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*All the resources you need for a successful
Spelling Bee!*

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Introduction

Dictionary.com defines a Spelling Bee as “a spelling competition won by the individual or team spelling the greatest number of words correctly.” Of course, that’s true, but a spelling bee is so much more!

A spelling bee motivates students to study spelling words. A spelling bee fosters healthy competition. It recognizes excellence in learning. It brings students into a well-defined structure and requires that they follow rules. And, a spelling bee is FUN!

Spelling bees are growing in popularity worldwide, as shown by the emails, comments and questions I’ve received from parents, teachers and students around the globe. Folks have requested even more tools than already appear on the website, and they’ve given me ideas for expanding the ones that are there.

As a result, in this book I’ve brought together the best tools from the website, all in one place, and I’ve expanded many of them. Plus, I’ve added those additional tools that site visitors have requested. You’ll find more words, more sentences, more award certificates, more tips for teachers, and so much MORE of everything.

This Spelling Bee Toolbox is truly the one resource you need for your own successful spelling bees!

Thanks for your support of www.spelling-words-well.com. Please keep the comments coming.

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Instructions

In order to gain the maximum benefit from the tools in this eBook, please refer to these instructions for each section of manual.

Guidelines for Three Kinds of Spelling Bees

The set of rules you choose to follow will depend on:

- The setting of your spelling bee
- The number of spellers who are participating
- The number of people involved in conducting the bee
- The time that's available for the bee

I recommend you read through the guidelines for all the types of bees listed here, and then pick and choose the features that will work best for your situation. Once you've decided on the rules you'll use, be certain to make the rules clear to all the students, parents and teachers who will be involved in the activity. Then be sure to follow the rules consistently during the contest.

Organizing a Spelling Bee

Use this checklist to get organized and stay organized. Adjust the list as needed for your situation. If you are responsible for a large bee, please don't ignore this tool!

Recorder's Chart

The recorder (or one of the judges) can use this helpful tool to keep track of which spellers are in and out of the competition. It's important to note the round on which each one is eliminated, the misspelled word, and the misspelling in case of disputes later. The first page is numbered for the first twenty students in the first 8 rounds. The second page can be photocopied as needed for subsequent rounds and additional spellers.

Family Letter

Use this letter as is, or adapt for your situation. It's essential to communicate early and often with families. You can also adapt this for email and facebook posts.

Press Release

Members of the press won't know about your event unless you tell them! Use this format to formally announce your Bee to local newspapers, radio and television stations. Be sure to include the *who, what, where, when* info at the very beginning of your press release. Reporters love a good local story, so be sure to include interesting details about your bee that will draw their attention and make them *want* to promote your event!

Classroom activities

Use these ideas to help students gain confidence in spelling in front of others and to increase their spelling proficiency. These ideas can be used year-round, even when your students are *not* participating in a spelling bee.

The Scripps Spelling Bee

This information answers some basic questions about the world's most famous bee. Use the links to learn more.

How to Study for a Spelling Bee

Give students this helpful guide as early as possible. Review the suggestions frequently in class.

Spelling Rules for Upper Grades

This list includes a few of the well-known spelling rules that, hopefully, most upper grade students have mastered. It also contains some of the more obscure ones that may help students spell some tricky words correctly.

Study List

These 100 words are a good sampling of words students might expect to encounter in any spelling bee. Approximately 70 of these words appear in the mega-list of 600 words in this eBook.

Worksheets

Use these formats to make more of your own worksheets using new words. Better yet, ask your *students* to create the worksheets to share with classmates. The more times students use their spelling words, the more likely they are to remember them.

Clip art

Use these images to spruce up your flyers and letters. Here's one way to use our clip art as digital images:

1. Scroll to the page(s) with the image(s) you wish to use.
2. Press the "print screen" button on your keyboard.
3. Open up a new document in "Paint" or other image-editing program of your choice.
4. Insert the image from "print screen" by using Ctl + V or "insert"
5. Crop the image(s) you want. Resize as necessary.
6. In the file menu, click on "Save as." Name the file, save as a .jpg or .png in your documents or picture files in a location you can find later.
7. Open up a word document, then Insert --> Picture --> from file. Go to the saved location of your clip art image.
8. Adjust the image size as necessary as well as its layout properties. Complete your letter, announcement or other document.

Bookmarks

Photocopy these designs on card stock, cut apart and laminate.

Reminders

Use these for students, their families, and even spelling bee officials.

Award Certificates

Choose the awards that best fit the mood of your competition – serious, fun, modern, or traditional – in either color or black and white. You can follow either of these procedures in presenting the awards:

- 1) Print out the certificates of your choice prior to your spelling bee. After the bee, write in the winners' names and present them immediately or at a later date.
- 2) After the bee, open the certificates of your choice in a pdf-editing program. Insert the winners' names and print. Present the awards at a later ceremony.

Spelling Bee Words and Sentences

Our list of 600 words was gleaned from a variety of grade-level resources. Many of the words appear in the spelling bee word lists on our website. Be sure to read through the words in advance of any spelling bee to rearrange, add and omit words as you see fit.

In general, our words appear from easiest to most difficult. However, this will not always be true for every speller. There are about 20 5th grade words included near the beginning of the list. There are many words at the 9th grade level and beyond toward the end of the list.

You may start with any word on the list, depending on the level of your students. Here are some general guidelines:

Grade 6 – Start at the beginning

Grade 7 – Start around #150

Grade 8 – Start around #300

Sentences are purposely brief. Many sentences give clues to the words' meanings as an aid to the speller. Feel free to substitute your own sentences for any of the ones here that you feel are not meaningful for your students. You don't need to use every word on the list. Skip over any words that you think might cause problems.

During the bee, you may choose to skip large sections of the list in order to get to more difficult words more quickly.

Alphabetical Listing of 600 Spelling Bee Words

This quick reference tool will allow you to compare our word list to your own spelling curriculum and other resources.

Super Challenge List

Use these words to challenge your best spellers or to supplement our list of 600 words during your spelling bee. Throughout the school year, be on the lookout for more super-challenge words to add to this list.

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Classroom Spelldown

This is a great format to use in your classroom in a single class period. The “team spirit” factor helps spellers encourage one another. Misspelled words are spelled again and again until they’re corrected, making this a valuable instructional tool.

1. Divide students into two teams.
2. Each team lines up on opposite sides of the room, facing each other.
3. The teacher reads the first word to Player 1 on Team A. She also uses the word in a sentence.
4. Player 1 repeats the word, spells it, and says the word again.
5. If the player is correct, he moves to the end of the line on team A. The teacher gives the next word to the first player on Team B.
6. If the player is incorrect, the player sits down and is out of the spelldown. The teacher gives the same word to player 1 on Team B.
7. Player 1 on Team B repeats the word, spells it, and says the word again.
8. If she is correct, she moves to the end of the line on her team.
9. The Spelldown continues with correct players moving to the end of the line, and incorrect players leaving the competition. Eventually, the students who have spelled correctly will move to the front of the line to spell again and again. At some point, one team will have only one speller. That student must spell every time it’s his team’s turn.
10. The spelldown ends when one team has lost all its spellers. The winning team is the one with the last speller(s) standing.

Variation:

If the same word is misspelled by two (or choose a different number) players, both players *remain in the spelldown*. The teacher writes the correct spelling of the missed word on the board and gives those players a new word to spell.

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Classroom Spelling Bee

This individual competition is slightly more competitive than the spelldown, but not as rigid as the formal spelling bee, outlined below.

1. Determine the order in which students will spell. Arrange spellers in that order in their seats or in an open area of the classroom.
2. The teacher announces the word to be spelled. He speaks slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word. He uses the word in a sentence and says the word again.
3. The speller listens carefully to the teacher and asks for the word to be repeated if necessary.
4. When the speller is sure she understands the word, she pronounces it, spells it and then says the word again.
5. The teacher determines whether or not the word was spelled correctly.
6. If the correct spelling was given, the speller remains in the bee.
7. If the spelling was incorrect, that speller is eliminated from the bee. The teacher gives the correct spelling of that word. Then the teacher reads a new word to the next student.
8. The bee continues until all but two spellers have been eliminated. When there are only two spellers left, if one player misspells a word, the other player must spell that word correctly, plus one more word to be declared the winner of the spelling bee.

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All-School (or Large) Spelling Bee

For this type of spelling bee, you'll need several officials: a pronouncer, at least one judge, a recorder and, optionally, a timekeeper.

The spelling bee coordinator should select officials for these positions who speak clearly, listen carefully and who will follow the guidelines you present to them.

Advance preparation by the spelling bee officials:

Pronouncer

Read through the word list in advance. Look up the correct pronunciation of any unfamiliar words in a dictionary. Learn the rules for the bee.

Judges

Read the rules and the word list. Secure a large dictionary to use on the day of the bee. Designate one person as the head judge who will make the final decisions on the correct or incorrect spelling of a word.

Recorder

Read the rules and word list in advance. Review the recorder's chart.

Timekeeper-Optional (See rule 4B)

During the bee, the timekeeper uses a stopwatch to keep track of the amount of time the speller uses to complete the spelling of each word. The time limit must be decided in advance and announced to all participants. A limit of 30 - 60 seconds is recommended, depending on the age of the students, the difficulty of the words, and the available time for the bee.

Spelling bee coordinator

Be sure to meet with the spelling bee officials prior to the bee to make sure all the rules and procedures are clear.

Immediately before the bee begins:

(For a more complete checklist, see page 11.)

1. Decide the order in which the students will participate. Seat them in order on stage, or at the front of the room.
2. Arrange a table for the judges and recorder.
3. Be sure all members of the audience are seated and quiet.

To conduct the bee, the head judge reads the rules and procedures aloud to the spellers and audience. He asks the spellers if they have any questions about the rules.

Rules:

1. The first speller goes to the microphone.
2. The pronouncer announces the word to be spelled. He speaks slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word. He uses the word in a sentence and says the word again.
3. The speller listens carefully to the pronouncer and asks for the word to be repeated if necessary.
4. When the speller is sure she understands the word, she pronounces it, spells it and then says the word again. She must say it loudly enough for the judge(s) to hear it.

Optional additions to this rule:

A. Once a speller has started spelling the word, she may start over as long as she has not finished spelling the word and repeated it. **OR**
Once a speller has started to spell the word, she may not start over.

B. Spellers will have a time limit of ___ seconds in which to complete the spelling of the word, from the time she indicates to the pronouncer that she understands the word she is to spell.

5. The judge(s) determines whether or not the word was spelled correctly.
6. If the correct spelling was given, the speller remains in the bee and goes back to her seat.
7. If the spelling was incorrect, that speller is eliminated from bee. The speller leaves the stage at the end of the round, i.e. after each speller has taken one turn. (Optional variations: The speller leaves the stage immediately.)
8. If the word was misspelled, the judge gives the correct spelling of that word. Then the pronouncer reads a new word to the next student.
9. This process continues with correct spellers staying in the competition and incorrect spellers being eliminated.
10. When there are only two spellers left, if one player misspells a word, the other player must spell that word correctly, plus one more word to be declared the winner of the spelling bee.

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Organizational Checklist

Use this checklist to plan a school-wide or district-wide spelling bee. Check off each task as it is completed.

6-12 months in advance

- Form a group of 3-4 people to help organize the spelling bee.
- Decide what schools, grades or ages will compete in your spelling bee.
- Set the date.
- Reserve the facilities you will need.
- Notify teachers, students, parents, and administrators of the date of the bee and the eligibility requirements.
- Discuss the funds that will be needed for the event. Learn what resources are already available and how much more money you may need to raise.
- Contact local businesses, if necessary, to help fund your event.

3-6 months in advance

- Decide what word lists you will use. Let spellers know in advance. We recommend the list of 600 words in this book. But you may decide to make your own list based on your own spelling curriculum. The Scripps National Spelling Bee uses *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section (copyright 2002 by Merriam-Webster), which means those spellers must be ready for anything! Whatever you decide, be sure that students have at least some of the words in advance and/or know what dictionary you'll be using.
- Choose your Spelling Bee pronouncer, judges, record keeper, and timekeeper, if needed. Double-check their availability for your date.
- Double-check on the availability of your facility.
- If your bee will be held at a location other than your own school, arrange to have someone attend your event that is familiar with the building. Be sure you have someone to run the sound system.
- Decide on the spelling bee rules you will use. (See page 10 for our suggestions.) Send written copies to students, parents, teachers, and all bee officials.
- Decide if you want to serve refreshments and if so, what type of foods and beverages you want to include. Then find a very responsible person to be in charge of that portion of the event.

