

Common Exception Words



Spellings to learn

Excellent

Criticise

Definite

Embarrass

Conscience

Dictionary

Familiar

Equipment

Exaggerate

Conscious

**Write these words into
alphabetical order.**

Task 1

- Look at the word 'excellent' Look at how the start of the word and the sound the 'ex' makes.
- What other words do they know that have a 'ex' in them?



Task 1: Tick or cross the spellings to show whether they are spelt correctly or incorrectly.

Spelling	✓	✗	Spelling	✓	✗
ecspect			explane		
expand			exactly		
ecspert			exsists		
ecsite			exceed		
extra			ecsample		

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ANSWERS

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expand	✓		exactly	✓	
ecspert		✗	exsists		✗
ecsite		✗	exceed	✓	
extra	✓		ecsample		✗

Now write the correct spellings of the words in the boxes below.

expect	expert	excite
explain	exists	example

Task 2a

Task 2: Unscramble the words to spell the words which follow the 'ex' rule. Then write the word in a sentence.

a) x c s u e e = _____

b) t x e n e t = _____

c) x i e t = _____

d) p e l x o e d = _____

Task 2b

H	G	H	R	E	E	N	K	M	X	M	X	Z	Y	Z	P	T	K
I	L	T	K	X	X	E	Q	E	P	I	X	G	X	N	E	E	C
L	N	G	U	C	C	X	E	R	X	N	F	S	H	R	X	X	U
K	T	X	E	L	U	A	X	D	E	C	K	A	Q	K	T	T	E
Z	P	A	X	U	R	G	C	Z	X	I	E	V	E	V	R	E	X
R	S	Q	E	S	S	G	L	Z	E	H	E	P	S	E	E	R	H
X	B	D	M	I	I	E	A	R	R	X	F	T	T	X	M	N	A
B	H	H	P	V	O	R	I	A	C	E	R	E	F	P	E	A	U
H	S	W	T	E	N	A	M	H	I	X	B	V	Z	O	L	L	S
V	A	H	V	V	I	T	I	V	S	Z	T	T	B	R	Y	C	T
H	Q	U	I	K	Z	E	T	L	E	B	Y	Y	F	T	R	F	O
V	H	W	K	O	R	E	X	C	A	V	A	T	E	P	G	O	T

Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

EXAGGERATE

EXCAVATE

EXCEPT

EXCLAIM

EXCLUSIVE

EXCURSION

EXEMPT

EXERCISE

EXHAUST

EXPORT

EXTERNAL

EXTREMELY

Task 2a Answers

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ANSWERS MAY VARY IN TERMS OF SENTENCES CREATED.

a) x c s u e e = excuse

James always had an excuse for why he had forgotten his PE kit.

b) t x e n e t = extent

The true extent of his wealth was still a mystery.

c) x i e t = exit

If you need to exit the building please look for the green signs on the ceiling.

d) p e l x o e d = explode

We watched the firework explode in the darkening sky.

Place the words in the correct place to complete the sentences.

Task 3a

excellent	criticise	definite	embarrass	conscience
dictionary	familiar	equipment	exaggerated	conscious

1. "Please collect all of the _____ from the PE cupboard," commanded the sports teacher.
2. Try not to _____ yourself today whilst you are on stage.
3. The man provided an _____ reference and so he was given the job.
4. It is important not to _____ people when you know that they have tried hard.
5. The boxer was _____ but he still couldn't stand up so the referee called an end to the match.
6. "Your face looks _____," the hairdresser said to her new client.
7. The teacher asked the children to use a _____ to check their spellings carefully.
8. "That was a _____ accident," said the teacher, "but I think you have _____ the injuries."
9. Your _____ tells you whether something is morally right or wrong.

ANSWERS Place the words in the correct place to complete the sentences.

Answers 3a

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dictionary	familiar	equipment	exaggerated	conscious

1. "Please collect all of the **equipment** from the PE cupboard," commanded the sports teacher.
2. Try not to **embarrass** yourself today whilst you are on stage.
3. The man provided an **excellent** reference and so he was given the job.
4. It is important not to **criticise** people when you know that they have tried hard.
5. The boxer was **conscious** but he still couldn't stand up so the referee called an end to the match.
6. "Your face looks **familiar**," the hairdresser said to her new client.
7. The teacher asked the children to use a **dictionary** to check their spellings carefully.
8. "That was a **deliberate** accident," said the teacher, "but I think you have **exaggerated** the injuries."
9. Your **conscience** tells you whether something is morally right or wrong.



