

Week 3 SPELLING Consonants: Double or Single?

Many English words use double consonants. They are there to signal the sound the preceding vowel should have. The best example of this is the word *dinner*. The double *n* signals that the *i* should have a short sound. If the extra *n* is left out, the word is *diner*. The *i* becomes long because of the *e* after the single *n*.

There are times when a writer may add a double consonant when none is needed. Look carefully at the words in the word bank so you can tell those that need a double consonant and those that don't.

Word Bank

different	profession
disappoint	recommend
during	success
occasion	until
opportunity	written

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. A large city offers a good career _____ for those in retail sales.
2. We drove a _____ route to school today.
3. Manuel can _____ a good restaurant for dinner.
4. There will be no breaks _____ the last section of the test.
5. Have you _____ your English paper yet?
6. Chloe could hardly wait _____ class was over; she wanted to tell the principal the good news.
7. The teachers encourage _____ and not failure.
8. She could not _____ her little sister by canceling the trip to the park.

Part II

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

Part III

Each of the following words are misspelled. Write the correct spelling of the word in the blank. 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. unntil untill **until** _____
2. **disappoint** disapoint dissapoint _____
3. ocassion **occasion** occaision _____
4. **during** durring duiring _____
5. reccommend reccomend **recommend** _____
6. differant **different** diferrent _____
7. proffession **profession** proffesion _____
8. **written** writen writin _____
9. succes sucess **success** _____
10. **opportunity** oporrtnuity oportunity _____

Part IV

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

We are gathered here on the important occasion to celebrate the success of Kera Jackson in her chosen profession of teaching. Mrs. Jackson has had an opportunity over the last several years to touch the lives of the many different students she has taught. During the current school year, she has written over forty letters to recommend students for academic scholarships for college. Untill she returns to our school in two years, we will greatly miss her.

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