Most misspelled words

observe them; learn the spelling of 5 words per day. Take weekly test with somebody dictating the words. Repeat tests for the same set of words every fortnight.

1. Abridgment 29. Carousing
2. Accentuation 30. Casserole
3. Acquaintance 31. Celibacy
4. Admissible 32. Cessation
5. Adolescent 33. Chauffeur
6. Aesthetic 34. Chivalry
7. Amateur 35. Clairvoyance
8. Annihilate 36. Clemency
9. Appall 37. Colossal
10. Arduous 38. Commiserate
11. Ascetic 39. Concession
12. Assimilate 40. Conniving
13. Atheist 41. Conscientious
14. Attunement 42. Conspicuous
15. Balminess 43. Contemptuous
16. Bawdiness 44. Countenance
17. Beauteous 45. Crescendo
18. Beguile 46. Delinquency
20. Belligerence 48. Diabolic
22. Boulevard 50. Diminutive
23. Bumptious 51. Discernible
24. Buoyant 52. Dishevelment
25. Caffeine 53. Disparaging
26. Camaraderie 54. Dolorous
27. Canoeing 55. Duteous
28. Capricious 56. Ecstasy
| 57.  | Emaciate               | 94.  | Jocundity          |
| 58.  | Embarrassment         | 95.  | Languorous         |
| 59.  | Ensnance              | 96.  | Laryngitis         |
| 60.  | Erroneous             | 97.  | Lascivious         |
| 61.  | Etiquette             | 98.  | Lugubrious         |
| 62.  | Eulogy                | 99.  | Macabre            |
| 63.  | Excruciating          | 100. | Maneuver           |
| 64.  | Extenuate             | 101. | Masquerade         |
| 65.  | Fallacy               | 102. | Mausoleum          |
| 66.  | Fastidious            | 103. | Melancholy         |
| 67.  | Fictitious            | 104. | Milieu             |
| 68.  | Flamboyant            | 105. | Minuscule          |
| 69.  | Fluorescent           | 106. | Misanthrope        |
| 70.  | Forfeit               | 107. | Mollification      |
| 71.  | Frivulous             | 108. | Monstrosity        |
| 72.  | Garrulous             | 109. | Mortifying         |
| 73.  | Glamour               | 110. | Mucilage           |
| 74.  | Guileless             | 111. | Munificent         |
| 75.  | Guillotine            | 112. | Naïve              |
| 76.  | Hallucination         | 113. | Narcissus          |
| 77.  | Harangue              | 114. | Nefarious          |
| 78.  | Heinous               | 115. | Niggardly          |
| 79.  | Hemorrhage            | 116. | Obsequious         |
| 80.  | Heuristic             | 117. | Obsolescent        |
| 81.  | Holocaust             | 118. | Ostentatious       |
| 82.  | Hyphenation           | 119. | Parsimonious       |
| 83.  | Idiosyncrasy          | 120. | Pasteurize         |
| 84.  | Impinging             | 121. | Patriarch          |
| 85.  | Inebriation           | 122. | Peremptorily       |
| 86.  | Ingratitude           | 123. | Perfidous          |
| 87.  | Inscrutable           | 124. | Perfunctory        |
| 88.  | Insouciance           | 125. | Phlegmatic         |
| 89.  | Insuperable           | 126. | Piquancy           |
| 90.  | Irreproachable        | 127. | Pirouette          |
| 91.  | Jauntily              |      |                    |
| 128. Plagiary   | 147. Rollicking  |
| 129. Plebian    | 148. Salacious  |
| 130. Pontifical | 149. Sanitarium |
| 131. Preposterous | 150. Scintillating |
| 132. Prophecy   | 151. Scrupulous |
| 133. Puerile    | 152. Sentience  |
| 134. Punctilious| 153. Silhouette |
| 135. Querulous  | 154. Spurious   |
| 136. Quiescent  | 155. Supersede  |
| 137. Quintessence| 156. Tabooed    |
| 138. Quixotic   | 157. Titillate  |
| 139. Raconteur  | 158. Tranquility|
| 140. Rejuvenate | 159. Tumultuous |
| 141. Renaissance| 160. Vacillate  |
| 142. Repudiating| 161. Vengeance  |
| 143. Rescind    | 162. Vociferous |
| 144. Resuscitate| 163. Witticism  |
| 145. Rhapsodies | 164. Wretchedness|
| 146. Risqué     |
Word List

Supplement -4
Idioms

Idioms: Idioms are the flesh and blood of a language; the more idioms you know (understand and use in speech and writing), the better your language competence.

