# it all sounds the same!

Sometimes, while moving through a document, it can be hard just via speech alone to tell if something is misspelled or not. There are a few words which I have stumbled acrost that sound the same, even misspelled. On the surface, this problem can be easy to fix when Jaws is actually mispronouncing words. Sometimes, however, it is a little harder to hear the misspelling of words, unless you are already focused.

take for instance the misspelled word, “londry”. if your reading with speech, it is hard to tell at first. Now, here it is spelled correctly. “Laundry”. Both spellings of the word sound very similar. Laundry, londry, laundry, londry

Take a look at the spellings of each instance of the word. Which one is correct? Write your answer below.

Here is a word where the sound is truly not different at all. See if you can spot it in the following paragraph. Please do not correct the words though. They will be used in the following exercise.

John lives in some place just outside of California. His entire life, he always wanted to experience the Otion. he has always heard of its beauty, but the closest he ever got was seeing the ocean in pictures. Now that he is retired, he will finally get the chance to do just that. He packed his suitcase, video camera, and several books about species of creatures living in the otion. If he was going to study the ocean, at least he would have some material to read while he sat on the beach. Finally, John was ready to go. With his head held high, he turned West twards the pacifffic. “Hey Hey, Ocean, here I come.”

Here is where spelling error detection comes in. did you notice how both spellings of the word Ocean were said exactly the same way? Do the following.

1. Press Insert+V to open the Jaws Quick settings dialogue.
2. In the search box, type the word “auto”, excluding the quotes. The results view will filter so that only results with that word show.
3. Arrow down to the “auto correct” option and press the space bar to check it.
4. Now, press control+E to jump back to the search box. Make sure there is no text in the box, and type “spelling”.
5. Arrow down to “spelling error detection”, and press space bar to turn it on. Note that each press of the space bar will cycle you through On, One+count, and Off. On+count will count the spelling errors on one line. We will talk more on this option in another exercise. For now, just make sure it is set to “On”.

Now, as you read, you should hear Jaws announce “spelling error” whenever it encounters a misspelled word. Move through the above paragraph and correct every misspelled occurance of the word Ocean. How many misspellings did you find?