1-2 months in advance

- ❑ Decide on prizes. Choose award certificates included in this book, or order medals and trophies from local vendors or online sources. (Allow at least 6 weeks for special orders.)
- ❑ Check back with all participants frequently. One month before the spelling bee, send a note to all classrooms and bee officials reminding them of the date. Tell them what time they should arrive at the competition.
- ❑ Get a list of the names of all students who expect to participate.
- ❑ Notify local newspapers, radio stations, and TV stations to let them know about the spelling bee. See the Sample Press Release on page 16.
- ❑ Invite sponsors to attend.

1-2 weeks in advance

- ❑ Announce the bee on your Face Book page and other social media.
- ❑ If you're using a stage, be sure you have chairs, a podium, microphones, and tables for the judges.
- ❑ Make name tags for all participants and officials.
- ❑ Print out word lists for the pronouncers and judges. Print the recorder's chart (pages 13-14) for the record keeper. Gather dictionaries, pencils, and a stopwatch.
- ❑ Contact media personnel again and encourage them to cover your big event.

The day of the Spelling Bee

- ❑ Arrive 2 hours early with you word lists, dictionaries, recorder's charts, pencils, awards and name tags.
- ❑ Check the sound system and seating.
- ❑ Welcome your spellers, staff and audience.
- ❑ Publicly thank sponsors, spellers, teachers, parents, staff and media.
- ❑ *Enjoy the bee!*

After the Spelling Bee

- ❑ Clean up the facility, if necessary.
- ❑ Announce the spelling bee winners in public forums.
- ❑ Send a thank you note to everyone who helped with the bee.
- ❑ Recover and start planning for next year!

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Recorder's Chart

Student	Round								Misspelled Word
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<i>Example: Tim Smith</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	X				sincerely
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**It's Spelling
Bee Time!**



Dear Families,

A very important event involving your student is coming up! Please mark this information on your calendar now.

The _____ Spelling Bee

Date:

Time:

Location:

Here are several ways you can help your student prepare for the Bee:

1) Help your student study spelling words frequently. Ask him/her to spell them aloud. You can study word lists that I will be sending home, words from other textbooks, words from the newspaper and unfamiliar words from the dictionary.

2) On the week of the Spelling Bee, and especially the night before the Bee, make sure your student gets plenty of rest and proper nutrition.

3) If at all possible, plan to attend the Bee. If you are unable to attend, please try to arrange for another family member or friend to be there. Your presence will be a huge encouragement to *all* of our students.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at: _____

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Sample Press Release

Wilson Middle School
123 Scholarly Drive
Lansing, MI 49ZIP
(123) 456-7890

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: John Doe, Spelling Bee Coordinator
(123) 456-7890 x987

10th Annual Wilson Middle School Spelling Bee – November 9

Lansing, MI – On Tuesday, November 9, at 10 A.M, the Wilson Middle School will hold its tenth annual spelling bee competition in the school’s auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Twenty-four students from grades 6, 7, and 8 will compete for the title of school champion. The champion will represent the school next month in the Ingham County Spelling Bee.

Mayor Sue Jones will be on hand to present the trophy to this year’s winner. The winner will also receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, compliments of Acme Services, this year’s sponsor.

School principal, Ms. Sondra Smith, notes that two past winners of Wilson Middle Spelling Bee have gone on to compete at the state and national levels. She urges the public to attend the event and encourage the hard-working students.

Each participant has already competed at his/her own grade level and finished among the top 8 in his/her class. During the all-school competition, participants will be asked to spell words from lists they have not previewed. It should prove to be a challenging competition for all students.

For more information about the Wilson Middle School Spelling Bee, please contact *John Doe* at 123.456.7890.987 or j.doe@email.address.

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Classroom Activities

You can help your students prepare for spelling bees all year long. Their success in spelling bees will depend on two factors:

- A) Spelling proficiency
- B) Confidence spelling aloud in front of others

To help students gain proficiency in their spelling skills:

1) Challenge students each week with a few tough words. Write the words on the board at the beginning of each week and discuss their meanings. Include these difficult words on the weekly spelling quiz and in other written assignments. Use words from the list of spelling bee words at the end of this book, from word lists at www.spelling-words-well.com and/or from the dictionary.

2) Ask students to contribute the challenge words. Assign a different pair of students each week to find 5 difficult words. At the beginning of each week, the pair can do a brief oral presentation in which they write the words on the board and explain their meaning.

3) Review common spelling rules with students. See pages 22-23.

4) Give students extra written practice with difficult words. Reading and writing are essential experiences, especially for visual learners.

5) Frequently review commonly misspelled words such as *separate*, *occasionally*, *achieve*, and *definitely*.

To help students gain confidence in spelling aloud:

1) Conduct frequent, brief oral quizzes. At the beginning or end of a class period, use just a minute or two for “popcorn” quizzes. Randomly call out a student’s name and a spelling word. For example, say “Rachel, *organize*.” Rachel pops up and spells *organize*. If she’s incorrect, call on the student seated behind her, “Ali, *organize*.” and so on. This not only gives frequent practice, it motivates students to study the weekly spelling words.

2) Ask students to do oral reading, oral math, or any kind of oral presentation from their seats and especially in front of the class.

The Scripps Spelling Bee

No spelling bee resource would be complete without mentioning the Scripps Spelling Bee, the oldest national spelling competition in the United States. It began in 1925 and is run as a not-for-profit competition by the E.W. Scripps Company. It is the “bee of all spelling bees” with final rounds aired on television stations around the world.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, students must attend a school that is enrolled in the Scripps program. (See Scripps FAQs for rules regarding homeschooled students.) Students must be under the age of 16 and in grades 8 or below.

Schools must follow certain rules and pay an enrollment fee to participate in Scripps. Local businesses (often newspapers) pay the fee and become sponsors of the bee. Schools must enroll with the national office from mid-August through mid-October.

Participating schools are located in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, New Zealand, South Korea, U.S. Department of Defense schools in Europe, and several other locations.

The Process

While different regions follow different plans, usually schools hold several small competitions. For example, each classroom might hold its own bee. Then the winners from each classroom might compete against each other in school wide spelling bee. Next, the winners from several schools in the same city or county might compete against each other. Regional and statewide competitions may also follow.

Normally, champions compete at several levels before moving on to the finals which are held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The finals are always held during the week following Memorial Day.

Preparation

Students who are serious about competing in the Scripps competition study all year long, for hours every day. Students in enrolled schools can receive lists of words to study from Scripps. Merriam-Webster also provides study helps. In addition to learning the spellings of words, it is also very helpful students to learn definitions, pronunciations, parts of speech and etymologies of words.

Many champion students study straight from the *Third New International Dictionary of the English Language*, the official dictionary used by Scripps. They also read good books to learn new words. They often keep a special list of their own interesting words to memorize.

Prizes

The champion of the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee receives:

- \$30,000 cash
- a huge engraved trophy called a loving cup
- reference books from Merriam-Webster and Encyclopaedia Britannica
- other monetary prizes.

All spellers who make it to the finals receive prizes, based on the number of rounds they successfully complete.

Students who participate in any of the spelling bees are rewarded with the experience of being part of a fun, educational competition. They also enjoy the benefits of learning new words and expanding their vocabularies.

Helpful links:

Home page for the Scripps Spelling Bee: <http://www.spellingbee.com/>

School enrollment page for Scripps: <https://secure.spellingbee.com/enrollment/register>

Complete student eligibility rules: <http://www.spellingbee.com/eligibility>

FAQs for Scripps: <http://www.spellingbee.com/customer-service-center>

List of past champions and their winning words:

<http://www.spellingbee.com/champions-and-their-winning-words>

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How to Study for a Spelling Bee

In a weekly spelling quiz, you know exactly which words you'll be asked to spell. But in a spelling bee, you could be asked to spell just about anything! So what's the best way to prepare to spell well at your next competition?

There are several strategies you should use. Some are long-term practices, and others can be used at the last minute to boost your skills.

Long term - What you should do all year long

1. Maintain a spelling notebook. This can be a pocket-sized tablet or a large spiral-bound pad. Write down words that are tricky for you – words you've misspelled on spelling quizzes or writing assignments. Also write down words you encounter that you don't know how to spell very well. Review the words in your notebook frequently.

2. Read a lot to expand your vocabulary. Your reading should include good books and the newspaper. You'll learn new words and how to use them. Add the most interesting words and the ones with the trickiest spellings in your spelling notebook.

3. Be sure to master the spelling words you're given in language class each week, as well as vocabulary words from science, social studies and math classes.

4. Practice difficult words over and over. Write them on paper, and type them into a text document. This repetition helps you see and spell and cement the words in your memory.

5. Discover your best "on stage" spelling bee method. Think about how you prepare to spell a word aloud. Are you most successful if you

- trace it with your finger
- say it to yourself
- or picture it in your mind?

Figure this out in advance. Then once a week, have a friend or family member ask you to spell a few words aloud, spelling bee style. Get comfortable with spelling tricky words in front of other people.

6. Learn basic spelling strategies and rules. (See page 22.) In your notebook, make a list of commonly-used words that are exceptions to these rules.

7. If you're really serious about advancing to regional, state or national competitions, you need to get a good dictionary and study it. *Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged* is the largest dictionary of the English language, with over 450,000 entries. It's the one used by the Scripps' National Spelling Bee, making it the perfect one to study for advanced spelling bee competitions.

8. Talk to other students who have done well in spelling bees. Talk to older students, your brothers or sisters, or classmates who have done well. What tips worked for them? You can also read books about successful spellers, including *How to Spell Like a Champ* by Trinkle, Andrews and Kimble.

Short term - What you can do weeks or days before the spelling bee

1. Ask your teacher for specific list of words you can study. Then study! See the word lists at www.spelling-words-well.com if you need more words to study.
2. Practice spelling a lot of words aloud with a friend or family member.
3. Post spelling words everywhere: the bathroom mirror, your computer desktop, your school desk or locker. Carry a list of words you want to learn in your pocket. Pull out the list and study it when you have spare minutes between other activities.
4. Ask someone to quiz you on words that you haven't studied before. A good place to find words is on the front page of a newspaper.
5. Review the tips in the long-term list above and work on them as much as possible.
6. The night before the spelling bee, get plenty of rest. Eat a good breakfast in the morning. Include some protein, such as eggs, cheese or peanut butter.
7. Most importantly, believe you can do it! Your preparation will give you confidence to think clearly and spell correctly, despite the butterflies in your stomach.

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Spelling Rules for Upper Grades

By now you probably know the basic spelling rules, such as when to change a final *y* to *i* when forming plurals and whether or not to double consonants when adding suffixes. It's a good idea to review those rules prior to any competition, and also to review words that are exceptions to those rules.

There are also some lesser-used rules that are worth reviewing. These rules may help you figure out how to spell unfamiliar words that you may encounter in a spelling bee. We'll take a look at 12 rules (of both types) here.

1. Compound Words

Keep both words whole. Don't drop the last letter of the first word or the first letter of the last word. Examples: roommate, bookkeeper, sidewalk, withhold.

2. Words spelled with *ie* or *ei*

Use *i* before *e* except after *c* or when sounded like *a* as in *neighbor* and *weigh*.

Examples: friend, believe, ceiling, receive, eight, vein Note: There are many exceptions to this rule, including: *neither, science, their, weird, ancient, height, protein, sufficient* and more. These words need to be memorized.

Forming Plurals

3. Words that end in *y*

A) If a noun ends in a consonant followed by a *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *es*.

Examples: candies, stories

B) If a noun ends in a vowel followed by a *y*, add *s*.

Examples: chimneys, turkeys

4. Words that end in *f* or *fe*

Most nouns ending in *f* or *fe* form the plural by changing the *f* or *fe* to *v* and adding *-es*.

For a double *f*, just add *s*. Examples: calves, wives, knives, bluffs, cliffs, hooves.

Exception: roofs

5. Making plurals from words that end in *o*

A) If a vowel comes before the final *o*, add *s*. Examples: radios, studios

B) If a consonant comes before the final *o*, usually add *es*. Examples: potatoes, echoes

The plural forms of *mosquito* and *tornado* can be spelled either way.

Interesting note: The plural of most words related to music that end in *o* are formed by adding *s* only. Examples: solos, pianos

Adding Prefixes

6. When adding prefixes such as *dis-*, *mis-*, *pre-*, *re-*, *un-*, the spelling of the base word does not change.

Examples: disability, misspell, preamble, react, unusual.

