

Week 8

SPELLING Consonants: Single or Double?

Many English words use double consonants. They are there to signal the sound the preceding vowel should have. A good 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 also 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

accommodate	parallel
commit	possession
exaggerate	succeed
forest	summary
immediate	tomorrow

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.

- The group will meet _____ rather than today because of a schedule conflict.
- The nurse in the emergency room determined who needed _____ help.
- Our homework was to write a brief _____ of the book.
- It was dark and cool in the _____.
- A square has two sets of _____ sides.
- The player will _____ a foul if she touches the ball with her hands.
- You can _____ in school if you study hard.
- They will _____ those who need extra time.

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.

1. sumarry _____

2. posesion _____

3. sucede _____

4 forrist _____

5. tommorow _____

6. exagerrate _____

7. acomodate _____

8. comitt _____

9. paralell _____

10. imeddiate _____

Part IV

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

I will give a true summary of my journey. I will not exaggeratte or distort the events in any way. I first entered the forest as darkness approached, as I had to accomodate the slow pace of my lame horse. My most immedate concern was shelter, followed by food and warmth. I did succed in finding a grove of trees that would make a good camp. I took possession of the grove and started a fire. I had carried some dry bread with me, so that gave me some much-needed nourishment. Tomorow, I thought, I would find a more appetizing meal.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____