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# Words Often Confused

## Read and Say

### Basic

1. *immigrate*
2. *emigrate*
3. *adverse*
4. *averse*
5. *persecute*
6. *prosecute*
7. *accede*
8. *exceed*
9. *liable*
10. *libel*
11. *rational*
12. *rationale*
13. *prospective*
14. *perspective*
15. *vocation*
16. *avocation*
17. *vial*
18. *vile*
19. *regimen*
20. *regiment*

**READ** the sentences. **SAY** each bold word.

- 1 When did you **immigrate** to our country?
- 2 From which country did they **emigrate**?
- 3 An **adverse** reaction to medicine is serious.
- 4 I am **averse** to the idea of higher taxes.
- 5 We do not **persecute** people for their beliefs.
- 6 Which lawyer will **prosecute** the suspect?
- 7 I hope my parents **accede** to my request.
- 8 It is unsafe to **exceed** the speed limit.
- 9 You are **liable** to fail if you don't study.
- 10 Lies stated in print are grounds for **libel**.
- 11 His careful thought led to a **rational** plan.
- 12 Explain the **rationale** for your choice.
- 13 I met my **prospective** boss at the interview.
- 14 The van looks huge from this **perspective**.
- 15 My chosen lifetime **vocation** is acting.
- 16 A hobby is a kind of **avocation**.
- 17 Pour each blood sample into a small **vial**.
- 18 The sour milk had a **vile** taste.
- 19 Does your exercise **regimen** include running?
- 20 The **regiment** of soldiers marched all night.



**Spelling Strategy** To avoid confusing words with similar spellings and pronunciations, think of the meanings of the words.

**Think and Write** Write the pairs of Basic Words.

- |                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Review</b>  | 23. bizarre |
| 21. conscious  | 24. bazaar  |
| 22. conscience |             |

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Challenge</b> | 27. eminent  |
| 25. antidote     | 28. imminent |
| 26. anecdote     |              |

## Independent Practice

**Vocabulary: Word Clues** Write the Basic Word that fits each clue. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

1. A family that is planning to move away from its native country is going to do this.
2. A scientist might store a chemical solution in this.
3. A person who is legally responsible for an accident is this.
4. This is the reasoning behind a decision.
5. This is an activity that someone does in his or her spare time.
6. This is a large group of soldiers.
7. You are following this when you stay in bed and drink liquids to fight a cold.
8. A journalist who prints lies about a person may be accused of this.
9. The legal system will do this to someone who is accused of breaking a law.
10. A Greek family that has left Greece and will soon settle in the United States is about to do this.



**Vocabulary: Synonyms** Write the Basic Word that has the same meaning as each word below. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

11. unfavorable
12. agree
13. profession
14. disgusting
15. future
16. opposed
17. logical
18. view
19. overstep
20. torment

**Challenge Words** Write the Challenge Word that fits each clue. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

21. judge
22. poison
23. danger
24. humorous

### Word Clues

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### Synonyms

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### Challenge Words

21. \_\_\_\_\_
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23. \_\_\_\_\_
24. \_\_\_\_\_

**Review: Spelling Spree**

**Word Change**

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**Puzzle Play**

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**Word Change** Change a letter in each word to write a Basic Word.

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1. dial   | 4. tile     |
| 2. label  | 5. vacation |
| 3. viable | 6. national |

**Puzzle Play** Write the Basic or Review Word that fits each clue. Circle the letter that would appear in the box.

- Example:** a profession \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ voc@tion
7. feeling opposed  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  8. a method of treatment \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_
  9. to take legal action against \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  10. to leave a native country \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  11. a sense of right and wrong \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  12. to consent or yield \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  13. an outdoor market \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  14. expected to happen \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  15. to cause to suffer \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  16. a unit of army troops  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  17. very odd  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  18. negative or hostile  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  19. reasons for something \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  20. to settle in a new country \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  21. a way of viewing something \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  22. to go beyond the limits of  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  23. a hobby  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  24. aware \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Now write the circled letters in order. They will spell mystery words that tell where many immigrants live.

Mystery Words:  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**How Are You Doing?**  
 List the spelling words that are difficult for you. Practice them with a partner.

*This is good practice*

*at home not on paper to turn in*

## Proofreading and Writing

**Proofread: Spelling, Comparing with Adjectives and Adverbs** To compare two things or actions, use the **comparative degree** of an adjective or adverb. Use the **superlative degree** to compare three or more things or actions. In most cases, form the comparative degree with *-er* or *more* and the superlative degree with *-est* or *most*. Some adjectives and adverbs have irregular forms.

	POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ADJECTIVE	good	better	best
	bad	worse	worst
ADVERB	much	more	most
	far	farther	farthest

Use proofreading marks to correct five misspelled Basic or Review Words and two incorrect adjectives or adverbs of comparison in this journal entry.

**Example:** Of Mama and me, I was the <sup>more</sup>most <sup>emigrate</sup>eager to ~~emigrat~~.

Today has been the better day of my life. The years of waiting to imigrate to America are over. Mama and I left our village yesterday, consious of many fears.

Would my hopes for happiness excede reality? I tried to be rationale, but my heart spoke most forcefully than my head. When I saw my prospective home, however, my fearful pirspective changed. I have arrived not only in a new country but also in a completely new world.

**Write a Poem** Every day, many immigrants enter the United States. Write a short poem to welcome them to our country. Try to use five spelling words and at least one comparative or superlative adjective or adverb form.