Adding Suffixes

7. Words that end in e

A) Drop the e when the suffix begins with a vowel. (*-ed*, *-ing*, *-ous*, *-able*, *-y*)

Examples: closed, housing, nervous, adorable, lousy

Exceptions: noticeable, courageous

A few words can be spelled either way: loveable or lovable, movable or moveable.

B) Keep the silent e when the suffix begins with a consonant (*-ment*, *-ful*, *-ly*)

Example: careful, movement

Exceptions: ninth, truly

Judgment and *acknowledgment* are preferred spellings; however, *judgement* and *acknowledgement* are accepted.

8. Doubling the final consonant

If a one-syllable word ends with a vowel followed by a consonant, double the consonant before adding the suffix. Examples: stopping, bedding, dipper

Note that words like *read* become *reading* because there are two vowels before the final consonant. Words like *helping* have one *p* because they end in two consonants.

9. Adding *-less*

When adding *-less*, the base word does not usually change. Examples: hopeless, clueless.

10. Adding *-ful*

The suffix *-ful* never has two ls. When *-ful* is added to a word, the spelling of the base word usually does not change. Examples: soulful, cheerful, careful.

11. Adding *-able* and *-ible*

A) If the base word is whole, the suffix is usually spelled *-able*. The silent e is dropped before adding this suffix. Examples: breakable, acceptable, lovable, believable

B) If the base word is incomplete or is a root, the suffix is usually spelled *-ible*.

Examples: divisible, possible, terrible.

12. Words that end in c

When c is the last letter of a word, it is always hard. When adding the suffixes *-er*, *-ing*, or *-y*, first add a *k* to keep the hard c sound. Examples: picnicker, panicky, trafficking.

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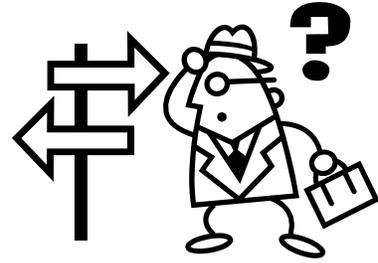
Study List for Students

Here are 100 words to learn before your next spelling bee.

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. absurd | 35. etiquette | 68. outrageous |
| 2. accompaniment | 36. exaggeration | 69. parliament |
| 3. acknowledgement | 37. facsimile | 70. percent |
| 4. amateur | 38. fatigue | 71. plasma |
| 5. anonymous | 39. finesse | 72. predecessor |
| 6. anxious | 40. fracas | 73. prosperity |
| 7. archeology | 41. frugal | 74. pseudonym |
| 8. arraign | 42. gauge | 75. qualm |
| 9. asphalt | 43. grotesque | 76. quandary |
| 10. attendance | 44. haphazard | 77. recipe |
| 11. auxiliary | 45. haughty | 78. reciprocal |
| 12. bankruptcy | 46. hindrance | 79. remembrance |
| 13. barracuda | 47. hurriedly | 80. rhythmic |
| 14. bizarre | 48. hypotenuse | 81. sabotage |
| 15. broccoli | 49. hypothesis | 82. schism |
| 16. callous | 50. inaugural | 83. secretary |
| 17. cease | 51. incessant | 84. solemn |
| 18. chasm | 52. incisor | 85. spontaneous |
| 19. chlorophyll | 53. influential | 86. subsequent |
| 20. clique | 54. infrastructure | 87. succinct |
| 21. colonel | 55. interrogate | 88. superfluous |
| 22. condominium | 56. jewelry | 89. surveillance |
| 23. conscientious | 57. khaki | 90. technically |
| 24. corroborate | 58. laborious | 91. tomatoes |
| 25. croissant | 59. lieutenant | 92. unanimous |
| 26. culprit | 60. miniature | 93. unenforceable |
| 27. democracy | 61. miscellaneous | 94. vaccinate |
| 28. dialogue | 62. negligible | 95. vegetable |
| 29. diligent | 63. novice | 96. vicious |
| 30. dismissal | 64. nuisance | 97. vivacious |
| 31. dulcimer | 65. occasionally | 98. vulnerable |
| 32. echoes | 66. opulent | 99. wholly |
| 33. eczema | 67. orator | 100. withhold |
| 34. embargo | | |

TOUGH CHOICE

You'll need to make two correct decisions for each word on this page. First, choose the correct spelling of each word. Then write the correct spellings in the sentences below so that each sentence makes sense. You will use two of the words more than once.



contagious/contagous
 disasterous/disastrous
 familar/familiar
 feirce/fierce
 foreign/foriegn

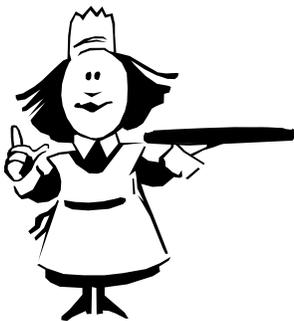
preferable/preferrable
 recyclable/recycleable
 sincerely/sincerly
 spaceous/spacious
 unmistakable/unmistakeable

1. The luxury car was especially _____ on the inside.
2. It is _____ that you work correctly rather than quickly.
3. The _____ wind blew loudly, making it difficult to fall asleep.
4. Because the disease was very _____, many people in the village became ill.
5. The _____ currency is worth more today than the U.S. dollar.
6. I _____ hope my thoughtless remark did not offend you.
7. He looks _____, but I can't remember where I've seen him before.
8. The _____ aroma of Mom's spaghetti sauce greeted me as I walked in the door.
9. When the puppy jumped onto the shelf of fine china, the results were _____.
10. Please keep your _____ waste in a separate trash can.
11. Her laughter was so _____ that soon everyone in the room was laughing with her.
12. Because the competition was so _____, only the very best players succeeded.

ORDER, PLEASE!

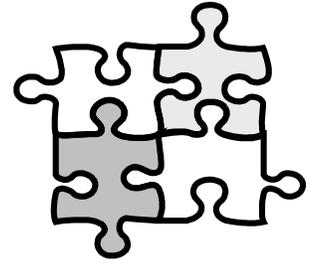
Write this list of tricky spelling words in alphabetical order. Then write the words again in reverse alphabetical order.

1. ancient	1. _____	1. _____
2. acquaintance	2. _____	2. _____
3. accept	3. _____	3. _____
4. amnesty	4. _____	4. _____
5. apostrophe	5. _____	5. _____
6. accidentally	6. _____	6. _____
7. appreciate	7. _____	7. _____
8. achievement	8. _____	8. _____
9. ability	9. _____	9. _____
10. aerial	10. _____	10. _____
11. accelerate	11. _____	11. _____
12. appearance	12. _____	12. _____
13. analysis	13. _____	13. _____
14. ambassador	14. _____	14. _____
15. apparatus	15. _____	15. _____
16. acquittal	16. _____	16. _____
17. ancestor	17. _____	17. _____
18. accommodate	18. _____	18. _____
19. abstain	19. _____	19. _____
20. accessible	20. _____	20. _____



FIT FOR FOUR

Fit each four-letter word into the blanks in the longer words below, one letter at a time to complete a common word. You should be able to match the words so that you use each four-letter word exactly once.



Example: __ o p u __ __ r i t __ Insert the word *play* to spell *popularity*.

Words to insert:			
arid	neat	pare	toes
been	noon	pole	tree
gale	note	poor	vain
hill	only	rule	veil
meat	pale	teal	wand

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. __ __ g o t i __ __ e | 11. v e __ e t __ b __ __ |
| 2. s u r __ __ __ l __ a n c e | 12. p o __ __ n t i __ __ |
| 3. t e c __ n __ c a __ __ y | 13. __ __ m a t o __ __ |
| 4. u __ d __ u b __ __ d l y | 14. __ __ c c __ __ a t e |
| 5. v __ __ __ e g a t e __ | 15. r e __ __ i __ v __ |
| 6. __ r __ p e l __ __ r | 16. s e __ __ __ a t __ l y |
| 7. __ r d i __ a r i __ __ | 17. n e __ s s t __ __ __ |
| 8. s o __ h __ m __ __ e | 18. o __ __ d i __ __ t |
| 9. p h e __ __ m e n __ __ | 19. n u __ __ r __ __ o r |
| 10. __ __ r a __ l __ l | 20. t u __ b __ __ __ n t |

WORD WISE

You'll find only the 25 words that are spelled correctly in the list in the puzzle. Circle them in the puzzle. Cross the words off the list as you find them. Words may appear in any direction. Write the misspelled words correctly in the blanks.

E	V	H	D	E	R	U	S	I	E	L	Y	L	T	S	A	H	G
L	C	Y	R	E	T	E	M	E	C	U	J	B	C	P	M	L	Y
I	S	S	Y	G	L	B	A	P	Y	T	Y	O	K	S	I	S	U
N	N	U	Y	A	J	I	O	F	D	L	R	K	K	J	Y	T	I
E	V	V	O	L	M	T	V	M	T	R	I	R	Y	E	A	N	R
V	T	E	V	I	P	M	A	E	E	L	C	E	T	K	J	E	R
U	T	R	X	O	C	R	E	S	R	H	K	S	N	T	M	M	E
J	Y	E	U	H	R	S	P	L	A	Y	U	R	E	U	I	N	L
I	Y	R	N	I	I	O	N	N	I	O	L	L	M	L	M	O	E
S	R	E	A	E	N	L	D	O	I	D	H	O	E	W	A	R	V
I	U	G	C	D	I	E	A	C	C	P	T	A	V	R	N	I	A
U	E	O	E	N	L	G	I	R	M	N	G	U	L	E	E	V	N
E	L	N	L	I	A	P	Y	A	A	E	U	F	O	S	U	N	T
P	C	M	E	O	S	V	P	H	Y	T	A	V	V	T	V	E	B
E	I	R	U	U	V	P	E	S	X	U	I	J	N	L	E	R	O
L	T	N	S	V	G	I	C	I	C	B	U	O	I	I	R	N	W
E	S	S	A	P	M	I	R	E	R	J	J	S	N	N	D	Y	X
U	E	P	D	S	N	R	T	F	B	G	N	R	T	G	R	D	J

CEMETERY
 CHANDELIER
 CONGRADULATIONS
 CORRESPONDENCE
 DELIVERY
 DETERENT
 DILEMMA
 ENVIRONMENT
 EXHILARATION
 FAUCET
 FLOURESCENT
 FRIVOLOUS
 GHASTLY
 GRIEVANCE
 HYGIENE
 IMPASSE
 INVOLVEMENT
 IRRELEVANT
 JUVENILE
 LEISURE
 MANAGMENT
 MANEUVER
 MARRIAGE
 MAYONAISE
 MILEAGE
 NUETRAL
 OCASSION
 PAMPHLET
 POTPOURRI
 PRIVILEGE
 STUDIOS
 SUSPICIOUS
 UNCONSCIOUS
 VENGENGE
 WRESTLING

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEETS

Tough Choice

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. spacious | 7. familiar |
| 2. preferable | 8. unmistakable |
| 3. fierce | 9. disastrous |
| 4. contagious | 10. recyclable |
| 5. foreign | 11. contagious |
| 6. sincerely | 12. fierce |

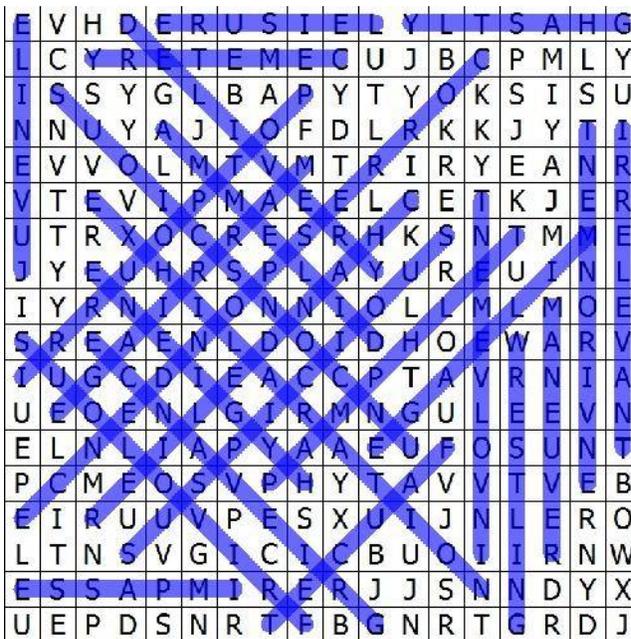
Fit for Four

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| 1. negotiate | 11. vegetable |
| 2. surveillance | 12. potential |
| 3. technically | 13. tomatoes |
| 4. undoubtedly | 14. vaccinate |
| 5. variegated | 15. retrieve |
| 6. propeller | 16. separately |
| 7. ordinarily | 17. newsstand |
| 8. sophomore | 18. obedient |
| 9. phenomenon | 19. numerator |
| 10. parallel | 20. turbulent |

Order, Please

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. ability | 1. appreciate |
| 2. abstain | 2. appearance |
| 3. accelerate | 3. apparatus |
| 4. accept | 4. apostrophe |
| 5. accessible | 5. ancient |
| 6. accidentally | 6. ancestor |
| 7. accommodate | 7. analysis |
| 8. achievement | 8. amnesty |
| 9. acquaintance | 9. ambassador |
| 10. acquittal | 10. aerial |
| 11. aerial | 11. acquittal |
| 12. ambassador | 12. acquaintance |
| 13. amnesty | 13. achievement |
| 14. analysis | 14. accommodate |
| 15. ancestor | 15. accidentally |
| 16. ancient | 16. accessible |
| 17. apostrophe | 17. accept |
| 18. apparatus | 18. accelerate |
| 19. appearance | 19. abstain |
| 20. appreciate | 20. ability |

Word Wise



Misspelled words
spelled correctly:

congratulations
deterrent
fluorescent
management
mayonnaise
neutral
occasion
privilege
studios
vengeance

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Time: _____

Place: _____

Other important info: _____

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Don't "Bee"



for the Bee!

