



Underline the part or parts of the word that make them tricky to spell.

minute          recent

Read each sentence and circle the words...

“Come back in a minute!” Mr Thatcher shouted through the door.

A recent photo of her children was on her desk.

Recent rainy weather has been good for the gardens.

Harriet always spoke with such a minute voice.

Match the word to its meaning

minute — a period of time consisting of sixty seconds; very small

recent — something happening or starting a short time ago

Unscamble the words.

trence > recent

tinmue > minute

Put the correct word into each sentence.

The children waited patiently for one minute.

The number of pupils at the school has increased in recent years.

Danny and Anne’s recent holiday was to Spain.

Robbie had to wait for a minute before he could go in.

The insect was so minute, you could hardly see it!

Write your own sentence for each word.

Answers will vary. Each sentence must have the word indicated on the sheet and be written as a full sentence with a capital letter and full stop (or ? or ! where needed).

**reign, separate**

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How long did Queen Victoria **reign**?

The recipe told me to **separate** the eggs.

Harry had a successful **reign** as manager for the company.

Jenny and Carly had to eat at **separate** tables at lunchtime.

Match the word to its meaning

reign — to be king or queen of a country; the best or most important in a particular area

seperate — to make people or objects move into different parts

Unscamble the words.

esteapra > **separate**

grine > **reign**

Put the correct word into each sentence.

The **reign** of the king lasted many years.

Raw and cooked meat must be kept in **separate** places in the fridge.

Mike spent time trying to **separate** the different materials for recycling.

St Mary's church was built during the **reign** of King James I.

In the classroom, the children worked on **separate** desks.

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**surprise, various**

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**Various** people came to the meeting to hear the news.

They planned a **surprise** party for his eighteenth birthday.

They visited **various** museums during their holiday.

The army planned a **surprise** attack on its enemy.

Match the word to its meaning

surprise      many different people, places or things  
various      an unexpected event

Unscamble the words.

perusier > **surprise**

sauvrio > **various**

Put the correct word into each sentence.

It was no **surprise** that Wilma had won the award.

Amy had terrible pains in **various** parts of her body.

The snow came as a complete **surprise** to everyone!

As a **surprise**, the film star visited the hospital to meet patients.

Puffin class completed **various** lessons throughout the day.

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