

## Teacher's Note – Correct Word usage

- Several answers are possible. Below are some examples given.

*Passed:* The word passed is a verb. It can only be used as a verb and nothing else.  
I have *passed* the test.

*Past:* Past can be used as 1: an adjective, 2: a noun, 3: a preposition and 4: an adverb.  
1: The boy came to school late four times in the *past* week.  
2: In the *past* they went fishing every week.  
3: She hurried *past* the school.  
4: The children cheered as the circus went *past*.

*Off and of* mean totally different things.

*Off:* "Get *off* the lawn!" shouted dad.  
He wiped the dirt *off* his new bike.

*Of:* The girl jumped out *of* bed quickly.  
Five *of* them made improvements to their work.

*We're:* is an abbreviation of the pronoun we and the verb are.

*We're* going soon. (*We are* going soon)

*Were:* is part of the verb 'to be'.

The children *were* happy to be going away.

*Affect:* is a verb which brings a change in something.  
The man stopped smoking because it *affected* his health.

*Effect:* is a noun which means consequence or result.  
The man stopped smoking and the *effect* it had on his health was significant.

*Who's:* abbreviation for *who is* or *who has*.

Guess *who's* coming for dinner.

*Whose:* 1: relative pronoun showing ownership, 2: possessive adjective

1: This is the man *whose* son hit me.

2: *Whose* books are these?

*Teach:* I *teach* the children.

*Learn:* The children *learn* from the teacher.

*Lend:* Sally will *lend* Tom the book.

*Borrow:* Can he *borrow* the book from Sally.

*Did:* Mum *did* the dishes.

*Done:* Mum *has done* the dishes.

*Suggested Activities:*

- ❖ Visit: [http://www.teachingtreasures.com.au/spelling\\_mistake.htm](http://www.teachingtreasures.com.au/spelling_mistake.htm) for a spelling activity.
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**Task: Writing correct grammar**

**Learning Area: English writing**