Grammar: Direct and Indirect Speech

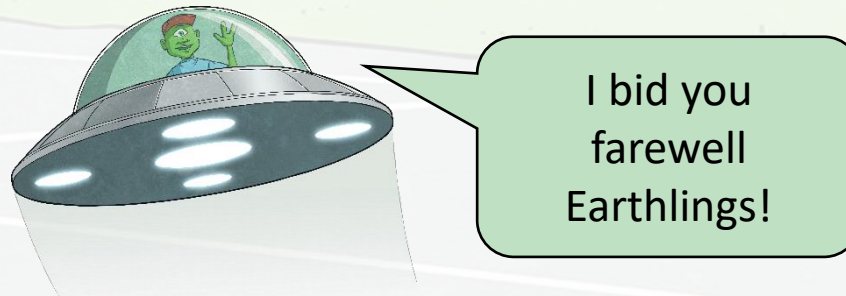
What is the difference between Direct and Reported Speech?

- Direct speech involves exact words spoken that use speech marks in a sentence.
 - Whereas, reported speech, also known as indirect speech is when something someone has said is summed up, without writing the speech out fully.
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Using Speech within Writing

Within writing, there are two ways to narrate the words spoken by a character. These are called:

- direct speech
- indirect (or reported) speech



In a direct speech sentence, we would narrate Iggy's spoken words like this:

"I bid you farewell Earthlings!" shouted Iggy from his spaceship.

If we were writing an indirect speech sentence, we would narrate Iggy's spoken words like this:

From his spaceship, Iggy bid farewell to the Earthlings.

Task 1a

Put a tick in each row to show if the sentences contain direct or indirect speech.

	direct	indirect
"That was unfortunate," snapped Virgo.		
He told Virgo that she should stay the night at the farm.		
Virgo explained that she was a god from Elysium.		
"I'm never ill," said Virgo haughtily.		

Task 1b

Now rewrite the sentences below converting the direct speech to indirect, and indirect to direct speech.

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Answers Task 1b

Now rewrite the sentences below converting the direct speech to indirect, and indirect to direct speech.

"That was unfortunate," snapped Virgo.

e.g. Virgo snapped that it was unfortunate.

He told Virgo that she should stay the night at the farm.

e.g. "You should stay the night at the farm," he said to Virgo.

Virgo explained that she was a god from Elysium.

e.g. "I am a god from Elysium," explained Virgo.

"I'm never ill," said Virgo haughtily.

e.g. Virgo haughtily stated she was never ill.

Task 2a

Tick to show if each sentence contains direct or indirect speech.

	Direct speech	Indirect speech
Virgo shouted at Elliot to hurry up, they did not want to miss the train.		
Elliot and Virgo both cried out that the newspaper article was not good news.		
“The AA?” asked Elliot.		
“Chocks away!” cried Zeus as Pegasus soared into the sky.		
“We’ll be back by lunchtime,” said Zeus.		

Task 2b

Add any missing punctuation to the sentences containing direct speech.

1. I want sweets shouted the little girl as she ran into the shop.
2. My friend called as I was walking away from the park Don't forget your bag
3. Please can you help me with my maths work asked Reuben quietly.
4. Will we ever get there whined the young child during the long car journey.

Change the indirect speech in the sentences to direct speech.

1. Alexander declared that we should all work together.

2. My sister anxiously stated that if we were late, we might miss the show.

3. My mum reassured her not to worry because there was plenty of time to get there.

Answers 2a

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Answers 2b

Add any missing punctuation to the sentences containing direct speech.

1. "I want sweets!" shouted the little girl as she ran into the shop.
Also accept a comma after "I want sweets,"
2. My friend called as I was walking away from the park, "Don't forget your bag."
Also accept an exclamation mark after "Don't forget your bag!"
3. "Please can you help me with my maths work?" asked Reuben quietly.
4. "Will we ever get there?" whined the young child during the long car journey.

Change the indirect speech in the sentences to direct speech.

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"We should all work together!" declared Alexander.
2. My sister anxiously stated that if we were late, we might miss the show.
"If we are late, we might miss the show," stated my sister anxiously.

Task 3a

ck to show which sentences contain direct speech and which contain indirect speech.

	Direct speech	Indirect speech
Thanatos told the oracle he needed to know what the prophecy said.		
“The boy could rule the world?” asked Thanatos.		
“No offering, no prophecy,” claimed Pythia.		
Pythia asked who was at the door over the intercom.		

Task 3b



Write one or more sentences that use direct speech for the following picture.



Write one or more sentences that use indirect speech for the following picture.

Answers 3a

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Answers 3b



Write one or more sentences that use direct speech for the following picture.

Children's answers will vary. Example sentence:

"We can do this!" called the daring rider to her fearless horse as they approached the towering fence.



Write one or more sentences that use indirect speech for the following picture.

Children's answers will vary. Example sentence:

Spotting that this was their chance, Joseph confidently instructed his teammates to find a space on the court.