Spelling Bee Reminder

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

Other important info: _____

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Don't Bee

**Squ
are.**

Bee There!



**Congratulations
to**

Winner
of the _____
Spelling Bee

on _____, 20 ____

Well Done!

Principal

Teacher



**Congratulations
to**

for finishing in _____place

in the _____

Spelling Bee

on _____, 20 ____

Well Done!

Principal

Teacher



**Thank You
to**

for participating

in the _____

Spelling Bee

on _____, 20 ____

**You helped to make our bee
a success!**

Principal

Teacher

This Spelling Bee Certificate
is awarded to

Winner

of the _____

Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20 ____

at _____

Congratulations!

Spelling bee coordinator

Teacher

This Spelling Bee Certificate
is awarded to

for finishing in
_____place

in the _____ Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20 ____

at _____

Congratulations!

Spelling Bee Coordinator

Teacher

**This Spelling Bee Certificate
acknowledges that**

was a participant

in the _____

Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20 ____

at _____

**Thank you for taking part in
our Bee!**

Spelling bee coordinator

Teacher



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO**

**WINNER
OF THE**

SPELLING BEE

ON

_____, 20 ____

WELL DONE!

Principal

Teacher



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO**

**FOR FINISHING IN _____ PLACE
IN THE**

SPELLING BEE

ON

, 20 _____

NICE WORK!

Principal

Teacher

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY
THAT**

**COMPETED
IN THE**

SPELLING BEE

ON

_____, 20 ____

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!**

Principal

Teacher

This Spelling Bee Certificate
is awarded to

Winner

of the _____
Spelling Bee

on _____, 20 ____

at _____

Congratulations!

Spelling bee coordinator

Teacher

**This Spelling Bee Certificate
is awarded to**

for finishing in

_____ **place**

in the _____ Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20 ____

at _____

Congratulations!

Spelling Bee Coordinator

Teacher

This Spelling Bee Certificate
is awarded to

Thank you
for participating
in the _____
Spelling Bee

on _____, 20 ____

at _____

You helped to make our Bee a success!

Spelling bee coordinator

Teacher

This award goes to

Winner *of the*

Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20____

at

Congratulations!

Principal

Teacher



This award goes to

for finishing in _____ place at the

_____ *Spelling Bee*

held on _____, 20_____

at

Nice Work!

Principal

Teacher



This award goes to

for your participation in the

_____ *Spelling Bee*

held on _____, 20____

at

Thanks for being in our Bee!

Principal

Teacher





Congratulations

to

**Winner of the _____
Spelling Bee**

Held on _____, 20_____

at

Great Job!

Spelling bee coordinator

Teacher

Congratulations

to

*for finishing in _____ place
in the _____ Spelling Bee*

Held on _____, 20____

at

Great Job!

Spelling bee coordinator

Teacher

**This award goes
to**

*for your participation in the
_____ **Spelling Bee***

Held on _____, 20____

at

**You helped to make our bee a success.
Thank You!**

Spelling bee coordinator

Teacher

This award goes to

Winner of the

_____ *Spelling Bee*

held on _____, 20____

at

Excellent Work!

Principal

Teacher

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This award goes to

for finishing in _____ place in the

_____ *Spelling Bee*

held on _____, 20_____

at

Nice Job!

Principal

Teacher

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This award goes to

for your participation in the

_____ *Spelling Bee*

held on _____, 20____

at

Thanks for being in our Bee!

Principal

Teacher

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This award goes to

Winner of the

_____ *Spelling Bee*

held on _____, 20____

at

*Your hard work has paid off.
Congratulations!*

Principal

Teacher

This award goes to

for finishing in _____ place

in the

_____ Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20____

at

Great Work!

Principal

Teacher

This award goes to

for your participation in the

_____ *Spelling Bee*

held on _____, 20_____

at

*Your participation and hard work
helped to make our spelling bee a success.*

Thank you!

Principal

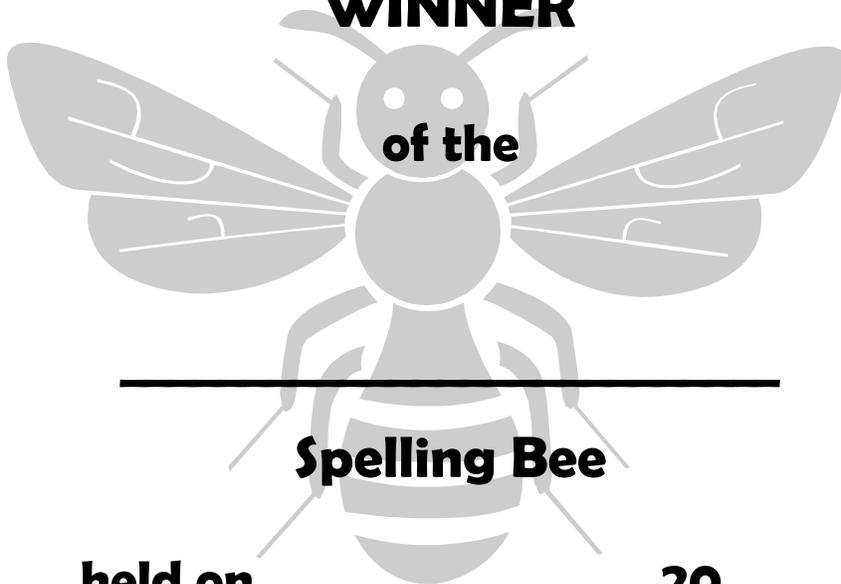
Teacher

This is to certify that

was the

WINNER

of the



Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20__

Congratulations!

This is to certify that

finished in

_____ place

in the

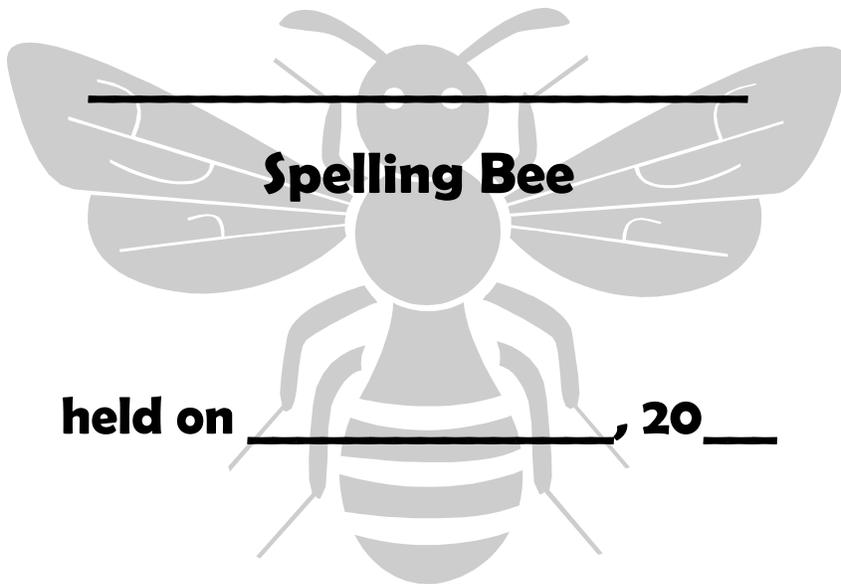
Spelling Bee

held on _____, 20__

Great Job!

This is to certify that

participated in the



held on _____, 20__

**Thank you for helping to make
our bee a success!**

Congratulations
to

Winner
of the

Spelling Bee
_____, 20____

Signed _____

Title _____

Congratulations
to

_____ - *Place Finisher*
in the

Spelling Bee

_____, 20____

Signed _____

Title _____

*This is to certify
that*

*participated
in the*

Spelling Bee
_____, 20____

Signed _____
Title _____

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Spelling Bee Words and Sentences

See instructions on page 6. To see all the words included in the list, please refer to the alphabetical listing on page 90.

1. grasp – She tried to grasp the rope and climb back up the mountain.
2. future – In the future, Mike plans to live in France.
3. copies – Please make ten copies of this document.
4. junior – Ben is a junior in high school.
5. climate – Some people feel better when they live in a warm climate.
6. mammal – A cow is a mammal.
7. jealous – Susan was jealous of Tracy's new shoes.
8. energy – A two-year-old child has a lot of energy.
9. circle – Circle the correct answers with your pencil.
10. regular – My dad drinks regular coffee.
11. pattern – Find the next number in this pattern.
12. whoever – Whoever left the window open should close it.
13. service – We received excellent service at this restaurant.
14. accept – Please accept this birthday gift.
15. hunger – Thousands of people die from hunger every day.
16. fraction – One-half is a common fraction.
17. legal – It is legal to change your name after you turn 18.
18. island – We must take a boat to reach the island.
19. passenger – I was the last passenger to get off the bus.

20. yield – Cars should always yield to pedestrians.
21. roam – My little sister likes to roam around the backyard.
22. factory – The new factory will make furniture.
23. solar – We put solar panels on the roof of our house.
24. sketch – He drew a quick sketch of his dog.
25. journey – It was a long journey on foot through the desert.
26. canyon – It was impossible to cross the deep canyon.
27. luggage – Mary took three pieces of luggage on the plane.
28. museum – The history museum has a display of Egyptian artifacts.
29. studios – Artists often have large windows in their studios.
30. southern – The southern breeze brought warmth to the land.
31. audience – The audience cheered wildly at the concert.
32. myth - An urban myth is often popular, but untrue.
33. sentence – Every sentence has a subject and a predicate.
34. wives – The wives went shopping while the husbands played golf.
35. treasure – The pirates buried their treasure under a palm tree.
36. marriage – The marriage vows are an important part of the wedding ceremony.
37. requirement – It is a requirement that Tom wear a uniform on his job.
38. surface – When water boils, bubbles form on the surface.
39. thoughtful – Emily gives very thoughtful gifts to her friends.
40. tunnel – The cell phone call was dropped when we drove through the tunnel.
41. diaries – People often lock their diaries so others cannot read them.
42. choir – The school choir gave a Christmas concert.

43. exercise – Daily exercise is good for the body and the brain.
44. beliefs – His religious beliefs influence the way he lives.
45. cleanse – It's important to thoroughly cleanse a wound to prevent infection.
46. electricity – We lost electricity when a tree fell on the lines outside our house.
47. loaves – Grandma brought us three loaves of homemade bread.
48. caution – Proceed with caution through a dangerous intersection.
49. piano – Keith started playing the piano when he was seven.
50. ratio – The ratio of apples to oranges in this basket is two to one.
51. capable – I am perfectly capable of walking to the post office by myself.
52. thicken – Bob likes to thicken the gravy before he serves it.
53. invisible – The wind is invisible but its effects are not.
54. spaghetti – Spaghetti is one of my favorite foods.
55. telephones – All of the network's telephones stopped working at the same time.
56. equator – Temperatures are warmest closest to the equator.
57. pollution – Water pollution killed some of the fish in the river.
58. principal – The principal visited our classroom yesterday.
59. rhythmic – The rhythmic section of the band is fun to watch.
60. threat – There's a threat of a serious snowstorm tonight.
61. variety – It's best to eat a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.
62. arithmetic – Addition and subtraction are important parts of arithmetic.
63. ancient – The ancient Greeks held the first Olympic games.
64. governor – The governor is the highest elected official in our state.
65. avoid – If you are diabetic, you should avoid eating foods with a lot of sugar.

