

TIP

Words that sound the same, but are spelled differently and have different meanings, are called homonyms, as in through and threw.

Some words have similar spellings and pronunciations, but different meanings, as in personnel and personal.

The best way to become familiar with these words is to practice using them.

LIST WORDS

1. *through*
2. *threw*
3. *wait*
4. *weight*
5. *principle*
6. *principal*
7. *ceiling*
8. *sealing*
9. *weather*
10. *whether*
11. *coarse*
12. *course*
13. *patients*
14. *patience*
15. *except*
16. *accept*
17. *dessert*
18. *desert*
19. *personal*
20. *personnel*

Spelling Practice

Homonyms and Challenging Words

Write a **list word** to match each clue. Then, write another **list word** that is the word's homonym or has a similar spelling.

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|-------------|-------|-------|
| 1. rough | _____ | _____ |
| 2. rule | _____ | _____ |
| 3. calmness | _____ | _____ |
| 4. private | _____ | _____ |
| 5. pitched | _____ | _____ |
| 6. rain | _____ | _____ |
| 7. scale | _____ | _____ |
| 8. roof | _____ | _____ |
| 9. receive | _____ | _____ |
| 10. sand | _____ | _____ |

Missing Words

Write a **list word** that is a homonym for or sounds similar to the underlined word.

1. We are _____ the cracks in the ceiling.
2. I had to wait for the nurse to check my _____.
3. The doctor showed _____ with his young patients.
4. _____ or not we go will depend on the weather forecast.
5. The boy threw the ball _____ the open window.
6. Except for two people, they all arrived to _____ their awards.
7. He thought the personnel manager asked him some very _____ questions.
8. What do you think they eat for dessert in the _____?
9. She went through some practice motions before she _____ out the opening pitch.
10. "The _____ reason for this rule is the students' safety," the principal said.
11. Did you check the _____ outside before you decided whether or not to wear a raincoat?



Definitions

On the spaces at the right, write a **list word** to solve each definition clue. Then, use the letters in the shaded boxes to solve the riddle.

1. served at the end of a meal

2. a school subject

3. not fine or delicate; harsh

4. head of a school

5. remain until something happens

6. top part of a room

7. people who need a doctor's care

8. employed persons

9. other than; but

Riddle: What's the best way to
communicate with a fish?

Answer: _____

Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

The book review below has twelve mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the **list words** correctly on the lines.

The Case of the Missing Fingerprints is such an exciting book. There is nonstop action in this personnel story by a clever detective who had the patients to weight for the criminal to make a mistake. One reviewer said, "I read threw just the first ten pages, and I knew it was a book of principal." The author said, "Of coarse, weather or not readers like it remainsto be seen."

Proofreading Marks



spelling mistake



add quotation marks



add something

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

