

REMEMBERING SPELLINGS

There can be nothing more embarrassing than wrongly spelling a word in a letter or an email. Especially if you are writing to a senior or a prominent person, a wrong spelling can create a very bad impression.

There is a memory technique to remember confusing spellings. Let me give you a few examples

A) Stalactite or Stalagmite ?

Stalactites and stalagmites are mineral formations in caves. Stalactites are the formations that hang from the ceilings of caves like icicles, while stalagmites look like they're emerging from the ground and stand up like a traffic cone. Since both the names are similar people get confused between the two. But there is an easy technique to remember. The word 'STALACTITITE' has the letter C in it and so we know it is from the Ceiling. The word STALAGMITE has the letter G in it and hence we know it is from the Ground!

B) Principal or Principle ?

Principal and Principle are two confusing words. One principal refers to the main person of a school and one principle refers to a rule or a theory. There is an easy way to remember. The word 'Principal' has an 'a' in the spelling and hence it refers to 'main person' whilst the word 'principle' has an 'e' in it and hence it refers to 'rulee'

C) Desert or dessert ?

If it is less sweet and dry, then it is desert but if it has more sweetness (more 's') then it is dessert!

D) Grammar or Grammer ?

The correct word is GRAMMAR.

Visualize you always love to get an 'A Grade' in English Grammar exam and hence the spelling also has A

E) Comittee or Committee ?

The correct word is COMMITTEE

Since a committee has more than one person (at least two) the letter 'm' also appears twice

F) Recieve or receive ?

The correct word is RECEIVE

You receive parcels from the "Central post office' and hence the letters 'ce' are always together.