

Words Often Confused B

Review the Words Often Confused covered on pages 382–384 of your textbook for information on the correct spelling and usage of the following terms.

capital, capitol *complement, compliment*
choose, chose *consul, council, counsel*
clothes, cloths *councilor, counselor*
coarse, course

EXERCISE A Underline the word in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

Example 1. A pale shade of blue will (complement, compliment) your eye color.

- The dome on the (*capital, capitol*) was painted black instead of gold during World War II.
- When I came to the fork in the path, I (*choose, chose*) the path on the left.
- The (*coarse, course*) pink sand sparkled against the dark blue water.
- Jonathon waxed the sports car using clean, soft (*clothes, cloths*).
- The (*capital, capitol*) of Bulgaria is the ancient city of Sofia.
- Columbus plotted a (*coarse, course*) west across the Atlantic.
- My favorite (*coarse, course*) in history taught me about the ancient Greeks.
- Becca often (*complements, compliments*) her friends on their best qualities.
- Several of the (*councilors, counselors*) were late to the important council meeting.
- My guidance (*councilor, counselor*) helped me find an English tutor.

EXERCISE B Using the list at the top of this page, write a word that sensibly completes each sentence.

Example 1. Dr. Patras wrapped the wound with sterile white cloths.

- A dinner will be held for the German _____ and other government personnel.
- If you follow through with this _____ of action, you should succeed.
- Lawyers are sometimes called _____ because they give legal advice.
- Which city is the _____ of your state?
- The city parks planning _____ will meet tomorrow.
- Each team captain will _____ his or her team members.
- Martin works as a janitor in the _____.
- I can't wear any of these _____ because they are all wrinkled.
- _____ language is a turn-off to most of my friends.
- The school nurse can give you valuable _____ regarding sports injuries.