1. To go with a bang - to find something exciting
2. Picture perfect - beauty in its purest foam
3. Not to take things lying down - to stand up for oneself
4. As busy as a bee - to be occupied
5. To make heads turn - to be attractive
6. Catch one's eye - to find something attractive or exciting
7. In seventh heaven - expressing elation
8. Burn the midnight oil - to work through the night
9. Fly off at a tangent - to digress from the subject
10. Wet behind the ears - inexperienced and naïve
11. Gift of the gab - to speak eloquently
12. Get one's wires crossed - confused or mistaken about something
13. Be in the red - in financial crunch; bankruptcy
14. To toe the line - to go with the flow
15. Put the best foot forward - to make a great effort
16. With a pinch of salt - take into account with suspicion
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<td>Giving his imagination free reign - to let one's imagination run wild</td>
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<td>To want to curl up and die - to be embarrassed about something</td>
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<td>20.</td>
<td>Till the cows come home - for a very long time</td>
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<td>21.</td>
<td>Throw him another gauntlet - invite a person for a fight</td>
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<td>22.</td>
<td>By the skin of one's teeth - just is time, barely succeed in doing something</td>
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<td>23.</td>
<td>To lose one's cool - to get perturbed</td>
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<td>24.</td>
<td>Breath of fresh air - to find something new or interesting</td>
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<td>25.</td>
<td>To get the better of somebody - to outwit someone</td>
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<td>At the drop of a hat - subject to quick reaction</td>
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<td>At sixes and sevens - to be at loggerheads</td>
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<td>28.</td>
<td>Apple of the eye - any cherished object</td>
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<td>29.</td>
<td>Beat about the bush - approach a subject in an indirect manner</td>
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<td>30.</td>
<td>Bell the cat - take the leading part in any hazardous job</td>
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<td>Benefit of doubt - favorable judgment when culpability is uncertain</td>
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<td>Be better than one's word - do more than one has promised</td>
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<td>Between the devil and the deep sea - in a desperate dilemma</td>
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<td>Between the cup and lip - between hope and reality</td>
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<td>35.</td>
<td>A bird's eye view - a general view / panoramic view</td>
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<td>36.</td>
<td>To give a bit of one's mind - to speak frankly</td>
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<td>37.</td>
<td>Once in a blue moon - rarely, seldom</td>
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<td>By leaps and bounds - quickly</td>
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<td>Out of bounds - not within limits for movements</td>
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<td>To drop a brick - to make a blunder in speech or action</td>
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<td>To marry over the broomstick - to get through an irregular form of marriage</td>
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<td>42.</td>
<td>Burn a hole in one's pocket - to be anxious to spend money quickly</td>
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<td>43.</td>
<td>Let bygones be bygones - let the past be forgotten</td>
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<td>Feather in one's cap - something to be proud of</td>
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<td>Play one's cards well - make the best of chances</td>
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<td>Cast in one's teeth - to bring up as a reproach</td>
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<td>To let the cat out of the bag - to reveal a secret</td>
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<td>Wild goose chase - search</td>
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<td>Cloud on one's brow - depressed look</td>
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<td>50.</td>
<td>To give the cold shoulder to - to disgrace</td>
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<td>51.</td>
<td>Come off with flying colours - to gain victory</td>
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<td>52.</td>
<td>Dark horse - a horse whose capabilities are not known</td>
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<td>At dagger's drawn - openly hostile</td>
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<td>Bite the dust - to be humiliated</td>
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<td>Edge in a word - to get a word in with difficulty</td>
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<td>56.</td>
<td>Make both ends meet - to live within one's incomes</td>
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<td>Odds and ends - miscellaneous things</td>
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58. Turn king’s evidence - give evidence against an accomplice in crime.

