U.S. Spelling Practice

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which spelling completes the sentence? Put the wet towels in a ___ bag.
   A. separate
   B. seperate
   C. sepparate
   D. separrate
   Correct answer: A. separate
   Separate has an a immediately after the p. The bag is set apart from the other bags.

2. Which spelling belongs in the blank? We waited inside ___ the field was flooded.
   A. becaus
   B. becuase
   C. because
   D. becouse
   Correct answer: C. because
   Because contains a before u and ends in a silent e. It introduces the reason for waiting inside.

3. Which word is spelled correctly? Malik made a new ___ at camp.
   A. freind
   B. friend
   C. frend
   D. frieend
   Correct answer: B. friend
   Friend contains the vowel pair ie in that order.

4. Choose the spelling that fits. We hid the banner so the award would be a ___.
   A. suprrise
   B. suprise
   C. surprisse
   D. surprise
   Correct answer: D. surprise
   Surprise has an r before the p and another r after the p. It ends with a single s followed by e.

5. Which spelling should go on a sign pointing visitors to the book-lending room?

A. libary
B. library
C. librery
D. librairy

Correct answer: B. library
Library contains two r letters. It ends in ary.

6. Which spelling completes the safety notice? A helmet is ___ on this trail.

A. necessary
B. neccessary
C. neccesary
D. necesary

Correct answer: A. necessary
Necessary has one c and two consecutive s letters.

7. Which word should go in a reminder about keeping track of dates? Add the rehearsal to your ___.

A. callendar
B. calender
C. calandar
D. calendar

Correct answer: D. calendar
The word for a record or display of dates is calendar, ending in dar.

8. Which spelling belongs on the town map? A ___ serves lunch near the station.

A. restuarant
B. restaraunt
C. restaurant
D. resturaunt

Correct answer: C. restaurant
Restaurant places au immediately after st. The ending is rant.

9. Which spelling completes the book review? I ___ this novel to readers who like mysteries.

A. recommend
B. reccomend
C. recomend
D. reccommend

Correct answer: A. recommend
Recommend uses a single c and a double m.

10. Which version should the editor use? We hung old team photos to mark the ___.

A. ocasion
B. ocassion
C. occassion
D. occasion

Correct answer: D. occasion
Occasion doubles the c and uses only one s.

11. Choose the adjective with the standard spelling. The ___ stage manager checked each safety latch.

A. conscietious
B. consciencious
C. conscientious
D. concientious

Correct answer: C. conscientious
Conscientious begins with consc and ends with tious. Here it describes someone who takes the job seriously and acts with care.

12. Which spelling completes the team's notes? It took ___ to rebuild the model after three failed tests.

A. perserverance
B. perseverance
C. perseverence
D. persevarance

Correct answer: B. perseverance
Perseverance keeps the persever stem of persevere and ends in ance.

13. Choose the spelling for a written set of survey questions. Everyone filled out a short ___.

A. questionnare
B. questionaire
C. questionnairre
D. questionnaire

Correct answer: D. questionnaire
Questionnaire contains two n letters where question meets naire. Its last four letters are aire.

14. Which spelling completes the museum guide's note? A reliable map is ___ on this remote route.

A. indispensable
B. indispenseable
C. indespensable
D. indispenssable

Correct answer: A. indispensable
Indispensable joins indispens to able with no extra e between them. It means the map is essential.

15. Choose the standard spelling for a label grouping several unrelated items.

A. Miscelaneous supplies
B. Miscellanious supplies
C. Miscellaneous supplies
D. Miscellanneous supplies

Correct answer: C. Miscellaneous supplies
Miscellaneous doubles the l, uses one n, and ends in eous. It fits an assortment that does not share one narrow category.