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Commonly Misspelled Words &

Commonly Mispronounced Words

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**240 Commonly Misspelled Words**

absence

accidentally

accommodate

accumulate

achievement

acquaintance

acquire

acquitted

advice

advise

amateur

among

analysis

analyze

annual

apartment

apparatus

apparent

appearance

artic

arguing

argument

arithmetic

ascend

athletic

attendance

balance

battalion

beginning

belief

believe

beneficial

benefited

boundaries

Britain

business

calendar

candidate

category

cemetery

changeable

changing

choose

chose

coming

commission

committee

comparative

compelled

conceivable

conferred

conscience

conscientious

conscious

control

controversial

controversy

criticize

deferred

definitely

definition

describe

description

desperate

dictionary

dining

disappearance

disappoint

disastrous

discipline

dissatisfied

dormitory

effect

eighth

eligible

eliminate

embarrass

eminent

encouragement

encouraging

environment

equipped

especially

exaggerate

excellence

exhilarate

existence

existent

experience

explanation

familiar

fascinate

February

fiery

foreign

formerly

forty

fourth

frantically

generally

government

grammar

grandeur

grievous

height

heroes

hindrance

hoping

humorous

hypocrisy

hypocrite

immediately

incidentally

incredible

independence

inevitable

intellectual

intelligence

interesting

irresistible

knowledge

laboratory

laid

led

lightning

loneliness

lose

losing

maintenance

maneuver

manufacture

marriage

mathematics

maybe

mere

miniature

mischievous

mysterious

necessary

ninety

noticeable

occasionally

occurred

occurrence

omitted

opinion

opportunity

optimistic

paid

parallel

paralysis

paralyze

particular

pastime

performance

permissible

perseverance

personal

personnel

perspiration

physical

picnicking

possession

possibility

possible

practically

precede

precedence

preferred

prejudice

preparation

prevalent

principal

principle

privilege

probably

procedure

proceed

profession

professor

prominent

pronunciation

pursue

quantity

quizzes

recede

receive

receiving

recommend

reference

referring

repetition

restaurant

rhyme

rhythm

ridiculous

sacrifice

sacrilegious

salary

schedule

seize

sense

separate

separation

sergeant

severely

shinning

similar

sincerely

sophomore

specifically

specimen

statute

studying

succeed

succession

surprise

technique

temperamental

tendency

thorough

tragedy

transferring

tries

truly

tyranny

unanimous

undoubtedly

unnecessary

until

usually

village

villain

weather

weird

whether

woman

women

writing

Commonly **Mispronounced** Words

**39 Commonly Mispronounced Words**

**Word**

aegis

Antarctic

asterisk

alumnae

archipelago

athlete

business

candidate

chimera

clothes

dilate

diphtheria

disastrous

electoral

espresso

etcetera

federal

height

lambaste

larvae

library

miniature

mischievous

mispronunciation

nuclear

nuptial

often

ordinance

prerogative

primer (Schoolbook)

picture

prescription

probably

realtor

supposedly

spurious

tenet

ticklish

triathlon

**Correct**

**Pronunciation**

EE-jis

ant-ARC-tic

AS-ter-isk

a-LUM-nee

ar-ki-PEL-a-go

ATH-leet

BIZ-ness

CAN-di-dayt

kiy-MEER-a

klothz

DI-layt

dif-THEE-ree-a

di-ZAS-tres

e-LEK-tor-al

ess-PRESS-o

et-SET-er-a

FED-er-al

hite

lam-BAYST  
LAR-vee

LI-brar-y

MIN-ee-a-cher

MIS-che-vus

mis-pro-nun-see-AY-shun

NOO-klee-ur

NUP-shul

OFF-en

ORD-nens

pre-ROG-a-tiv

PRIM-mer

PIK-cher

prih-SKRIP-shun

PROB-a-blee

REEL-ter

su-POS-ed-lee

SPYOOR-ee-us

TEN-it

TIK-lish

try-ATH-lon

**Wrong**

**Pronunciation**

ay-jis

ant-art-ik

as-ter-ik

a-lum-nay

arch-i-puh-LAY-go

ath-a-lee

bid-ness

kan-i-daryt

CHIM-er-a

close

di-uh-layt

dip-theer-i-a

di-zas-ter-es

e-lek-TOR-al

ex-press-o

ek-set-er-a

fed-ral

hidth

lam-bast

lar-vay

li-bar-y

min-a-cher

mis-CHEE-vee-us

mis-pro-nown-see-ay-shun

noo-kyu-lur

nup-shoo-al

off-ten

or-din-ens

per-og-a-tiv

pry-mer

pit-cher

per-skrip-shun

pra-lee or prob-lee

ree-la-tor

su-pos-ab-lee

spur-ee-us

ten-unt

tik-i-lish

try-ath-a-lon