66. echoes – We heard echoes from the wolves coming across the valley.
67. importance – The matter was of great importance to everyone in the room.
68. attract – Wearing perfume will often attract insects.
69. grief – Tina was filled with grief at the passing of her cat.
70. envelope – Remember to put a stamp on the envelope.
71. minute – If you can wait one more minute, I will help you with your project.
72. official – The government official did not want to comment on the matter.
73. calendar – At the beginning of each month, I always tear a page off the calendar.
74. mute – Because the phone was on mute, my friend could not hear me.
75. mourn – Many people gathered to mourn the loss of their friend.
76. demonstrate – I asked the salesman to demonstrate the phone's new features.
77. exterior – We bought exterior paint to use on the outside of our house.
78. manor – The manor was surrounded by a high stone wall.
79. faucet – Because the faucet leaked, it had to be replaced.
80. hyphen – Use a hyphen when writing numbers like *twenty-one*.
81. numerator – The numerator is the top number in a fraction.
82. routine – The dance routine was difficult to learn.
83. scissors – Children's scissors are rounded on the ends.
84. salute – The soldier will salute his commander.
85. percent – Ten percent of students in my school are absent on any single day.
86. remarkable – It is remarkable how quickly my baby sister is learning to walk!
87. safety – For your safety, please keep your hands inside the car at all times.
88. creature – Big Foot was a mythical creature.

89. encouragement – Your cheerful words were a great source of encouragement.
90. cushion – Some people like to sit on the floor on a cushion.
91. chiefs – The police chiefs from ten cities met to discuss public safety.
92. separately – The guests all arrived at the party separately.
93. novel – Many people would like to write a novel.
94. autumn – Autumn is my favorite time of year.
95. curious – Many cats are known for being curious.
96. sponge – Meg used a sponge to wipe up the spilled water.
97. channel – You can use the remote to change the channel.
98. sword – An antique sword was sold to a collector of old weapons.
99. physical – You must have an annual physical exam to be on a sports team.
100. contagious – Colds are contagious, so please cover your mouth when you sneeze.
101. personal – The Prime Minister is a close personal friend.
102. replacement – The band members need to find a replacement for their lead singer.
103. cupboard – There's plenty of soup in the cupboard.
104. rural – There are many farms in rural areas.
105. satisfy – I hope this stew will satisfy your hunger.
106. coupon – With a coupon, this gallon of milk cost less than a dollar.
107. misunderstand – It's easy to misunderstand someone on a bad phone connection.
108. approach – We need to learn the best way to approach this difficult problem.
109. cease – When the tornado siren sounds, please cease all work and take cover.
110. senior – The senior executive was also the owner of the company.
111. ability – Her ability to get along with people was the reason she always had a job.

112. shampoo – The newest shampoo smells like plums.
113. trophies – She keeps all of her sports trophies on the mantle.
114. fireproof – The safe for important documents was made of fireproof materials.
115. vacuum – Because our dog sheds a lot, we have to vacuum the rugs everyday.
116. wrinkle – My best slacks always wrinkle when I sit down.
117. unbelievable – We have received an unbelievable amount of rain this summer!
118. vegetable – My favorite vegetable is corn.
119. violence – We decided not to watch the movie because it had so much violence.
120. penalties – The hockey team had no penalties during the first period of the game.
121. noticeable – Her new hair color was very noticeable.
122. systematic – The detective took a systematic approach to searching the grounds.
123. mechanic – Our mechanic is able to repair any kind of car.
124. disastrous – Drinking while driving often leads to disastrous results.
125. wrestling – Fourteen wrestlers competed in the wrestling tournament.
126. ambulance – All the cars pulled off the road when the ambulance came by.
127. struggling – I've been struggling all day to solve this brain teaser.
128. unsuccessful – My attempts to phone my senator have been unsuccessful.
129. preferable – It's preferable to come to school late than to not come at all.
130. muscle – She uses an electric massager to relieve the tight muscle in her neck.
131. plumber – We called the plumber when the pipes in the basement burst.
132. tutor – Tim goes to a tutor to learn Arabic.
133. vein – The nurse drew blood from the vein in the patient's arm.
134. comfortable – A recliner is a comfortable chair.

135. appearance – The rock star made a guest appearance on a TV show.
136. unmistakable – A skunk gives off an unmistakable odor.
137. emergency – Three emergency vehicles raced through the intersection.
138. elevator – We took the elevator to the tenth floor.
139. depth – At some points, the depth of the Pacific Ocean is over 10,000 meters.
140. excellent – Many animals have excellent hearing.
141. recyclable – Newspaper is a recyclable material.
142. tomatoes – We used tomatoes, peppers and onions to make salsa.
143. underneath – I found my homework underneath my pillow.
144. dangerous – A dangerous shark swam near the shore.
145. nationality – The nationality of each immigrant was represented by a flag.
146. applaud – Everyone wanted to applaud the speech.
147. radius – The diameter of a circle is twice as long as its radius.
148. average – My grades have always been above average.
149. contribute – Every year we contribute to the Humane Society.
150. reptile – The reptile exhibit included snakes and alligators.
151. musical – It took weeks to learn all the songs for the musical.
152. interview – The President said he would give a five-minute interview.
153. galaxy – Our galaxy is just one of many in the universe.
154. fierce – Many wild animals are especially fierce when hungry.
155. accidentally – I accidentally deleted an important file on the computer.
156. departure – The plane's departure was delayed by fog.
157. blown – The wind has blown hard every night this week.

158. experience – My trip to China was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
159. coarse – Sam used coarse sandpaper to smooth the wooden table.
160. familiar – The road back to his hometown looked very familiar.
161. hangar – My uncle stores his airplane in a hangar.
162. occasion – A high school graduation is a very special occasion.
163. forehead – I have a sunburn on my forehead because I forgot to wear a hat.
164. extremely – Kelsie was extremely tired after the three-hour swim practice.
165. raisin – A raisin is a dried grape.
166. foreign – Foreign diplomats have special privileges.
167. coyote – The coyote howled at the moon.
168. neighborhood – Our neighborhood has a big yard sale every summer.
169. dessert – Dessert is sometimes the best part of the meal!
170. referred – Dan referred to the owner’s manual when the device quit working.
171. bough – The bough hung so low on the tree that it was easy to climb.
172. rehearse – The band decided to rehearse an extra two hours.
173. delivery – Joe has a delivery job for a florist.
174. headache – The bright lights gave her a bad headache.
175. endurance – A runner must have endurance to finish a marathon.
176. heritage – A love for nature is part of my heritage.
177. cooperation – We will need everyone’s cooperation to finish the task on time.
178. ingredient – No one knows the secret ingredient in Martha’s cake.
179. distributed – The political candidate distributed thousands of flyers.
180. dyed – The bridesmaids dyed their shoes to match the color of their dresses.

181. oasis – Desert travelers were relieved to see an oasis on the horizon.
182. damaged – The damaged canned goods were sold at a lower price.
183. ordinarily – Ordinarily, he makes no exceptions on his homework policy.
184. valuable – Please place your valuable items in the hotel safe.
185. controversial – His controversial views on taxes probably cost him the election.
186. popularity – The popularity of the teen pop star only grew as he got older.
187. fiasco – The curtain tore as the play opened, and the rest of the night was a fiasco.
188. fossilize – Many plants will fossilize over time.
189. cemetery – The funeral was followed by a short service at the cemetery.
190. emphasize – I want to emphasize the importance of following the directions.
191. abandon – Sometimes people abandon their unwanted pets.
192. mileage – He calculated the mileage for each sales call.
193. tongue – The little girl stuck out her tongue at the mean cashier.
194. puny – The runt of the litter was indeed puny.
195. sincerely – I sincerely hope we can finish this puzzle tonight.
196. rustic – The family loved their vacation in the rustic log cabin.
197. bouquet – Jim surprised his wife with a bouquet of roses.
198. phantom – The criminal was haunted by a phantom of his victim.
199. spacious – She enjoyed her spacious new home after living in a tiny apartment.
200. advantageous – It would be advantageous for you to start a savings account now.
201. souvenir – I purchased a souvenir mug from every city I visited.
202. acquaintance – The mayor is an acquaintance of mine.
203. sophomore – In tenth grade, you'll be known as a sophomore.

204. consequence – Most actions have a natural consequence.
205. statistics – Sports fans generally learn a lot of statistics about their favorite teams.
206. bureau – She placed her clothes inside the drawers of the old bureau.
207. vaccinate – Doctors like to vaccinate children to protect them from diseases.
208. nurture – It's natural to want to nurture a newborn baby.
209. biscuit – He likes to put honey on his biscuit.
210. influence – I won't try to influence you if you've already made up your mind.
211. havoc – The energetic puppy wreaked havoc in the tidy office.
212. accommodate – The inn can only accommodate ten guests each night.
213. suspicious – A man lurking outside the door looked very suspicious.
214. changeable – Weather in Michigan can be very changeable.
215. cinnamon – Cinnamon tastes good in applesauce.
216. interruption – She welcomed the interruption of a phone call from an old friend.
217. illegal – Selling cigarettes to minors is illegal.
218. campaign – The campaign for President often lasts for years.
219. congratulations – We offered our congratulations to the newlyweds.
220. bizarre – In a bizarre turn of events, two police cars collided.
221. bagel – I like to put cream cheese on my bagel.
222. achievement – The student was recognized for outstanding achievement.
223. impossibility – Walking up stairs wearing stilts, for most people, is an impossibility.
224. advise – Ask an expert to advise you before investing in gold.
225. coincide – My birthday will coincide with Thanksgiving this year.
226. analysis – After doing a thorough analysis, the buyer chose the best house.

227. ghetto – Poverty is rampant in the ghetto.
228. diamond – The diamond fell out of Mom’s wedding ring.
229. economics – Betsy studies economics because she enjoys analysis and numbers.
230. dismissal – There will be early dismissal from school because of bad weather.
231. environment – Cleaning up litter is good for the environment.
232. meteor – We believe a meteor landed here many years ago.
233. executive – The executive took a cut in pay because of company losses.
234. diameter – The diameter of a penny is about two centimeters.
235. cringe – I cringe when I hear my friend scrape her fingernails on a chalkboard.
236. democracy – In a democracy, people should take advantage of the right to vote.
237. negotiate – The owners tried to negotiate a fair settlement with their employees.
238. penicillin – Penicillin is an important medicine for combating some infections.
239. individual – Cheese sticks are sold in individual packets.
240. shear – The farmer will shear his sheep in the spring.
241. immobilize – I have to immobilize my broken arm for six weeks.
242. hygiene – It’s difficult for the homeless to maintain good personal hygiene.
243. grievance - The man filed a grievance when he was fired from his job.
244. graffiti – Some graffiti could be considered art; some merely defaces property.
245. gossiping – The two women were always gossiping about their boss.
246. heroic – In an heroic act, the fireman went into a burning house to save the child.
247. idle – It’s hard to watch someone who is idle when there’s so much work to do!
248. irresistible – I fought an irresistible urge to sneeze all during the prayer.
249. violation – The speeding violation cost her \$200.

250. irate – The man was irate when he learned someone had stolen his credit card.
251. justifiable – The jury felt the man’s actions were justifiable in his situation.
252. knitting – Grandma has been knitting since she was ten years old.
253. laboratory – Inside the laboratory, conditions must be sterile.
254. liquidation – The appliance store had very low prices during its liquidation sale.
255. maneuver – It can be hard to maneuver a large truck into a small parking space.
256. legibly – Please write your name legibly on this document.
257. scarcity – In some regions of the world, there is a scarcity of life-saving medicines.
258. harass – If you continue to harass me, I will have to report you.
259. skeptical – Mom is always skeptical of door-to-door sales people.
260. simile – *I’m as hungry as a horse* is an example of a simile.
261. recipe – The recipe calls for six cups of flour.
262. murmur – Every time he tried to speak, a murmur went through the crowd.
263. occasionally – Occasionally, I like to get up early on Saturdays to read a book.
264. pedestrian – The pedestrian was struck by a car that ran through a stoplight.
265. traitor – The traitor was despised by those he betrayed.
266. visualize – If I can visualize the city map, I’ll know how to get to the right address.
267. transferring – Tomorrow I’ll be transferring my money to a new bank.
268. fatigue – Because of chronic fatigue, Sue takes a long nap every day.
269. vigorously – Shake the juice vigorously before drinking.
270. fascinating – I read a fascinating biography about an early explorer.
271. conductor – The symphony rehearsed with a guest conductor.
272. ancestor – Every ancestor on his family tree came from Ireland.

