

Week 24 SPELLING Vowels: Concerns with EE/EA

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Word Bank

| | |
|-----------|---------|
| appear | meant |
| break | proceed |
| career | search |
| committee | speak |
| instead | speech |

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. Nursing can be a rewarding _____.
2. They chose Gwen to be the chair of the _____.
3. Venus will _____ in the sky tonight.
4. They didn't know what the clue _____, but it seemed important.
5. Luis was assigned to give a _____ on the value of teamwork.
6. Be careful; you don't want to _____ your leg.
7. We really should go today _____ of tomorrow.
8. After a _____ of the basement, they started looking in the attic.

Part II

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

Part III

Each word below is missing two letters (*ea* or *ee*) of the word. Write the correctly spelled word in the blank.

1. sp__ch _____

2. m__nt _____

3. proc__d _____

4. car__r _____

5. s__rch _____

6. sp__k _____

7. inst__d _____

8. br__k _____

9. app__r _____

10. committ__ _____

Part IV

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

Mona had been asked to appear before the committee to speak about the search for a new library assistant. It was the first time in her career as head librarian that she would address them. It seemed a great deal of pressure was on her; she was really quite nervous. She waited and waited, and she was finally told that her turn would be after the break. During her speech, the lights went out, but the chairperson asked her to procede anyway. Speaking in the dark, Mona discovered that instead of being nervous, she was enjoying herself.

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Student's choice.

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