59. Fair and square - honest

60. To cut a sorry figure - to be ridiculed

61. Set the Thames on fire - do something remarkable

62. A fly on wheel - a person who overestimates his power

63. Fool’s paradise - a state of false expectations

64. Go on a fool’s errand - fruitless work

65. In the gall of bitterness - in a state of hostility to God

66. Look a gift horse in the mouth - to criticize a gift

67. A ghost of a chance - a very light chance

68. Hand and glove - fast friends

69. Dig one’s own grave - cause one’s own death

70. Hand of God - unforeseen event

71. Head over heels - in a somersault

72. Set the health on fire - to create disturbance

73. By hook or by crook - one way if not another

74. At the eleventh hour - at the last moment

75. Kith and kin - near and dear ones

76. Herculean labour - needing enormous

77. Read between the lines - infer which is not explicitly stated
78. Draw the long bow - to exaggerate extravagantly
79. The short and the long of it - the sum of the matter in a few words
80. Put words in his mouth - tell him what to say
81. In its naked absurdity - undisguised
82. Paradise on earth - a living heaven
83. At close quarters - in a very new proximity
84. Rise to the occasion - prove equal to an emergency
85. Make one’s hair stand on end - to give the greatest surprise
86. Pull the strings - use influence behind the scenes
87. Turn the tables - bring out a complete reversal of circumstances
88. One’s cup of tea - what appeals to one
89. In smooth waters - going easily
90. Hold the scales even - impartial
91. The game is not worth the candle - benefits are not worth the labor and expense.
92. Mend one’s ways - reform one’s behavior
93. Make amends - render compensation
94. Down on one’s luck - unfortunate
The human anatomy helps us form idioms; here’s how. The literal meaning of the word followed by figurative meaning in the idiomatic expression follows.

1. **Head**
   
   *Come to a head*: to reach a climax
   
   My interest had flagged by the time the movie *came to a head*.

2. **Heart**
   
   *Set the heart upon*: to desire earnestly
   
   Sita worked very hard for the exam as she had *set her heart upon* securing the first rank.

3. **Shoulder**
   
   *Shoulder through*: to push one’s way through a crowd of people.
   
   John had to *shoulder* his way through the mob to reach where his friend was standing.

4. **Finger**
   
   *Look through someone’s fingers*: unable to comprehend clearly
   
   Jim was the notorious boy of the class. The teacher was forced to *look through Jim’s fingers* in order to finish the lessons at the earliest.

5. **Hand**
   
   *Clean hands*: to be honest
   
   We should have *clean hands* in order to prosper and progress in life.
6. Nail

**On the nail**: on the spot

The registrations for the dance workshop were done **on the nail**.

7. Nose

**Turn up one's nose at**: to refuse

Maria turned up her nose at David's proposal.

8. Neck

**Harden the neck**: to grow more obstinate

It is human tendency to **harden the neck** when antagonized by someone.

9. Leg

**In high leg**: in great excitement

Sherin was **in high leg** when she received a letter of acceptance from Harvard.

10. Bone

**Bone up**: to review material

The chairperson had to **bone up** the agenda before it was circulated to the board of directors.

11. Blood

**Blood and iron**: relentless use of force

The task force ravaged Iraq through **blood and iron**.
12. **Spine**

*Shiver down on one’s spine:* frightening

The Goosby shows on television sent shiver down our spin.

13. **Knee**

*Offer / give a knee:* act as a second

Shyam agreed to offer his knee in the semifinals of the much-awaited basketball tournament.

14. **Eyebrow**

*Raise one’s eyebrows:* in doubt or suspicion

Eyebrows were raised when the students began opposing the new dress code.

15. **Lip**

*To curl the lip:* to express contempt

Ananya curled her lips when she saw her friend dance with a stranger at the party.

16. **Mouth**

*By word of mouth:* orally

The NGOs rely on word of mouth publicity in order to make themselves heard.

17. **Knuckle**

*Knuckle under:* to yield to someone

When knuckled under pressure, Alex decided to quit the job.
Word List

Supplement -5
Word list 5: List of phrases

1. **Lay off** - to put an end to employment
   
   Lay offs are becoming very common in the changing job scenario.

2. **Pry into** - to snoop into something
   
   Ram gets agitated when someone pries into his business.

3. **Waltz through** - to move through something casually
   
   He just waltzed through the test as it was very easy.

4. **Run into** - to meet someone by accident
   
   I ran into one of my neighbors when I went shopping with my friends.

5. **Fall back** – retreat -After the unexpected fall back, the members planned out a new strategy.

6. **Ground in** - to instruct someone in the area of knowledge.
   
   We were grounded in the basics of cooking by an expert.

7. **Call off** – cancel
   
   The engagement was called off by the bride-to-be.

8. **Put up with** – tolerate
   
   The teacher was not able to put up with Ricky’s antics.

9. **Put with** – assign
   
   I will put this project with you for the time being.
10. **Lay by** - to hold in reserve

    I *laid* my best clothes *by* saving them for my sister’s wedding.