273. hostile – It's hard to enjoy your job if you feel you're in an hostile environment.
274. athlete – The top athlete in each sport was awarded a trophy.
275. culprit – The teacher wanted to find the culprit who put glue on her chair.
276. beige – We used beige paint on the walls.
277. recruit – The coach wanted to recruit the best players for his team.
278. gauge – You can't always gauge your success by the amount of money you make.
279. exhausted – After babysitting five young children, Lisa came home exhausted.
280. lieutenant – The lieutenant ordered his men into battle.
281. chandelier – The beautiful chandelier was made of lead crystal.
282. overwhelming – Planning the party for 600 guests was indeed overwhelming.
283. exhilaration – John felt a sense of exhilaration as he parachuted for the first time.
284. approximately – Dinner will be ready in approximately one hour.
285. examination – He made a close examination of the coins before buying them.
286. infamous – The city is infamous for its high rate of poverty and crime.
287. abbreviation – Use the abbreviation for your country when completing the form.
288. mayonnaise – Mayonnaise tastes good on chicken sandwiches.
289. attendance – He was given special recognition for perfect attendance.
290. negligent – Because the doctor was negligent, the patient needed further surgery.
291. confetti – The concert ended with a flurry of confetti.
292. stationery – Let's use the business stationery when we write a letter to the mayor.
293. adolescent – The adolescent no longer enjoyed playing with his little brother.
294. qualifying – You must make a qualifying purchase to receive the free gift card.
295. argued – The lawyers argued their case in court.

296. uncontrollable – She had an uncontrollable urge to eat chocolate ice cream.
297. inspiration – The injured veteran was an inspiration to all who met him.
298. academic – First year law students carry a heavy academic load.
299. miniature – Helen collects miniature spoons.
300. secretary – When the secretary was ill, the phone went unanswered.
301. juvenile – That wallpaper looks too juvenile to use in a teenager’s bedroom.
302. category – Select one item under each category.
303. scenery – The scenery for the play was painted on plywood.
304. parallel – Two parallel lines will never intersect.
305. bankruptcy – The company filed for bankruptcy because it could not pay its bills.
306. management – This store is now under new management.
307. celery – Celery and carrots make a healthy snack.
308. artificial – It’s hard to tell that the tree is artificial.
309. chaperone – Teachers usually chaperone the school dances.
310. extraordinary – The young child’s musical ability is quite extraordinary.
311. genuine – He searched for a genuine fossil along the beach.
312. encircle – Fans encircle the superstar wherever she goes.
313. solemn – Everyone was very solemn as the will was being read.
314. involvement – Her involvement in the charity event was greatly appreciated.
315. imaginary – Many kids have imaginary friends.
316. guarantee – The phone came with a one-year guarantee against defects.
317. absorb – Some paper towels can absorb a lot of water.
318. opinion – The news article was really more of an opinion piece.

319. impartial – A judge must be impartial when presiding over a trial.
320. appreciate – To truly appreciate food, sometimes you must go hungry.
321. inherit – Judy will one day inherit her mother’s jewelry.
322. definitely – The second peanut butter definitely tastes better than the first one.
323. binoculars – Use the binoculars to get a closer look at the exotic bird.
324. specific – We want to improve, but we lack a plan with specific details.
325. endeavor – Trying to land a person on the moon was a daunting endeavor.
326. logical – The logical result of spending more money than you make is bankruptcy.
327. accessible – The concert hall is accessible by wheelchair.
328. aerial – From the helicopter, the aerial view of the mountain is breath-taking.
329. gorgeous – Many thought the 80-year-old actress was still gorgeous.
330. counsel – The minister wanted to counsel the couple before their wedding.
331. diagnosis – He welcomed the cancer-free diagnosis.
332. anxious – The anxious mother kept checking her phone messages.
333. crypt – Many deceased members of the society were buried in the crypt.
334. gymnasium – A new floor was installed in the gymnasium before the big game.
335. persuade – Jack always tries to persuade me that he’s right.
336. withhold – The government will withhold taxes from my paycheck.
337. oases – There is often a great distance between two oases in a desert.
338. nuisance – This broken finger is a real nuisance when I’m on a keyboard.
339. asphalt – The smell of asphalt from the new parking lot crept into the building.
340. pamphlet – The pamphlet was printed in full color.
341. accumulate – The vagabond tried not to accumulate many possessions.

342. acknowledgement – The writer received an acknowledgement for her work.
343. dialogue – The dialogue was hard to follow because the actors mumbled.
344. embargo – An embargo was imposed on grain from the foreign country.
345. budget – Going out for dinner tonight is not in our weekly budget.
346. acquittal – The wrongly-convicted man finally received an acquittal.
347. amateur – Amateur athletes, while not paid, still have a lot of fun.
348. lunar – The lunar eclipse was spectacular.
349. apostrophe – Remember to insert the apostrophe when writing a contraction.
350. archeology – Because she loves history, she decided to major in archeology.
351. architect – The architect designed an unusual new office complex.
352. asthma – She could not participate in the race because she has asthma.
353. burglary – The burglary went unreported because the victim was away.
354. chameleon – It was hard to spot the chameleon in the sand.
355. colleague – My colleague and I will be making a presentation next week.
356. politician – A politician decided to run for reelection.
357. habitat – The habitat of the rain forest is not suitable for polar bears.
358. colonel – The colonel wondered if he would ever become a general.
359. newsstand – Dad buys his newspaper at a newsstand every morning.
360. sieve – Pour the canned peas through a sieve to get rid of the extra liquid.
361. awesome – The sunset on the beach was an awesome sight.
362. critique – Her critique of the movie was quite harsh.
363. desolate – The land was desolate because of the prolonged drought.
364. hazardous – Hazardous materials must be handled in the proper fashion.

365. deterrent – The fence served as a deterrent against trespassers.
366. awkward – She felt awkward the first time she tried to do a somersault.
367. discrepancy – There was a discrepancy between the posted price and my receipt.
368. parachute – The parachute opened right on time, allowing him to land gently.
369. forgery – At once, the bank teller knew the check was a forgery.
370. equilibrium – It's easy to lose your equilibrium if you have fluid in your ears.
371. escalator – Because the escalator was not working, we had to use the stairs.
372. occurring – To prevent burns from occurring, always use oven mitts when cooking.
373. extricate - Emergency personnel had to extricate the injured woman from her car.
374. flamboyant – The flamboyant actress wears red furs and purple sequins.
375. frivolous – Don't get side-tracked by frivolous talk in the middle of a crisis.
376. grotesque – The monster mask was particularly grotesque in the dim moonlight.
377. haphazard - Working in a haphazard manner, the man nailed his jeans to the wall.
378. insufficient – The evidence was insufficient to convict the accused man.
379. neutral – The referees in any game should remain neutral.
380. obsolete – The floppy disk for storing computer data is now obsolete.
381. voucher – Use this voucher to get a free pizza.
382. interrogate – The police will interrogate the suspect at the police station.
383. jewelry – The woman's gold jewelry was worth a fortune.
384. leisure – In her leisure time, she likes to read and play golf.
385. propeller – The airplane's propeller was damaged in the crash.
386. luncheon – The luncheon was in honor of Mother's Day.
387. malicious – A malicious virus threatened to destroy thousands of hard drives.

388. innumerable – We swatted innumerable flies inside the house.
389. miscellaneous – She sold lamps, tables and miscellaneous items at the yard sale.
390. unique – Toby’s unique voice made him a favorite with audiences.
391. plaintiff – The plaintiff filed a complaint against a popular businessman.
392. serviceable – This car is old, but it should be serviceable for several more years.
393. mischievous – Ben had a mischievous look in his eye as he walked away.
394. unenforceable – The anti-texting traffic law was good, but unenforceable.
395. necessity – Water is a basic necessity for life.
396. obstinate – The child remained obstinate even when his father punished him.
397. outrageous – The price of gasoline is outrageous!
398. pageant – The winner of the pageant will receive a college scholarship.
399. precipice – We stood at the precipice of the mountain, too scared to look down.
400. saga – We now rejoin the on-going saga of Kim, Mark and their lost puppy.
401. frugal – Because Esther is frugal, she reuses sandwich bags and bread wrappers.
402. fulfill – He will fulfill the last requirement for the job when he passes the math test.
403. rehearsal – The night before the show opened, rehearsal lasted for three hours.
404. canine – Only specially trained officers work in the canine unit.
405. perseverance – It takes perseverance to learn to play an instrument well.
406. roommate – My college roommate became a very good friend.
407. scholar – The visiting scholar studied literature.
408. catastrophe – The severe earthquake was a natural catastrophe.
409. villain – In the play, the villain wore a black cape.
410. predecessor – The mayor’s predecessor left him with a budget shortfall.

411. fallacy – An outdated fallacy is that butter should be put on a burn.
412. technically – The gymnastics routine was technically flawless.
413. unconscious – After the boy fell down the long flight of stairs, he lay unconscious.
414. vivacious – The vivacious cheerleader yelled throughout the entire game.
415. potpourri – The open jar of potpourri released a pleasant fragrance in the room.
416. prestigious – The Rhodes and Fulbright scholarships are prestigious awards.
417. malady – She suffers from a malady that her doctors are unable to diagnose.
418. omitted – The news story omitted the location of the event.
419. equipment – Computer equipment quickly becomes outdated.
420. putter – On Saturday mornings, we like to putter around the house.
421. faulty – The fire was caused by faulty electrical wiring.
422. inventory – The store closed for one day so the employees could take inventory.
423. relevant – Please tell the judge only the relevant details of the case.
424. schism – A schism formed in the family over the division of the inheritance.
425. surveillance – Surveillance tapes revealed the perpetrator of the crime.
426. infallible – There is no infallible cure for the common cold.
427. applicant – Each job applicant was required to undergo a background test.
428. benevolent – The benevolent neighbor gave his needy neighbors a car.
429. vigilant – The vigilant security guard caught the shoplifter.
430. amnesty – Granting amnesty to illegal immigrants is a controversial topic.
431. parliament – The parliament met to vote on a new law.
432. inconvenience – It is an inconvenience for some people to wash their own dishes.
433. envious – Some folks are always envious of others, no matter how much they own.

434. characteristic – He answered the phone with his characteristic growl.
435. honorary – The speaker received an honorary degree from the university.
436. meticulous – She is so meticulous she cleans inside the locks of the doors.
437. contrary – Contrary to what you might think, I do not like your taste in music.
438. privilege – It is a privilege to travel freely throughout this country.
439. arrangement – This arrangement of tables allows for maximum seating.
440. deficiency – A vitamin deficiency can cause serious health problems.
441. criminal – The criminal was jailed while awaiting trial.
442. protein – Fish, eggs, meat and cheese all contain high amounts of protein.
443. venom – The venom from some snakes is poisonous.
444. machinery – Wear safety goggles when operating this machinery.
445. correspondence – His correspondence did not mention the time of his arrival.
446. mandatory – Attendance at practice is mandatory if you want to play in the game.
447. frantic – One hour before the wedding, the bride's mother was extremely frantic.
448. nostalgia – She looked through the family photo album with smiles of nostalgia.
449. ominous – The ominous clouds meant a heavy snowfall was on its way.
450. abstain – The lawmaker announced she would abstain from the vote.
451. capably – The driver handled the race course very capably.
452. earliest – Please return my call at your earliest convenience.
453. obedient – Teaching a dog to be obedient requires much perseverance.
454. relieve – She took an aspirin to relieve the pain in her knee.
455. fashionable – Large women's hats are quite fashionable in some places.
456. messenger – The messenger waited to deliver a reply.

