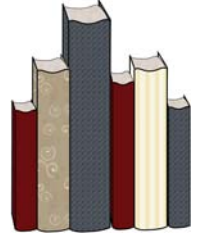


Contested Words



DIRECTIONS: Is the underlined word in each sentence used correctly? Consult the reference text of your choice if you are not sure.

The amount of people in that place was unreal.

Correct?

We waste a large amount of water.

Only a small amount of people are going.

We are anxious to start this project.

John became anxious when I was late getting home.

Mom, can I go to the party?

May we help with this project?

I can play the flute.

My parents said I mayn't go.

My parents said I can't go.

Why is the usage of a word or phrase sometimes contested? Is there always a definitive right or wrong answer?
