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Spelling Vocabulary H20

ANSWER KEY

Commonly Confused Words · Writing: Argument and Research

Read each definition. Write the spelling word that matches it.

1. **source** — where information comes from
2. **except** — leaving out; but not
3. **bias** — unfair favor for one side
4. **precede** — to come before
5. **counterclaim** — an opposing claim
6. **affect** — to change or influence (verb)
7. **proceed** — to go on
8. **paraphrase** — to restate in your own words
9. **eminent** — famous and respected
10. **illicit** — against the law
11. **accept** — to agree to take something
12. **credible** — believable
13. **thesis** — the main claim of an essay
14. **plagiarism** — copying someone's work
15. **imminent** — about to happen
16. **elicit** — to draw out a response
17. **principle** — a basic rule or belief
18. **effect** — a result (noun)
19. **citation** — naming a source
20. **principal** — the head of a school

WORD BANK

elicit	except	illicit	source
thesis	imminent	accept	precede
bias	plagiarism	affect	credible
counterclaim	eminent	principal	citation
principle	paraphrase	effect	proceed