457. statues – These statues will be moved to another museum.
458. profitable – The website proved to be a profitable venture.
459. potential – My teacher always told me I had great potential as a writer.
460. marvelous – We had a marvelous day at the beach.
461. mosquito – The mosquito bite swelled up on her lip.
462. intelligent – The most intelligent reply is often silence.
463. absurd – It's absurd to think that pigs can fly.
464. peril – The ship was in grave peril when the storm arose.
465. retrieve – My dog refuses to retrieve the newspaper.
466. futility – The futility of continuing the picnic in the rain quickly became clear.
467. studious – She's very bright because she's very studious.
468. dormitory – The dormitory closed over the summer break.
469. comply – You'll have to comply with our policies if you want to work here.
470. pronunciation – There is more than one pronunciation for *tomatoes*.
471. frustrate – It's easy to frustrate a child who is just learning to read.
472. skirmish – The skirmish outside the restaurant quickly turned into a big fight.
473. garbled – The telemarketer's voice sounded garbled on the phone.
474. turbulent – Turbulent winds led to the cancellation of the yacht race.
475. phenomenon – Old Faithful is an amazing natural phenomenon.
476. engrossed – He was so engrossed in the novel, he forgot to go to bed.
477. negligible – When the cyclist ran into the bush, the damage was negligible.
478. qualm – At the last minute he had a qualm about purchasing the home.
479. accomplice – My little brother was my accomplice in sneaking the cookies.

480. expensive – The nice restaurant was too expensive for us, so we ate fast food.
481. distinctly – I distinctly remember asking you to close the door.
482. feasible – It's not feasible to drive 1,000 miles in one day.
483. belligerent – The protestors became more belligerent as the police arrived.
484. cocoon – A beautiful butterfly emerged from the cocoon.
485. authentic – An expert said the signature was authentic.
486. auxiliary – Because of a blackout, the office is running on auxiliary power.
487. chaotic – The three-year-old boy's birthday party quickly became chaotic.
488. pastime – Woodworking is my uncle's favorite pastime.
489. chronic – She received a reprimand for her chronic tardiness.
490. curriculum – The new science curriculum includes more laboratory work.
491. distinction – Ed has the distinction of being the first in his family to go to college.
492. maintenance – A car requires regular maintenance to run properly.
493. drudgery – Pulling weeds in the garden is drudgery to some.
494. equinox – The first day of spring marks the vernal equinox.
495. swelter – When the air conditioning faltered, people began to swelter.
496. chasm – The earthquake created a chasm too wide to cross.
497. spontaneous – The pizza party was a completely spontaneous event.
498. etiquette – One rule of etiquette is to say "excuse me" when you burp.
499. facsimile – The document was not an original; it was a facsimile.
500. strenuous – The five-hour climb up the mountain was too strenuous for some.
501. finesse – She makes tiny origami figures with great finesse.
502. handkerchief – Dad pulled out his handkerchief when he sneezed.

503. impasse – Negotiations reached an impasse, so a mediator was called in.
504. succinct – The judge appreciated the lawyer’s succinct comments.
505. proximity – Wind turbines cannot be in close proximity to airports.
506. espionage – He was suspected of espionage because of his frequent travels.
507. tremor – Another tremor was felt several days after the earthquake.
508. incessant – The incessant noise from the construction site gave me a headache.
509. unforgettable – Winning the tournament was an unforgettable moment for me.
510. nausea - The patient complained of fatigue, chills and nausea.
511. indispensable – When Mom is sick, she says I’m an indispensable helper.
512. fictitious – He uses a fictitious name when he writes on others’ blogs.
513. labyrinth – The basement corridors formed a confusing labyrinth.
514. playwright - Every playwright's dream is to see his work performed on stage.
515. indisputable – There must be indisputable new facts to overturn a ruling.
516. judicious – A judicious decision would be to share the property equally.
517. metamorphosis – A caterpillar undergoes metamorphosis as it becomes a butterfly.
518. notoriety – He gained notoriety when he saved a child from drowning.
519. omnipotent – The words of the religious text honored God for being omnipotent.
520. pandemonium – Pandemonium broke out on the street as the riot began.
521. pediatrician – The child’s pediatrician prescribed medicine for his cough.
522. irreconcilable – The business partners closed their company due irreconcilable differences.
523. recipient – Congratulations on being the recipient of a cash award!
524. impropriety –He was accused of impropriety because of the missing funds.

525. quibble – Let’s not quibble about such minor points of disagreement.
526. seethe – You could see her seethe in anger when the boss refused to listen.
527. novice – Although I’m a novice kite-flyer, I’m learning quickly to become an expert.
528. dilemma – Every holiday we face the dilemma of which relative to visit first.
529. mortgage – The couple felt great relief when they finally paid off their mortgage.
530. accompaniment –The accompaniment for her solo was played on the piano.
531. significance – The letter was of such great significance that it was sent overnight.
532. agility – Gymnasts exhibit great agility on the floor exercises.
533. subsequent – Subsequent to getting a new job, he bought a new house.
534. technician – The x-ray technician received her training at a community college.
535. ubiquitous – It seems impossible to kill these ubiquitous little ants!
536. variegated – She knitted the variegated yarn into colorful scarves.
537. undoubtedly – This is undoubtedly the hardest test I’ve ever taken.
538. versatile – This versatile gadget can slice, dice, mince and chop.
539. scourge – It took decades to overcome the scourge of disease in the impoverished region.
540. picturesque – We enjoyed a picturesque drive through the farmland.
541. synthesis – The synthesis of an unusual melody and erratic rhythm made for some amazing music.
542. vulnerable – Because of waning support, he is vulnerable in the next election.
543. scavenger – I felt like a scavenger as I searched every drawer for a nickel.
544. sabotage –Experts are trying to determine if the crash was caused by sabotage.
545. uncouth – The visitor’s behavior was so uncouth that it made us uncomfortable.

546. surgeon – The surgeon removed the man’s appendix.
547. spasmodic – Some say the Congress has made only spasmodic efforts to reform.
548. grammatically – Each sentence of the report must be grammatically correct.
549. expedient – It’s expedient that we leave the island now.
550. ambassador – China’s ambassador made a visit to the White House.
551. cavalcade – The cavalcade was made up of 500 soldier on their horses.
552. corroborate – The news reporter could not corroborate the man’s story.
553. elimination – He fought for the elimination of age discrimination.
554. hindrance – His backpack was more of a hindrance than a help on the long hike.
555. irrelevant – Your point seems completely irrelevant to our discussion.
556. melee – A melee broke out when the pirates boarded the ship.
557. accelerate – The driver knew not to accelerate when she hit the patch of ice.
558. amphitheater – The outdoor amphitheater was the site of many summer concerts.
559. callous – Although he sometimes appears callous, the man has a kind heart.
560. colossal – The government spending plan proved to be a colossal failure.
561. derelict – Because she was derelict in her duties, she was fired from her job.
562. facilitate – This outline should facilitate your understanding of the book.
563. inequities – It is not always possible to correct the inequities in life.
564. prosperous – While many thought he was prosperous, he was, in fact, a pauper.
565. fluorescent – The fluorescent light bulb flickered for days before it burned out.
566. exemplary – Mrs. Johnson is an exemplary member of our community.
567. forbearance – He handled his many challenges with dignity and forbearance.
568. ghastly – When she realized her error, her face grew ghastly pale.

569. psychologist – The psychologist kept his patient’s remarks confidential.
570. hypocritical – It would be hypocritical to ask for donations from others without also making a contribution yourself.
571. incapacitate – The upcoming heart surgery will incapacitate him for several weeks.
572. longevity – My mom’s side of the family is known for its longevity.
573. meander – They decided take a long walk and meander through the woods.
574. noncommittal –The salesman was persistent, but the customer remained noncommittal.
575. oscillate – The electric fan was set to oscillate across the room.
576. remembrance – The widow’s wedding band was a precious remembrance of her long marriage.
577. pessimism – My friend’s constant pessimism makes me gloomy.
578. liaison – The attorney served as a liaison between the birth parents and the adoptive parents.
579. reciprocate – He wanted to reciprocate the kindness I had shown to him.
580. unanimous – The law was passed by an unanimous vote.
581. camouflage – The deer did not see the hunters who were dressed in camouflage.
582. susceptible – Some people are more susceptible to illness than others.
583. recurrent – My account is set up to make recurrent cell phone payments.
584. supersede – The laws of the nation will supersede the laws of the state.
585. curiosity – His curiosity often put him dangerous predicaments.
586. misspelled – She gets annoyed when her name is misspelled.
587. conscientious – A conscientious worker shows up on time and works hard.
588. pseudonym – Mark Twain was a pseudonym used by Samuel Clemens.

589. exaggeration – To say you could eat a horse sounds like an exaggeration to me!
590. apparatus – The breathing apparatus helped him sleep better at night
591. influential – The mayor listens to Sam because he is an influential member of the community.
592. laborious – It's hard to get excited about a long and laborious task.
593. superintendent – The superintendent of schools decides when to cancel school.
594. psychiatry – He studied psychiatry because of his interest in the human mind.
595. consciousness – She regained consciousness a few hours after surgery.
596. vengeance – It's not always a good idea to seek vengeance after being wronged.
597. satisfactorily – He completed the course work satisfactorily and received an A.
598. conceivable – Is it conceivable that we could someday live to be 150 years old?
599. acquiesce – In the end, she decided to acquiesce to her parents' curfew.
600. blasphemous – The anti-religious cartoon was seen by many to be blasphemous.

THE SPELLING BEE TOOLBOX™

Alphabetical Listing of Our 600 Spelling Bee Words

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| 1. abandon | 43. archeology | 85. capably |
| 2. abbreviation | 44. architect | 86. catastrophe |
| 3. ability | 45. argued | 87. category |
| 4. absorb | 46. arithmetic | 88. caution |
| 5. abstain | 47. arrangement | 89. cavalcade |
| 6. absurd | 48. artificial | 90. cease |
| 7. academic | 49. asphalt | 91. celery |
| 8. accelerate | 50. asthma | 92. cemetery |
| 9. accept | 51. athlete | 93. chameleon |
| 10. accessible | 52. attendance | 94. chandelier |
| 11. accidentally | 53. attract | 95. changeable |
| 12. accommodate | 54. audience | 96. channel |
| 13. accompaniment | 55. authentic | 97. chaotic |
| 14. accomplice | 56. autumn | 98. chaperone |
| 15. accumulate | 57. auxiliary | 99. characteristic |
| 16. achievement | 58. average | 100. chasm |
| 17. acknowledgement | 59. avoid | 101. chiefs |
| 18. acquaintance | 60. awesome | 102. choir |
| 19. acquiesce | 61. awkward | 103. chronic |
| 20. acquittal | 62. bagel | 104. cinnamon |
| 21. adolescent | 63. bankruptcy | 105. circle |
| 22. advantageous | 64. beige | 106. cleanse |
| 23. advise | 65. beliefs | 107. climate |
| 24. aerial | 66. belligerent | 108. coarse |
| 25. agility | 67. benevolent | 109. cocoon |
| 26. amateur | 68. binoculars | 110. coincide |
| 27. ambassador | 69. biscuit | 111. colleague |
| 28. ambulance | 70. bizarre | 112. colonel |
| 29. amnesty | 71. blasphemous | 113. colossal |
| 30. amphitheater | 72. blown | 114. comfortable |
| 31. analysis | 73. bough | 115. comply |
| 32. ancestor | 74. bouquet | 116. conceivable |
| 33. ancient | 75. budget | 117. conductor |
| 34. anxious | 76. bureau | 118. confetti |
| 35. apostrophe | 77. burglary | 119. congratulations |
| 36. apparatus | 78. calendar | 120. conscientious |
| 37. appearance | 79. callous | 121. consciousness |
| 38. applaud | 80. camouflage | 122. consequence |
| 39. applicant | 81. campaign | 123. contagious |
| 40. appreciate | 82. canine | 124. contrary |
| 41. approach | 83. canyon | 125. contribute |
| 42. approximately | 84. capable | 126. controlled |

