

Language Mechanics Handout 119
Mastering Spelling

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In the space provided, write the word created by combining the prefix or suffix and the root word as indicated.

1. un + natural =
2. bear + able =
3. study + ing =
4. forget + ing
5. re + read =
6. commit + ment =
7. manage + able =
8. lonely + er =

Underline the correctly spelled word in each pair.

9. brief / brief
10. judgement / judgment
11. achieve / achieve
12. radioes / radios
13. sufficient / sufficeint

Underline the word that correctly completes each sentence.

14. What (affect, effect) will this rain have on your picnic plans?
15. The band members will march (past, passed) the principal's box seat.
16. Stan's (conscious, conscience) never bothers him no matter what he does.
17. Paula and Rico's new car is parked over (there, their).

18. Izzy cannot remember (were, where) she left her notebook.
19. (Your, you're) welcome in our house any time.
20. I do not feel that I ought to (except, accept) that money.

Underline the correct spelling of these words containing the letters "e" and "i."

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| 21. leisure | liesure | 31. sieze | seize |
| 22. sliagh | sleigh | 32. grieve | greive |
| 23. wierd | weird | 33. chief | cheif |
| 24. beleive | believe | 34. ceiling | cieling |
| 25. receive | recieve | 35. brief | breif |
| 26. foreign | foriegn | 36. siezure | seizure |
| 27. friend | freind | 37. hieght | height |
| 28. peice | piece | 38. spiel | speil |
| 29. conceive | concieve | 39. viel | veil |
| 30. neice | niece | 40. reign | riegn |

In the blanks, supply the missing words by putting together the parts in parentheses.

(1) Over the past few decades, there has been a growing (commit + ment) _____ to taking care of our earth. (2) Even young children are (worry + ing) _____ these days about protecting the environment. (3) Much as occur + ed) _____ to help each of us know how to help. (4) Books, such as *Fifty Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth*, show us how to make environmental protection a part of our day (day + ly) _____ lives. (5) None of us can close up the hole in the ozone layer, but all of us can make it our (busy + ness) _____ to stop using the

chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) that worsen the ozone problem. (6) Each of us is (response + ible) _____.

(7) One thing that many families already do is (re + cycle) _____ . (8) Many communities have programs that provide convenient containers, which makes saving newspaper or glass quite (manage + able) _____. (9) To save water, never leave the tap (run + ing) _____ while you wash dishes or brush your teeth. (10) Picking up trash in the neighborhood sets a good example and makes your surroundings more (beauty + ful) _____.

Cross out each misspelled word and write the word correctly above the line.

(11) The things your able to do around your home are not only easy but also economical. (12) Saving energy saves money, and it might also save frustration to make your home less cluttered. (13) One way to do this is to stop recieving so much junk mail. (14) To do this, write to Mail Preference Service; its address is Direct Marketing Association, 11 West 42nd Street, PO Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861. (15) Another way to reduce paper is too use your own cloth or string bag when you shop. (16) That way, when the clerk asks, "Paper or plastic?" you can reply, "Niether!" (17) There are certain kinds of packaging you should avoid completely, such as foam. (18) Its easy to save a lot of water when flushing the toilet by placing a plastic bottle in the tank to displace some of the water the tank will hold. (19) Taking care of our planet is everyone's job. (20) Anyone whose not part of the solution is part of the problem.