

ADVANCED ENGLISH GRAMMAR: SPELLING & PUNCTUATION

2 For each pair of sentences, find two words with the same sound but different spelling.

- a) I cannot ..*bear*..... to see any animal suffering.
The giant pulled the roof off the house with his ...*bare*..... hands.
- b) As soon as the policeman was out of....., one of the men broke a window.
This spot you are standing on was once the.....of a great battle.
- c) The dress showed off Maria's beautiful slender.....
Quite frankly, this whole scheme has been a.....of time and money.
- d) In the novel, Cruz is a clever servant who always.....through his master's plots.
Armed police were sent to the house to.....the gang's weapons.
- e) Mix the apples and almonds into a fine.....and pour it into a jug.
The Inspector.....up and down the room, considering his next move.

4 Correct any spelling mistakes in the following sentences. Some are correct.

- a) The sunlight shining on my desk is really effecting my concentration.
..*affecting*.
- b) It's not necessary to do anything at this stage
- c) The doctor recommended gargling with diluted aspirin
- d) I'm doing the stationery order now, if anyone's short of anything
- e) Mum and Dad went to see a marriage councillor
- f) The boxer was knocked unconscious.
- g) My watch has a six-year gaurantee
- h) As far as I'm concerned, the marketing is a seperate issue
- i) As if by magic, the strange man dissappeared
- j) Too much sun can cause premature ageing of the skin

2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

- a) I had only just arrived home when the phone rang.

sooner

No *sooner had I arrived home than*.....the phone rang.

- b) Don't under any circumstances press this red button.

do

Whatever.....press this red button.

- c) You can stay with us for a few days.

you

We can.....for a few days.

- d) Apparently her ex-husband was a terrible gambler.

known

Her ex-husband is.....a terrible gambler.

- e) Tony knew what the answer was after reading the book.

read

By the time Tony.....knew what the answer was.

- f) Our MP demanded a police investigation.

should

Our MP.....a police investigation.

- g) I think a change would do you good.

from

I think.....a change.

- h) My passport needs renewing.

to

I.....my passport renewed.

- i) Nobody there had heard of Miss Rutherford.

who

Nobody there.....was.

- j) There is something on your mind, isn't there?

about

You're....., aren't you?

In most lines of this text, there is either a spelling or punctuation error. For each line, write the correctly spelled word, or show the correct punctuation. Indicate correct lines with a tick. Three examples are given.

It is an accepted part of everyday nostalgia to assume	0 ..V.
that in the past food was somehow better, than it is today.	0 <i>better..than.</i>
The fruit and vegetables were more naturally grown and this	0 <i>naturally....</i>
was not seen as an extra bonus which added ten per sent on to	1
the price. Most food was fresh, not frozen, and you had the	2
chance to examine it to see weather you wanted it. When you	3
went shopping you could ask for exactly what peace of meat you	4
wanted and see the butcher cutting, it instead of finding it	5
ready- wrapped in plastic. And your local tradesman soon got to	6
know what you wanted, and provided it for you, otherwise he	7
would have gone out of businness. Of course, unless we invent	8
time-travel we shall never know, whether this is all true.	9
Survivors from those distant days naturally tend to dislike	10
today's convenience foods, and to prefer the Good Old Days	11
when a joint of beef filled the oven, produced thick red juce	12
instead of water when cooked, and cost the same as a can of	13
Coke. What is always forgotten is that then as now the quality	14
of your food depended very much, upon who you were,	15
how well-off you happened to be, and where you lived.	16
Shopping then demanded considerable skill, and shopper's had	17
to be able to tell the fresh from the not so fresh. Their was	18
no sell-buy date to act as a guide. If you were hard up then	19
frozen meat and canned foods' would have been on the menu,	20
just as they are today.	