

Spelling Guide --- Troublesome Words

A

a priori
ac
accept, except
already (before now), all ready
(prepared)
altogether (entirely)
all together (collectively)
analog-to-digital
affect (verb), effect (noun), and effect
(verb)
aperture
asymmetry

B

backscatter
band gap
bandpass
bandwidth
broadband

C

can (is able), may (is permitted)
canceled
catalog
coaxial
collinear
counterclockwise
cross section
cross term

D

data (is plural)
dc
dependence
diagramed
digital-to-analog

E

effect (noun), affect (verb)
end point
ensure, insure

et al. (note placement of period)
except, accept

F

feedback
first-order
focused
formulas
Fourier

G

gauge
Gaussian
GHz (Note uppercase G and H)
guard
guideline

H

Hz

I

inasmuch as
IR
its, it's (not allowed in thesis.)

J

judgment

K

kHz (note lowercase k)

L

labeled
lifetime
line shape
linewidth
lock-in
lowpass

M

mA (milliampere)
may (is permitted), can (is able)

MHz (note uppercase M and H)
midpoint

N
noticeable

O
occurrence
occurring
off-diagonal

P
passband
percent
preceding, proceeding
principal (adj., chief)
principle (n., a rule)
procedure
proceeding
programmed
pulse width

R
radio frequency
real-time (adj.)
referred
reinforced
relevant
rise time
rf

S
second-order
separate
sideband
sizable
spatial
stepwise

T
transit time
traveling
tunneling

U
usable

V
vacuum
versus
vice versa

W
waveform
wave front
waveguide
wavelength
wave number
wholly

X
x ray

Z
zeros
zeroth