

English Spelling: Medium Practice Paper 1 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	A	'definatly' should be spelled 'definitely'. The word is built from finite, so the middle vowel is an i, not an a: de-fin-ite-ly. The mistake is in group A.
2	B	'seperate' should be spelled 'separate'. There is a rat in the middle of separate, which is the easiest way to remember that the second vowel is an a. The mistake is in group B.
3	E	Every word here is spelled correctly, including the two hardest: rhythm and rhyme both begin rh and rhythm has no vowel letters at all. So there is no mistake in this sentence.
4	C	'occassionally' should be spelled 'occasionally'. Occasion has two c letters but only one s, and the ending is -ally. The mistake is in group C.
5	D	'responsable' should be spelled 'responsible'. It comes from respons(e), and the ending is -ible, as in possible and sensible. The mistake is in group D.
6	B	'arguement' should be spelled 'argument'. Argue ends in a silent e and that e is dropped before -ment, so argu(e) + ment gives argument. The mistake is in group B.
7	E	Every word here is spelled correctly. Committee doubles its m, t and e, and necessary has one c and two s letters. So there is no mistake in this sentence.
8	A	'buisness' should be spelled 'business'. It is built from busy, so the letters run bus-i-ness, with the i after the s. The mistake is in group A.
9	D	'begining' should be spelled 'beginning'. The stress falls on the last syllable of begin, so the n is doubled before -ing: begin + n + ing. The mistake is in group D.
10	C	'knifes' should be spelled 'knives'. A noun ending in -fe changes the f to v before the plural -es, as in wife and wives. The mistake is in group C.