

Self-Guided Logic Activities #9

Proofreading, Predictions, Puns, and More

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Unit 27

Demons

It's easy to misspell some words over and over again, such as the ones that have *ei* and *ie* in them. The rule is "i before e except after c," but that doesn't always hold true. For example, some of us never remember whether it is *neice* or *niece*. Which is it? _____

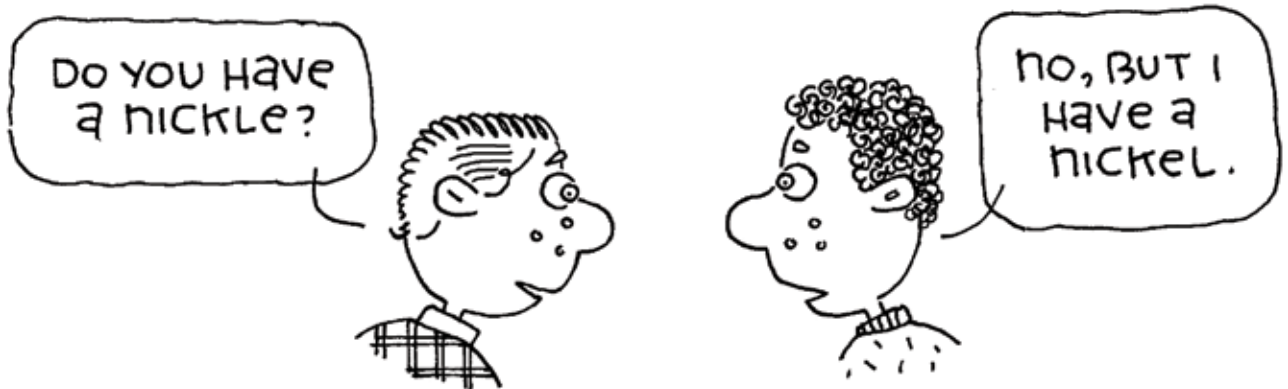
One word of the ten words below is spelled correctly. Which one is it? _____

Spell the others correctly without consulting a dictionary. Cross out the incorrect spelling and write in the correct one.

1. occurance _____
2. forfeit _____
3. nickle _____
4. mischievious _____
5. wierd _____
6. Febuary _____
7. surprize _____
8. peice _____
9. Conneticut _____
10. momento _____

Now use the dictionary to determine whether you were right about the spelling of the ten words. If you missed any, list them here.

Have you ever misspelled any of them? _____ Which one(s)? _____



In the following passage one word—and only one word—is misspelled. Find it and circle it.

Should you ever wander one evening into an East Coast seafront restaurant, or wherever else ancient mariners meet to exchange tales about the mysteries of the deep, try asking one of those grizzled old-timers what he knows about the Bermuda Triangle. His reply could easily touch off enough chatter to last the whole night through.

"The Bermuda Triangle? The Graveyard for Lost Ships, I call it. Suspicious I may be, lad, but I'd not sail into those waters for all the booty in the Deep Six. In the past hundred years, no less than forty ships and twenty airplanes have disappeared out there, and all without a single trace. None of 'em sounded distress calls. None of 'em responded to radio signals. No wreckage was ever found. No survivors ever picked up. No bodies ever discovered. No nothin', lad."



B. F. Cunningham, *Exploring the Unexplained* (Niles, IL: United Learning, 1976), filmstrip.

Student Self-Check Demons

Forfeit is spelled correctly.

The correct spelling of the ten words:

1. occurrence
2. forfeit
3. nickel
4. mischievous
5. weird
6. February
7. surprise
8. piece
9. Connecticut
10. memento

The one word that is spelled incorrectly in the passage is *survivers* (*survivors*).