### Basic

- immigrate
- emigrate
- adverse
- averse
- persecute
- prosecute
- accede
- exceed
- liable
- libel
- rational
- rationale
- prospective
- perspective
- vocation
- avocation
- vial
- vile
- regimen
- regiment

### Review

- conscious
- conscience
- bizarre
- bazaar

### Challenge

- antidote
- anecdote
- eminent
- imminent

### Proofreading Marks

- ¶ Indent
- ^ Add
- ^ Add a comma
- “ ” Add quotation marks
- ⊙ Add a period
- ✂ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ↶ Reverse order



Expanding Vocabulary

**Spelling  
Word Link**  
prosecute

**Antonyms** *Prosecute* means "to conduct a legal action against a person accused of a crime." *Defend* has the opposite meaning, "to represent, or argue for, a person accused of a crime." Words with opposite meanings are called **antonyms**.

Write the Basic or Review Word that is an antonym for each word below.

- |              |              |               |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. pleasant  | 3. agreeable | 5. irrational |
| 2. favorable | 4. ordinary  | 6. immigrate  |

1. _____	3. _____	5. _____
2. _____	4. _____	6. _____

**TEST-TAKING TACTICS**



**Analogies** Being familiar with the common types of analogy relationships can help you recognize these relationships when you see them on analogy tests. Here are some of the kinds of relationships you will encounter: *object* and its *characteristic*, *object* and its *category*, and *cause* and its *effect*.

Study the following analogy question.

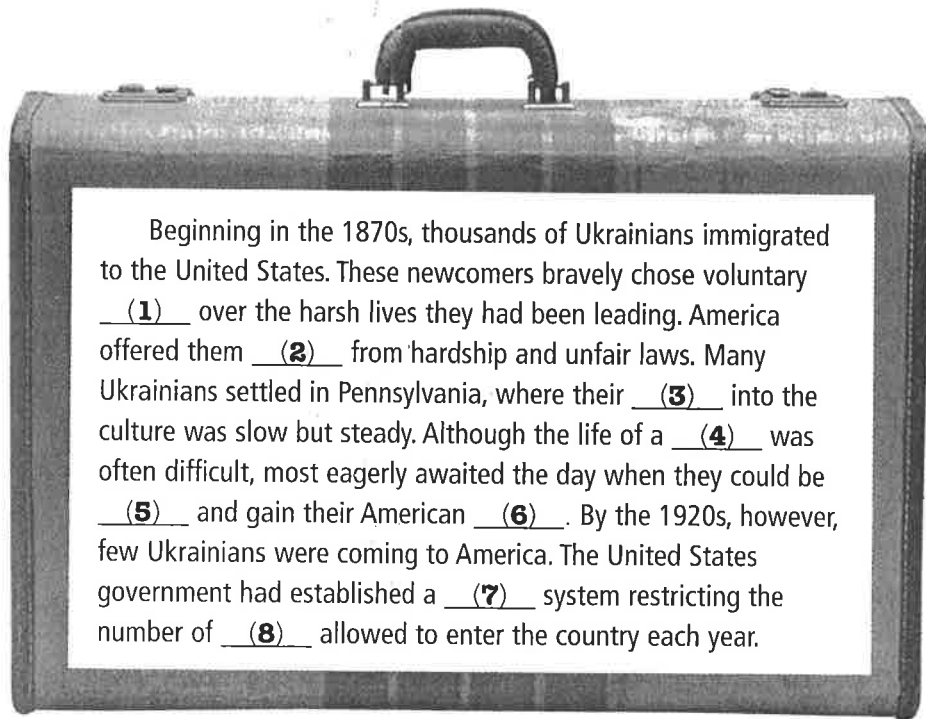
- MICROWAVE : APPLIANCE ::
- (A) cutlery : sharpness
  - (B) fire : warmth
  - (C) wire : flexibility
  - (D) bottle : container
  - (E) joke : laughter

Now answer these questions about the sample analogy.

- 7. What type of relationship exists between the stem words?
  - 8. What type of relationship exists in answer choices A and C?
  - 9. What type of relationship exists in answer choices B and E?
  - 10. Which answer choice correctly completes the analogy? Write its letter.
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

Real-World Connection

**Social Studies: Immigration** All the words in the box relate to immigration. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this paragraph.



Beginning in the 1870s, thousands of Ukrainians immigrated to the United States. These newcomers bravely chose voluntary (1) over the harsh lives they had been leading. America offered them (2) from hardship and unfair laws. Many Ukrainians settled in Pennsylvania, where their (3) into the culture was slow but steady. Although the life of a (4) was often difficult, most eagerly awaited the day when they could be (5) and gain their American (6). By the 1920s, however, few Ukrainians were coming to America. The United States government had established a (7) system restricting the number of (8) allowed to enter the country each year.

Spelling Word Link  
immigrate

- asylum
- aliens
- quota
- exile
- refugee
- assimilation
- naturalized
- citizenship

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

TRY THIS!

**True or False?** Write *T* if the sentence is true and *F* if it is false.

- 9. Exile is always voluntary.
- 10. Asylum offers a person safety.
- 11. A quota is a tax put on goods that enter a country.
- 12. Assimilation is the process of leaving a country.

Fact File

Ellis Island, located in New York Harbor, was the chief United States immigration center from 1892 to 1954. Known as the Gateway to the New World, it was the first American stop for millions of immigrants.



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10. \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_