

Correct Spelling and Idiomatic Expressions with Meaning and Examples

There are also given questions about choosing the correct spelling of words or selecting the misspelled one. In my honest opinion, spelling is the most challenging exam since words seem spelled correctly and you are just choosing from a given set of words. Sometimes there is also an option for “none” or all are correct.

This part of the exam is very tricky considering the words may look familiar and common but their spellings are confusing. Often you may think you already know the correct spelling, yet you may be wrong. That’s why I provided the most confusing words with correct spellings here.

We’re giving some of the words usually given for this type of test. Review them well and master them by heart.

committee	separate	melancholy
occasion	license	oxymoron
knowledgeable	liaison	execute
acknowledgment	receipt	zoologist
meringue	anonymous	withdrawal
queue	yacht	vacuum
spontaneous	whimsical	privilege
malicious	accessible	nuisance
commission	continuous	nauseous
eccentric	ecstasy	lingerie
rhythm	fluorescent	judgment
accommodate	ambiguous	hemorrhage
embarrass	turquoise	equilibrium
maintenance	occurrence	dilemma
conscience	mayonnaise	bizarre
etiquette	Mediterranean	assimilate
bourgeoisie	grotesque	hygienic
dearth	irresistible	jeopardy
luscious	negligible	omniscience
pandemonium	quintessential	rendezvous

Idiomatic Expressions with Meaning and Examples

Idioms are words and phrases that have figurative meaning, separate from its literal meaning like proverbs and sayings.

Examples:

- Burning the midnight oil – means working or studying late into the night
- Don't judge the book by its cover – means don't judge something by its appearance
- Blessing in disguise – something unexpectedly turned out good
- It takes two to Tango – means Actions or communications need more than one person.
- Break a leg – means do your very best

Idiomatic Expressions Questions:

Note that we already highlighted the correct answers.

Instructions: Choose the meaning of the underlined phrases from the given choices.

- If you don't spill the beans now, you might regret it.
 - spread rumors
 - let out a secret
 - plant some seeds
 - none of the above
- Hey, man, you are absolutely barking up the wrong tree here because I'm innocent.
 - choosing the wrong dog
 - giving up a fight
 - accusing the wrong person
 - setting up an event in a tree
- One proven way to beat an enemy is to find his Achilles heel.
 - secret strategy
 - amulet
 - strong point
 - weak spot
- His new Ferrari costs an arm and a leg so he is now looking for another job.
 - very expensive
 - got fired

3. met an accident
4. was stolen

5. He married a woman who was born with a silver spoon in her mouth.

1. born very beautiful
2. born very poor
3. born into a very rich family
4. born very talkative

6. She has different investments because she doesn't want to put all eggs in one basket.

1. doesn't want to put all resources in one possibility
2. doesn't want to cook everything at once
3. doesn't want to go bankrupt
4. none of the above

7. Whenever his crush passes by the hallway, he's having butterflies on his stomach.

1. he feels sick
2. he feels nervous
3. he feels like flying
4. he feels so handsome

8. Even though they had a nasty fight, they decided to bury the hatchet and move on.

1. kill the enemy
2. remember the past
3. bury the dead
4. forget the past quarrel

9. My father always reminds us, "don't count your chickens before the eggs have hatched."

1. Don't eat your eggs before they are cooked.
2. Don't make plans for something that might not happen.
3. Don't deal with your problems before they are solved.
4. All of the above.

10. iPhones became so popular not only to teens, even my grandparents jump on the bandwagon and bought some.

1. ride on the gadget and sell Apple
2. jump for technology and sell iphones
3. joined the new trend and bought iphones
4. bought Android and Apple

Answer Key: 2,3,4,1,3,1,2,4,2,3