**Common Misspellings**

Here’s a quick-reference guide to the top misspellings according to the [Oxford English Corpus](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/words/the-oxford-english-corpus) – an electronic collection of over 2 billion words of real English that helps us to see how people are using the language and also shows us the mistakes that are most often made. The table gives the [correct spelling](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/words/common-misspellings) of the word, handy tips on getting it right, and also the most common misspellings that we’ve found in our research, so you can check to see if any of the same mistakes have been tripping you up.

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| **Correct spelling** | **Spelling advice** | **Common misspelling** |
| [accommodate](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/accommodate), [accommodation](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/accommodation) | two **c**s, two **m**s | accomodate, accomodation |
| [achieve](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/achieve) | **i** before **e** | acheive |
| [aggressive](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/aggressive), [aggression](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/aggression) | two **g**s | agressive, agression |
| [apparently](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/apparently) | **-ent** not **-ant** | apparantly |
| [appearance](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/appearance) | ends with **-ance** | appearence |
| [assassination](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/assassination) | two double **s**’s | assasination |
| [basically](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/basically) | ends with **-ally** | basicly |
| [beginning](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/beginning) | double **n** before the **-ing** | begining |
| [believe](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/believe) | **i** before **e** | beleive, belive |
| [bizarre](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/bizarre) | one **z**, double **-r** | bizzare |
| [business](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/business) | begins with **busi-** | buisness |
| [calendar](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/calendar) | **-ar** not **-er** | calender |
| [cemetery](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/cemetery) | ends with **-ery** | cemetary |
| [chauffeur](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/chauffeur) | ends with **-eur** | chauffer |
| [colleague](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/colleague) | **-ea-** in the middle | [collegue](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/words/common-misspellings) |
| [committee](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/committee) | double **m**, double **t**, double **e** | commitee |
| [completely](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/completely) | ends with **-ely** | completly |
| [conscious](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/conscious) | **-sc-** in the middle | concious |
| [curiosity](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/curiosity) | **-os-** in the middle | curiousity |
| [definitely](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/definitely) | **-ite-** not **–ate-** | definately |
| [disappear](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/disappear) | one **s**, two **p**s | dissapear |
| [disappoint](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/disappoint) | one **s**, two **p**s | dissapoint |
| [ecstasy](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/ecstasy) | ends with **–sy** | ecstacy |
| [embarrass](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/embarrass) | two **r**s, two **s**’s | embarass |
| [environment](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/environment) | **n** before the **m** | enviroment |
| [existence](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/existence) | ends with **-ence** | existance |
| [familiar](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/familiar) | ends with **-iar** | familar |
| [finally](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/finally) | two **l**s | finaly |
| [fluorescent](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/fluorescent) | begins with **fluor-** | florescent |
| [foreign](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/foreign) | **e** before **i** | foriegn |
| [foreseeable](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/foreseeable) | begins with **fore-** | forseeable |
| [forty](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/forty) | begins with **for-** | fourty |
| [forward](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/forward) | begins with **for-** | foward |
| [glamorous](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/glamorous) | **-mor-** in the middle | glamourous |
| [government](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/government) | **n** before the **m** | goverment |
| [guard](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/guard) | begins with **gua-** | [gaurd](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/words/common-misspellings) |
| [happened](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/happen) | ends with **-ened** | happend |
| [harass](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/harass), [harassment](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/harassment) | one **r**, two **s**’s | harrass, harrassment |
| [idiosyncrasy](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/idiosyncrasy) | ends with **-asy** | idiosyncracy |
| [immediately](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/immediately) | ends with **-ely** | immediatly |
| [incidentally](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/incidentally) | ends with **-ally** | incidently |
| [independent](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/independent) | ends with **-ent** | independant |
| [interrupt](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/interrupt) | two **r**s | interupt |
| [irresistible](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/irresistible) | ends with **-ible** | irresistable |
| [knowledge](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/knowledge) | remember the **d** | knowlege |
| [liaise](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/liaise), [liaison](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/liaison) | remember the second **i**: **liais-** | liase, liason |
| [lollipop](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/lollipop) | **i** in the middle | lollypop |
| [millennium](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/millennium), millennia | double **l**, double **n** | millenium, millenia |
| [necessary](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/necessary) | one **c**, two **s**’s | neccessary |
| [noticeable](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/noticeable) | remember the middle **e** | noticable |
| [occasion](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/occasion) | two **c**s, one **s** | ocassion, occassion |
| [occurred](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/occur), occurring | two **c**s, two **r**s | occured, occuring |
| [occurrence](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/occurrence) | two **c**s, two **r**s, **-ence** not **-ance** | occurance, occurence |
| [persistent](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/persistent) | ends with **-ent** | persistant |
| [possession](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/possession) | two **s**’s in the middle and two at the end | posession |
| [preferred](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/prefer), preferring | two **r**s | prefered, prefering |
| [publicly](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/publicly) | ends with **–cly** | publically |
| [receive](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/receive) | **e** before **i** | [recieve](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/words/common-misspellings) |
| [referred](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/refer), referring | two **r**s | refered, refering |
| [religious](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/religious) | ends with **-gious** | religous |
| [remember](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/remember) | **-mem-** in the middle | rember, remeber |
| [resistance](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/resistance) | ends with **-ance** | resistence |
| [separate](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/separate) | **-par-** in the middle | seperate |
| [siege](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/siege) | **i** before **e** | seige |
| [successful](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/successful) | two **c**s, two **s**’s | succesful |
| [surprise](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/surprise) | begins with **sur-** | suprise |
| [tomorrow](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/tomorrow) | one **m**, two **r**s | tommorow, tommorrow |
| [unfortunately](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/unfortunately) | ends with **-ely** | unfortunatly |
| [weird](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/weird) | **e** before **i** | weird |