

ANALYSIS

1.
 - A. Incorrect. There are only two syllables in athletes.
 - B. Correct.
 - C. Incorrect. There are two problems with this spelling choice. Athlete has only two syllables and does not have a vowel after the first syllable, and the vowel "e" is required on the end of the last syllable.
 - D. Incorrect. Athlete has only two syllables.

2.
 - A. Incorrect. A period cannot be used after a subordinate clause because a subordinate clause is not a complete sentence.
 - B. Correct. Definitely does not have an "a" even though you may sometimes hear it pronounced that way.
 - C. Incorrect. Begun is the past participle form of the verb begin and requires a helping verb. If no helping verb is present in the sentence, use the past tense-- began.
 - D. Incorrect. An error does exist in the sentence. Look at your options and try again.

3.
 - A. Correct. Led is the correct past tense form of the verb lead.
 - B. Incorrect. Category is correctly spelled in the sentence.
 - C. Incorrect. These two words are easily confused. Conscience is your moral guide; conscious is to be aware of something or to be awake.
 - D. Incorrect. An error does exist in the sentence. Look at your options and try again.

4.
 - A. Incorrect. Jordan's is possessive and requires the apostrophe.
 - B. Correct. Performance is the correct spelling.
 - C. Incorrect. The sentence suggests completed action and requires past tense. Helps is in present tense and its use creates a shift of tense in the sentence.
 - D. Incorrect. An error does exist in the sentence. Look at your options and try again.

5. A. Incorrect. You must double the final consonant of occur before adding any suffix that begins with a vowel because (1) the last syllable is accented and (2) the final consonant is preceded by a vowel.
- B. Incorrect. The root word occur requires two c's, and the final consonant must be doubled before adding any suffix beginning with a vowel.
- C. Correct. Occurrence requires two c's and the final consonant must be doubled before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel.
- D. Incorrect. An error does exist in the spelling. Look at your options again.

This completes the spelling practice. If you need further study, turn on the monitor and review the lesson. If you understand the material, you are ready to take the **Mastery Test on Spelling**.