT **MEANING**. PICK THE RIGHT WORD!

CORRECT

Word A	Meaning	Word B	Meaning
Then	Relates to time. <i>Then I left.</i>	Than	Comparison. <i>Better than you.</i>
They're	Abbreviation (they are). <i>They're going</i>	There	Position. <i>Over there</i>
		Their	Possession. <i>Their money</i>
Affect	Verb. <i>Alcohol affects the liver.</i>	Effect	Noun. <i>The effects of alcohol...</i>
Too	Also / excess. <i>I'm going too. Too far.</i>	To	Preposition. <i>I'm going to work.</i>
Of	Possession. <i>A glass cage of emotion.</i>	Off	Not on / Position. <i>Turn it off. Off limits</i>
Whose	Possession. <i>Whose car is that?</i>	Who's	Abbreviation (who is). <i>Who's that?</i>
In to	Movement. <i>Jump in to the pool</i>	Into	Transformation. <i>Turn into stone</i>
Your	Possession. <i>Your problem</i>	You're	Abbreviation (you are). <i>You're correct.</i>
Principle	Moral code. <i>I live by my principles.</i>	Principal	Leader of the school. <i>The Principal was kind</i>
Whole	Complete. <i>I saw the whole thing.</i>	Hole	An opening. <i>I fell into a deep hole of despair</i>
Lead	Direct / take charge / type of metal.	Led	Past tense of lead.
Loose	Not tight	Lose	You can't find it. <i>Try not to lose your marbles.</i>
e.g.	For example	i.e.	In other words
Illusion	Magic	Allusion	Reference to. <i>An allusion to The Bible</i>
Except	Apart from. <i>Everyone except me.</i>	Accept	Take it. <i>I accept your compliment.</i>
Cite	Mention / quote	Site	Area of land / position
		Sight	Vision
Coarse	Rough	Course	Play golf here / take a few lessons
Bear	Scary animal / cuddly toy	Bare	Uncovered / forgot your clothes
Break	Damage / a gap	Brake	Stops your car
Allowed	You have permission to do it	Aloud	You can hear it
Witch	With the pointy hat	Which	Identifying. <i>Which of these cars is fastest?</i>
Weather	Sunshine, clouds and so on	Whether	Choice. <i>Whether you like it or not.</i>
Peace	Not fighting. <i>Give peace a chance.</i>	Piece	A wee bit. <i>I want a piece of the action.</i>
Stationary	Not moving	Stationery	Pens, paper, Envelopes

An exhaustive list of easily confused words can be found [here](#).

INCORRECT

INVENTED WORD	WHAT YOU MEANT	WHAT IT ACTUALLY MEANS
Relatable	<i>Something to which we can easily relate</i>	<i>It's easy to explain as a story</i>
Could / would / should of	<i>Could have / Would have / Should have</i>	<i>It doesn't exist as a phrase</i>
Upto	<i>Up to</i>	<i>It doesn't exist as a word</i>