

**Vowels Concerns: Using O**

Words with an *o* sometimes get misspelled because the *o* is mispronounced or an extra vowel, such as an *i*, is added. Other times the words are misspelled because the *o* is left out of the word. Look closely at each word to see where there is an *o*.

**Word Bank**

among	poison
apology	prison
around	sophomore
horse	woman
laboratory	wonder

**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.

- Derrick saddled his \_\_\_\_\_ and rode the ten miles into town.
- We asked the \_\_\_\_\_ in the hat for directions to the store.
- After he finishes his freshman year, he will become a \_\_\_\_\_.
- They looked \_\_\_\_\_ the room for a power plug.
- Do you \_\_\_\_\_ where you will be in ten years?
- Mrs. Garcia asked Lucy for an \_\_\_\_\_ for breaking her vase.
- The scientist in the \_\_\_\_\_ discovered new ways to combine metals.
- The convicted murderer escaped from the \_\_\_\_\_.

**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. woiman     | woman      | wamon      | _____ |
| 2. amoung     | ammong     | among      | _____ |
| 3. sophmore   | sophomore  | sophomor   | _____ |
| 4. around     | arond      | arrond     | _____ |
| 5. posion     | poision    | poison     | _____ |
| 6. laboratory | labaratory | laborotary | _____ |
| 7. prisson    | prision    | prison     | _____ |
| 8. apalogy    | apology    | apolagy    | _____ |
| 9. hourse     | hors       | horse      | _____ |
| 10. wonder    | wondor     | woundor    | _____ |

**Part IV**

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

The mad scientist worked long hours in his laborotary trying to find a cure for baldness. Among his many experiments was one where he took the tail of a horse and wove the hairs around the head of a woman. Like all of his experiments, it was a failure, but he refused to admit it. Instead, he introduced his wondor cure for baldness to the public. It turned out to be poision, so he was sent to prison for many years, even though he offered an apolagy to all of his customers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_