

Week 31

Consonants Blends: SC and GH

The consonant combinations of *sc* and *gh* can pose a challenge to a writer. Often the *gh* is silent and only serves to change the pronunciation of the vowels in the word. With *sc*, sometimes both letters are pronounced, but other times only the *s* is sounded. Study the words and pronounce them carefully to understand where a spelling problem may arise.

Word Bank

conscience	fascinate
description	neighbor
discipline	night
enough	scene
escape	thought

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. Did you get _____ to eat at lunch?
2. He _____ he heard a scream, but it could have been the wind during the storm.
3. Our English class is performing a _____ from *Hamlet* next week.
4. My grandmother's _____ goes by to check on her every day.
5. The rocket was able to _____ Earth's gravity.
6. During the _____ the full moon rose and illuminated the landscape.
7. She had a guilty _____ for telling the secret that Janie had told her.
8. The author has a _____ of the mountains and valleys in her book.

Part II

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

Part III

In each set of words below, make an X over the incorrectly spelled words and circle the correct word. Then write the word correctly in the blank.

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|----------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| 1. description | discription | decripsion | _____ |
| 2. fasinate | fascinate | facsinate | _____ |
| 3. descipline | desipline | discipline | _____ |
| 4. concience | conscience | conscince | _____ |
| 5. scene | sceene | sene | _____ |
| 6. enogh | enough | enouff | _____ |
| 7. thoght | thaught | thought | _____ |
| 8. nite | night | nighte | _____ |
| 9. neighbor | nieghbor | neghbor | _____ |
| 10. esape | ecsape | escape | _____ |

Part IV

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

Ruford Hornbacker was a business man, true, but a business man with no concience or disipline. Ruford sold bottles of his soon-to-be famous cure-all tonic "Uncle Ruford's Amazing Tonic to Cure What Ails You." He traveled to small towns with his wagon of goods. At each stop, he would find out which nabor was feeling poorly. When he started his sales pitch on the main street each night, he would include a description of the poor soul's malady and how his tonic would cure it completely. It was not enuough to fascinate his audience; he also wanted to get sales. More than once, the seen had turned ugly, as angry citizens realized his lies. When he thought the crowd might get dangerous, he would quickly make his escape.

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

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2. He **thought** he heard a scream, but it could have been the wind during the storm.
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Student's choice.

Part III

In each set of words below, make an X over the incorrectly spelled words and circle the correct word. Then write the word correctly in the blank.

1. descripition	discription	decipision	<u>description</u>
2. fascinate	fascinate	fascinate	<u>fascinate</u>
3. desipline	desipline	disipline	<u>discipline</u>
4. conscience	conscience	conscience	<u>conscience</u>
5. scene	scene	scene	<u>scene</u>
6. enough	enough	enough	<u>enough</u>
7. thought	thought	thought	<u>thought</u>
8. nite	night	night	<u>night</u>
9. neighbor	neighbor	neighbor	<u>neighbor</u>
10. escape	escape	escape	<u>escape</u>

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1. conscience
2. discipline
3. neighbor
4. enough
5. scene