

## COMMONLY MISSPELLED WORDS

The following words are misspelled frequently on police reports

Note: The words are listed alphabetically across the page.

### A

abandon	abdomen	abductor	description	detain	detention
abet	abortion	absence	deterrent	detonator	development
absolutely	accelerate	acceptance	deviant	deviation	diabetes
access	accessory	accidental	diagonal	diarrhoea	dilemma
accommodate	accomplice	accosted	disagreeable	discrepancy	discriminate
accused	acetylene	acknowledge	dispatcher	disposition	divulge
acquit	acquittal	adjourn	domicile	dominant	drunkenness
admissible	adolescent	adversary	duress	dynamite	dysfunction
affidavit	aggravate	aisle	E		
alcohol	alias	alibi	earnest	efficient	electrocution
Alzheimer's	amalgamation	ambulance	elicit	eligible	eliminate
amended	ammunition	among	embezzle	eminent	enforceable
amphetamine	analyse	annual	entirely	environment	epileptic
anonymous	antiseptic	aorta	equestrian	equivalent	erractic
apparatus	apparent	appearance	escalator	espionage	ethical
appellant	apprehended	appropriate	evangelist	evidence	exaggerate
arraignment	arrangement	arrear	excessive	excite	execution
arson	artifact	asphyxiate	exhausted	exhibit	extenuating
assailant	assassin	assessment	external	extradited	extremely
assistant	asthma	attachment	F		
attest	attorney	audible	facility	fallacy	falsify
autopsy	auxiliary		fatality	felon	fictitious

### B

bail	bailiff	balaclava	flexible	forceps	forcible
ballistics	barbiturate	barrel	forehead	foreign	forensic
barricade	barrister	battalion	formula	fraudulent	fugitive
bayonet	bazaar	beginning	G		
belligerent	beneficiary	bias	gambling	gauge	genuine
bludgeon	bona fide	boulevard	geriatric	gonorrhoea	gouge
brilliant	bruise	bulletin	government	graffiti	grievance
burglarize (s or z)	business	bystander	grievous	grudge	guarantee
			guerilla	gymnasium	

### C

cadaver	caffeine	calendar	H		
calibre	campaign	cancel	habitual	hallucinate	handcuff
canine	cannabis saliva	capable	harass	harbour	hazard
cardiac	cartridge	cassette	hazardous	heroin	homicidal
casualties	category	Caucasian	homicide	horizontal	hostile
censor	changeable	chattel	hygiene	hypodermic	hysteria
circumstantial	citation	civilian	hysterical	hallucinogen	
cocaine	coerce	cognisance (s or z)	I		
coincidence	collateral	colleague	identical	ideology	illegitimate
collusion	comatose	commission	illicit	illustrate	immediate
commitment	committee	compel	immigrant	imminent	impediment
competent	complainant	complicity	impostor	inadmissible	incapable
conceive	concurrent	condemn	incapacitate	incarcerate	incendiary
confidential	confiscate	conjugal	incessant	incite	incoherent
consciousness	consensus	conjugal	inconspicuous	incorrigible	incriminate
conspirator	constitutional	conscious	indecent	indictment	indispensable
contempt	contraband	contraceptive	inevitable	infanticide	informant
controversy	conviction	convulsion	infringement	ingenious	initiate
coroner	corpse	correspondence	injunction	inoculate	insolent
corroborate	counterfeit	courteous	institute	insufficient	interpreter
credibility	cremate	culprit	interrogate	intoxicate	investigator
custody	cylinder		irrelevant	irresistible	itinerary

### D

data base	decapitated	deceased	J		
decision	defendant	deferred	jamb	jealous	jeopardy
delegate	deliberate	delinquent	jewellery	judicial	jurisdiction
dependant	dependent	descend	K		
			khaki	kidnap	kidnapper
			kleptomania	knife	knowledge

## L

laboratory	laceration
larceny	legislate
lenient	liability
libellous	librarian
lien	litigant

## M

magazine	magistrate
malice	malign
mandatory	manila
manoeuvre	marijuana
measurements	median
memorandum	menace
mileage	militia
miscarriage	miscellaneous
misspelled	mitigating
monotonous	moratorium
mortal	mortgage
mucous	municipal

## N

narcotics	necessary
negligence	negotiate
neutral	nominal
notorious	nuclear

## nullify

## O

obedient	obligation
occasion	occult
occurrence	official
opponent	ordinance

## orthodox

## P

parachute	paraffin
paramedic	paraphernalia
pedestrian	penitentiary
persistent	personal
pertinent	phallic
plaintiff	playwright
positive	possession
precede	preliminary
prescription	priority
procedure	proceed
projectile	prominent
prophylactic	prosecute
prostitute	prostitution
psilocybin	psychiatrist
punitive	pursue

## Q

quadrant	quadriplegic
quarrel	query
quinine	quotation

## R

rabies	racketeer
receipt	receding
recognizance (s or z)	recommend
reconnaissance	reformatory
reinforcement	relevant
relinquish	remission
repeal	representative
rescue	resident
respiration	restaurant
ricochet	ritual

language
legitimate
liaison
licentious
lucid

maintain
management
manipulate
massacre
mediation
methadone
minor
misdemeanour
moccasin
morgue
mortuary
mutilate

negative
neighbour
notary
nuisance

obscenity
occupant
omission
orient

parallel
pavilion
permissible
personnel
physician
polygraph
potential
premises
probable
prohibition
propeller
prosecutor
protester
psychopathic
pyromaniac

quarantine
questionnaire

reasonable
recidivist
reconcile
refute
religious
rendezvous
reprieve
residue
resuscitate
routine

## S

sabotage	sacrifice	salvage
scenario	schedule	scheme
schizophrenic	seize	seniority
sentence	separation	sequence
sequester	sergeant	serial
severance	sexual	sheriff
siege	silhouette	simultaneous
skeleton	sociopath	solicit
solicitor	soluble	specimen
spectator	spontaneous	strenuous
subpoena	suffocate	suicide
suppress	surrogate	surveillance
susceptible	suspect	suspension
suspicious	symmetrical	symptom
synagogue	syphilis	syringe

## T

tactical	tariff	tattoo
taut	technique	temperament
tendency	terrorism	testify
testimony	thief	toboggan
torture	tournament	trajectory
tranquillizer	trauma	trespass
truancy	truly	

## U

ultimatum	umbrella	unanimous
uncooperative	unlawful	unmistakable
urinate	useful	utility
utilize		

## V

vacuum	vagrancy	validate
vandal	variance	vehicle
vein	velocity	venereal
vengeance	verdict	verify
version	veterinarian	vicious
vigilante	violation	violence
vicinity	viscous	visible
volatile	voluntary	voucher

## W

waiver	warrant	weapon
wedge	wholesale	wiretap
withdrawal	witness	worship

## wound

## X

X-ray	Xerox	
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## Y

yacht	yield	youth
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## Z

zealot	zinc	zircon
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