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| 127. controversial | 173. dyed | 219. familiar |
| 128. cooperation | 174. earliest | 220. fascinating |
| 129. copies | 175. echoes | 221. fashionable |
| 130. correspondence | 176. economics | 222. fatigue |
| 131. corroborate | 177. electricity | 223. faucet |
| 132. counsel | 178. elevator | 224. faulty |
| 133. coupon | 179. elimination | 225. feasible |
| 134. coyote | 180. embargo | 226. fiasco |
| 135. creature | 181. emergency | 227. fictitious |
| 136. criminal | 182. emphasize | 228. fierce |
| 137. cringe | 183. encircle | 229. finesse |
| 138. critique | 184. encouragement | 230. fireproof |
| 139. crypt | 185. endeavor | 231. flamboyant |
| 140. culprit | 186. endurance | 232. fluorescent |
| 141. cupboard | 187. energy | 233. forbearance |
| 142. curiosity | 188. engrossed | 234. forehead |
| 143. curious | 189. envelope | 235. foreign |
| 144. curriculum | 190. envious | 236. forgery |
| 145. cushion | 191. environment | 237. fossilize |
| 146. damaged | 192. equator | 238. fraction |
| 147. dangerous | 193. equilibrium | 239. frantic |
| 148. deficiency | 194. equinox | 240. frivolous |
| 149. definitely | 195. equipment | 241. frugal |
| 150. delivery | 196. equity | 242. frustrate |
| 151. democracy | 197. escalator | 243. fulfill |
| 152. demonstrate | 198. espionage | 244. futility |
| 153. departure | 199. etiquette | 245. future |
| 154. depth | 200. exaggeration | 246. galaxy |
| 155. derelict | 201. examination | 247. garbled |
| 156. desolate | 202. excellent | 248. gauge |
| 157. dessert | 203. executive | 249. genuine |
| 158. deterrent | 204. exemplary | 250. ghastly |
| 159. diagnosis | 205. exercise | 251. ghetto |
| 160. dialogue | 206. exhausted | 252. gorgeous |
| 161. diameter | 207. exhilaration | 253. gossiping |
| 162. diamond | 208. expedient | 254. governor |
| 163. diaries | 209. expensive | 255. graffiti |
| 164. dilemma | 210. experience | 256. grammatically |
| 165. disastrous | 211. exterior | 257. grasp |
| 166. discrepancy | 212. extraordinary | 258. grief |
| 167. dismissal | 213. extremely | 259. grievance |
| 168. distinction | 214. extricate | 260. grotesque |
| 169. distinctly | 215. facilitate | 261. guarantee |
| 170. distributed | 216. facsimile | 262. gymnasium |
| 171. dormitory | 217. factory | 263. habitat |
| 172. drudgery | 218. fallacy | 264. handkerchief |

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| 265. hangar | 311. irate | 357. meticulous |
| 266. haphazard | 312. irreconcilable | 358. mileage |
| 267. harass | 313. irrelevant | 359. miniature |
| 268. havoc | 314. irresistible | 360. minute |
| 269. hazardous | 315. island | 361. miscellaneous |
| 270. headache | 316. jealous | 362. mischievous |
| 271. heritage | 317. jewelry | 363. misspelled |
| 272. heroic | 318. journey | 364. misunderstand |
| 273. hindrance | 319. judicious | 365. mortgage |
| 274. honorary | 320. junior | 366. mosquito |
| 275. hostile | 321. justifiable | 367. mourn |
| 276. hunger | 322. juvenile | 368. murmur |
| 277. hygiene | 323. knitting | 369. muscle |
| 278. hyphen | 324. laboratory | 370. museum |
| 279. hypocritical | 325. laborious | 371. musical |
| 280. idle | 326. labyrinth | 372. mute |
| 281. illegal | 327. legal | 373. myth |
| 282. imaginary | 328. legibly | 374. nationality |
| 283. immobilize | 329. leisure | 375. nausea |
| 284. impartial | 330. liaison | 376. necessity |
| 285. impasse | 331. lieutenant | 377. negligent |
| 286. importance | 332. liquidation | 378. negligible |
| 287. impossibility | 333. loaves | 379. negotiate |
| 288. impropriety | 334. logical | 380. neighborhood |
| 289. incapacitate | 335. longevity | 381. neutral |
| 290. incessant | 336. luggage | 382. newsstand |
| 291. inconvenience | 337. lunar | 383. noncommittal |
| 292. indispensable | 338. luncheon | 384. nostalgia |
| 293. indisputable | 339. machinery | 385. noticeable |
| 294. individual | 340. maintenance | 386. notoriety |
| 295. infallible | 341. malady | 387. novel |
| 296. infamous | 342. malicious | 388. novice |
| 297. influence | 343. mammal | 389. nuisance |
| 298. influential | 344. management | 390. numerator |
| 299. ingredient | 345. mandatory | 391. nurture |
| 300. inherit | 346. maneuver | 392. oases |
| 301. innumerable | 347. manor | 393. oasis |
| 302. inspiration | 348. marriage | 394. obedient |
| 303. insufficient | 349. marvelous | 395. obsolete |
| 304. intelligent | 350. mayonnaise | 396. obstinate |
| 305. interrogate | 351. meander | 397. occasion |
| 306. interruption | 352. mechanic | 398. occasionally |
| 307. interview | 353. melee | 399. occurring |
| 308. inventory | 354. messenger | 400. official |
| 309. invisible | 355. metamorphosis | 401. ominous |
| 310. involvement | 356. meteor | 402. omitted |

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| 403. omnipotent | 449. propeller | 495. scavenger |
| 404. opinion | 450. prosperous | 496. scenery |
| 405. ordinarily | 451. protein | 497. schism |
| 406. oscillate | 452. proximity | 498. scientific |
| 407. outrageous | 453. pseudonym | 499. scissors |
| 408. overwhelming | 454. psychiatry | 500. scourge |
| 409. pageant | 455. psychologist | 501. secretary |
| 410. pamphlet | 456. puny | 502. seethe |
| 411. pandemonium | 457. putter | 503. senior |
| 412. parachute | 458. qualifying | 504. sentence |
| 413. parallel | 459. qualm | 505. separately |
| 414. parliament | 460. quibble | 506. service |
| 415. passenger | 461. radius | 507. serviceable |
| 416. pastime | 462. raisin | 508. shampoo |
| 417. pattern | 463. ratio | 509. shear |
| 418. pedestrian | 464. recipe | 510. sieve |
| 419. pediatrician | 465. recipient | 511. significance |
| 420. penalties | 466. reciprocate | 512. simile |
| 421. penicillin | 467. recruit | 513. sincerely |
| 422. percent | 468. recurrent | 514. skeptical |
| 423. peril | 469. recyclable | 515. sketch |
| 424. perseverance | 470. referred | 516. skirmish |
| 425. personal | 471. regular | 517. solar |
| 426. persuade | 472. rehearsal | 518. solemn |
| 427. pessimism | 473. reign | 519. sophomore |
| 428. phantom | 474. relevant | 520. southern |
| 429. phenomenon | 475. relieve | 521. souvenir |
| 430. physical | 476. remarkable | 522. spacious |
| 431. piano | 477. remembrance | 523. spaghetti |
| 432. picturesque | 478. replacement | 524. spasmodic |
| 433. plaintiff | 479. reptile | 525. specific |
| 434. playwright | 480. requirement | 526. sponge |
| 435. plumber | 481. retrieve | 527. spontaneous |
| 436. politician | 482. rhythmic | 528. stationery |
| 437. pollution | 483. roam | 529. statistics |
| 438. popularity | 484. roommate | 530. statues |
| 439. potential | 485. routine | 531. strenuous |
| 440. potpourri | 486. rural | 532. struggling |
| 441. precipice | 487. rustic | 533. studios |
| 442. predecessor | 488. sabotage | 534. studious |
| 443. preferable | 489. safety | 535. subsequent |
| 444. prestigious | 490. saga | 536. succinct |
| 445. principal | 491. salute | 537. superintendent |
| 446. privilege | 492. satisfactorily | 538. supersede |
| 447. profitable | 493. satisfy | 539. surface |
| 448. pronunciation | 494. scarcity | 540. surgeon |

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| 541. surveillance | 587. vigorously |
| 542. susceptible | 588. villain |
| 543. suspicious | 589. violation |
| 544. swelter | 590. violence |
| 545. sword | 591. visualize |
| 546. synthesis | 592. vivacious |
| 547. systematic | 593. voucher |
| 548. technically | 594. vulnerable |
| 549. technician | 595. whoever |
| 550. telephones | 596. withhold |
| 551. thicken | 597. wives |
| 552. thoughtful | 598. wrestling |
| 553. threat | 599. wrinkle |
| 554. tomatoes | 600. yield |
| 555. tongue | |
| 556. traitor | |
| 557. transferring | |
| 558. treasure | |
| 559. tremor | |
| 560. trophies | |
| 561. tunnel | |
| 562. turbulent | |
| 563. tutor | |
| 564. ubiquitous | |
| 565. unanimous | |
| 566. unbelievable | |
| 567. unconscious | |
| 568. uncouth | |
| 569. underneath | |
| 570. undoubtedly | |
| 571. unenforceable | |
| 572. unforgettable | |
| 573. unique | |
| 574. unmistakable | |
| 575. unsuccessful | |
| 576. vaccinate | |
| 577. vacuum | |
| 578. valuable | |
| 579. variegated | |
| 580. variety | |
| 581. vegetable | |
| 582. vein | |
| 583. vengeance | |
| 584. venom | |
| 585. versatile | |
| 586. vigilant | |

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Super Challenge Words

If your spellers manage to breeze through all the words in our list above, use these 20 super-challenge words for your spelling bee. We've included the language of origin, **primary** pronunciation, and part of speech, the most common definition and one sentence for each word.*

Pronunciations

We've included the most popular pronunciations. Additional pronunciations may exist for some words. We've chosen to use very few special symbols and markings.

Pronunciation Guide:

(ə) - as in *sad, tap, latch*

(ā) - as in *a* in *pay, late, cape*

(ä) - as in *father, hot*

(e) - as in *led, set, deck*

(ē) - as in *feel, deal, easy*

(ə) - as in *about, confuse*

(i) - as in *lip, fish*

(ī) - as in *tide, white, ripe*

(ō) - as in *cone, rope, snow*

(u) - as in *sun, umbrella*

(oo) - as in *poodle*

(yoo) - as in *bugle, uniform*

(g) – as in *gum, gorilla*

(t) - any letter inside parenthesis within another syllable may or may not be pronounced.

The main emphasis in each word belongs on the syllable in **bold** type.

1. hackneyed (**hak**-nēd) overused, trite

No one like the new love song because its lyrics were so hackneyed.

2. behemoth (bi-**hē**-muth) noun: a very large object or creature

Grandpa's old truck is a behemoth compared to our compact car.

3. assuage (ə-**swā**j) verb: make less severe

Visits from friends served to assuage the widow's grief.

4. coalesce (kō-ə-**les**) verb: to unite so as to form one whole

Opposing groups finally decided to coalesce and avoid a civil war.

5. erudite (**er**-yoo-dīt) adjective: learned, scholarly

The erudite speaker had a difficult time relating to her young audience.

* Please note that every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of all information for each word. Occasionally, sources differ on some items.

6. garrulous (**gar**-ə-ləs) adjective: overly talkative
The garrulous newcomer soon bored the other guests at the party.
7. harangue (hə-**rang**) noun or verb noun: a long verbal attack or scolding
The teacher's harangue only served to make the student more nervous.
8. quiescent (kwē-**es**-ənt, kwī-**es**-ənt) adjective: quiet or inactive
After the high-pressure deal had been made, the relieved executive entered a quiescent state of relaxation.
8. puissant (**pyoo**-ə-sənt) adjective: powerful, potent
The puissant speech moved many to join the protest.
9. precocious (pri-**kō**-shəs) adjective: talented beyond one's age
It was apparent to everyone that the young pianist was quite precocious.
10. adulation (əj-ə-**lā**-shən) noun: high or excessive praise
The rock star had become accustomed to cries of adulation at his concerts.
11. ephemeral (i-**fem**-rəl) adjective: momentary, fleeting
She was saddened that the joys of the day were so ephemeral.
12. psoriasis (sə-**rī**-ə-sis) noun: a chronic inflammatory skin disease
The scaly psoriasis on her scalp became very dry and itchy.
13. camaraderie (kām-**rā**-də-rē) noun: friendship, comradeship
The camaraderie among the foursome was as enjoyable as the golf game.
14. milieu (mil-**yoo**) noun: surroundings
The upperclass neighborhood was a milieu that was both unfamiliar and uncomfortable to him.
15. vignette (vin-**yet**) noun: a small illustration or photograph, a brief scene or essay
The vignette at the beginning of each chapter captured the mood of the text.
16. deification (dē-ə-fi-**kā**-shən) noun: the act of exalting to the rank of a god
The ancient king's success in war led to his deification.
17. querulous (**kwer**-ə-ləs) adjective: irritable, complaining
The lawyer's querulous tone of voice earned her no favors with the jury.

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18. catamaran (kat-ə-mə-**ran**) noun: a sailboat with two identical hulls
The catamaran moved swiftly as the wind grew stronger.
19. rancorous (**rang**-ker-əs) adjective: bitter, hateful
The business partners' rancorous relationship led to the company's downfall.
20. antediluvian (an-tē-də-**loo**-vē-ən) adjective: occurring before the Great Flood
The antediluvian story of Cain and Abel has always interested me.

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