11. **Leaf through** - to give a fleeting glance

    Jane was *leafing through* the magazine to keep boredom at bay.

12. **Make up to** - to apologize

    I think you should *go* *make up to* Tina.

13. **Push off** - to depart

    We planned to *push off* to London.

14. **Put ahead** - give importance to someone over another.

    I *put* Shyam *ahead* of Varun in terms of strength.

15. **Run down** - to become dilapidated.

    Vishal refused to live in a *run down* house.

16. **Work up** - to get tensed emotional state

    I *worked* myself *up* into a state of hysteria.

17. **Work on/upon** - to repair

    He is *working on* his computer.

18. **Stick into** - to insert something

    The nurse stuck her needle *into* my arm.
19. **Keep off** - to make certain that one is informal about someone / something.

You ought to keep abreast of all the news.

20. **Get over** - get an advantage over someone / upper hand.

I want to get an advantage over him before I ask him to help me.

21. **Give for** - to serve as a just cause

I didn't give cause for you to do anything.

22. **Give away** - to reveal a secret

Alice did everything she could to keep from giving herself away.

23. **Go after** - to pursue

Mark has a tendency to get after money.

24. **Hammer at** - to interrogate

The cops kept hammering away at Shan until he relented.

25. **Leave for** - to depart

We will leave for London at dawn.

26. **Let by** - overlook wrong deeds

Maria lets those kids get by anything.

27. **Line up** - to schedule someone / something

We will try to line up a magician and a clown for the party.
28. **Move forward** - make progress
   
   I want to **move forward** with the project.

29. **Plunge from** - to flee
   
   The wounded soldiers plunged from the war field.

30. **Pore over** - to look carefully
   
   She **pored over** the reports, looking for errors.

31. **Posture as** - to pretend to be someone
   
   The secretary **postured as** a manager, putting on airs.

32. **Pound along** - to walk awkwardly
   
   Tom **pounded along** the pavement, looking a bit angry.

33. **Polish off** - to eat / consume / exhaust / complete
   
   Tanvi **polished off** her chores in record time.

34. **Presume upon** - to take unwelcome advantage of someone / something.
   
   I didn’t mean to **presume upon** you. I apologize.

35. **Prevail on** - to appeal to do something.
   
   I **prevailed on** her to attend the meeting.

36. **Reach out** - to enlarge one’s circle of friends.
   
   I need to **reach out** more and meet people.
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| 37. | **Read between** - to infer something from what is written / stated understand.  
You will understand this memo better if you *read between* the lines. | |
| 38. | **Read into** - presume inferences.  
Just accept the words for what they mean.  
Don’t *read* something else into it. | |
| 39. | **Read out** - to chastise verbally for a wrong deed.  
The coach *read* the player *out* for making a silly error. | |
| 40. | **Reason with** - to discuss; seeking a solution to a problem.  
You cannot *reason with* someone who is so narrow-minded. | |
| 41. | **Rip to** - to criticize mercilessly.  
The critics *ripped* Sam to pieces even though the audience just loved his show. | |
| 42. | **Roll in** - to have plenty of (something).  
Mary is *rolling in* money because she won the lottery. | |
| 43. | **Root for** - to cheer  
The students were *rooting for* their team. | |
| 44. | **Rope off** - to isolate  
The police roped the scene of the accident off. | |
45. **Run against** - to compete

   Michael ran against John in the college elections.

46. **Work through** - to struggle through an emotional trauma.

   Larry worked through the pain.

47. **Work off** - to get rid of anger anxiety.

   I went out and played basket ball to work my anger off.

48. **Work into** - to get more deeply involved.

   Jim worked into the daily routine gradually.

49. **Wise up** - to instruct

   I will do what I can to wise her up.

50. **Whip around** - to reverse suddenly.

   The rope suddenly whipped around and struck me in the face.

51. **Ward off** - to fight someone / something.

   Nancy was able to ward off the dogs.

52. **Toss out** - to discard / thrown

   The bartender tossed Wilson out of the bar.

53. **Toss together** - to assemble hastily

   This meal was just tossed together, but it was delicious.
54. **Tipped up** - to drop accidentally

   Jack tipped up the glass, dumping the orange juice on the table.

55. **Thin out** - to spread out

   The crowd began to thin out as we got a little farther from the theatre.

56. **Temper with** - to soften something (such as news)

   The news story was tempered with a paragraph of explanation and justification.

57. **Take to** - to develop affinity

   The puppy seems to take to this new food just fine.