

SPELLING Consonants: Commonly Confused

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Word Bank

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| athlete | prophecy |
| concentrate | reference |
| criticize | seize |
| incident | suspense |
| pronunciation | think |

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. I did not witness the _____, but I heard that the red car hit the blue one.
2. In college, Jake was a star _____.
3. She didn't want to _____ his choice, but the shirt that he wore was very ugly.
4. You will find the dictionaries in the _____ section of the library.
5. Greta's _____ of Italian words was not very good.
6. When Darren could no longer stand the _____, he asked his teacher to grade his paper soon.
7. Beulah found it difficult to _____ on her homework with the television blaring in the next room.
8. I _____ I hear my phone ringing.

Part II

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

Part III

Each of the following words are misspelled. Write the correct spelling of the word in the blank.

1. suspence _____

2. prophesy _____

3. critisize _____

4. referense _____

5. thinck _____

6. consentrate _____

7. insident _____

8. seise _____

9. athelete _____

10. pronounsiation _____

Part IV

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

It wasn't an actual prophesy, but the whole school knew that the next few days might be unique. It began on Monday when there was an incidant where one of the cafeteria light fixtures fell onto an empty table. That was followed on Tuesday when all the locker doors flew open at the same moment. On Wednesday the reference section of the library was flooded with water. By Thursday fear seemed to sieze the entire school. Students found it difficult to concintrate, wondering what would happen next. The suspense was broken on Friday when the principal made the announcement about the reason for the mysterious happenings. Who would think that building foundations could cause so many problems?

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Student's choice.

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4. referense _____ **reference**
5. think _____ **think**
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1. _____ **prophecy**
2. _____ **incident**
3. _____ **reference**
4. _____ **seize**
5. _____ **concentrate**