

Week 16

Vowels: Using AU/UA and IA/AI

The vowel combinations like au/ua and ia/ai are often misspelled because the vowels are reversed. Look closely at each word to determine which vowel combination is correct.

Word Bank

again	guarantee
associate	guard
because	persuade
brilliant	restaurant
captain	usual

Part I

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the word bank. Use the context of the sentence to determine which word should be used.

1. The plane was late _____ of the weather.
2. The coach talked to the team _____ at halftime.
3. There is no _____ that our team will win today.
4. She is a _____ young songwriter.
5. Can we go over the answers _____?
6. Tomorrow they are eating at a Chinese _____.
7. You might _____ her to give you a ride home.
8. His _____ routine is to go to the library after school.

Part II

Write a paragraph using at least four words from the word bank.

Part III

Each word below is missing either two letters: either *au*, *ua*, *ai*, or *ia*. Write the complete word in the blank.

1. bec____se _____
2. rest____rant _____
3. brill____nt _____
4. us____l _____
5. ag____n _____
6. g____rd _____
7. capt____n _____
8. g____rantee _____
9. pers____de _____
10. associate _____

Part IV

Read the paragraph below. Circle the misspelled words and write the correct spelling in the blanks provided.

It was up to Raoul, the captain of the gaurd, to persuade the
brillaint engineer to join the army and risk her life for her country.
She would be on a dangerous mission, and there was no guarantee
she would come back alive. Raoul invited her to a quiet restuarant,
but she refused becuase she was working late with an associate.
Raoul, as usual, was dedicated to his goal, so he asked her again.
This time the answer was different; she accepted.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Write a paragraph using at least four words from the word bank.

Student's choice.

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Each word below is missing either two letters: either *au*, *ua*, *ai*, or *ia*. Write the complete word in the blank.

1. bec____se because
2. rest____rant restaurant
3. brill____nt brilliant
4. us____l usual
5. ag____n again
6. g____rd guard
7. capt____n captain
8. g____rantee guarantee
9. pers____de persuade
10. associate associate

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4. because
5. associate