YEARLY SPELLING BEE

Grades 1–12 Spelling Bee Master Word Lists

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Grades 1–12 Spelling Bee Curriculum to 100 words per grade, keeping the same progressive difficulty and California-based English Language Arts alignment.

That creates a master collection of 1,200 spelling bee words for your school, organized by grade, with 100 words in each grade-level list. The lists will be designed for three competition rounds: qualifying, semifinal, and championship.

Each grade has exactly 100 words, progressing from foundational spelling to advanced championship vocabulary. Within each list, words become progressively more challenging. These are proposed instructional lists, not official California or Scripps lists.

QUALIFYING Words 1–35	SEMIFINAL Words 36–70	CHAMPIONSHIP Words 71–100

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Grade 1 — Beginner Spelling Bee

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. cat
2. dog
3. sun
4. map
5. pen
6. bed
7. cup
8. hat
9. pig
10. red
11. fox
12. jam
13. leg
14. hop
15. sit
16. run
17. big
18. box
19. wet
20. bus
21. flag
22. swim
23. clap
24. frog
25. drum
26. stop
27. milk
28. nest
51. cake
52. bike
53. home
54. cube
55. these
56. smile
57. brave
58. stone
59. shine
60. flute
61. train
62. beach
63. dream
64. green
65. float
66. paint
67. sheep
68. cloud
69. brown
70. toast
71. rabbit
72. basket
73. kitten
74. sunset
75. napkin
76. picnic
77. pocket
78. blanket

29. hand
30. jump
31. black
32. brush
33. plant
34. lunch
35. clock
36. ship
37. chin
38. thin
39. shop
40. much
41. wish
42. shell
43. snack
44. stamp
45. track
46. fresh
47. chest
48. bring
49. stand
50. spring
79. chicken
80. thunder
81. rainbow
82. morning
83. garden
84. window
85. birthday
86. pumpkin
87. sunshine
88. elephant
89. butterfly
90. yesterday
91. adventure
92. wonderful
93. remember
94. beautiful
95. together
96. different
97. important
98. tomorrow
99. surprise
100. celebrate

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Grade 2 — Developing Speller

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. apple
2. after
3. along
4. answer
5. around
6. because
7. before
8. better
9. bottom
10. bridge
11. bright
12. brother
13. bucket
14. button
15. candle
16. carpet
17. center
18. circle
19. cloudy
20. corner
21. country
22. cousin
23. danger
24. decide
25. doctor
26. dollar
27. dragon
28. drawer
51. ladder
52. letter
53. listen
54. little
55. market
56. matter
57. middle
58. minute
59. monkey
60. morning
61. mountain
62. number
63. office
64. orange
65. parent
66. people
67. planet
68. pocket
69. pretty
70. problem
71. promise
72. rabbit
73. reason
74. return
75. rocket
76. school
77. season
78. second

29. enough
30. enjoy
31. family
32. farmer
33. feather
34. flower
35. follow
36. forest
37. Friday
38. gentle
39. golden
40. ground
41. happen
42. healthy
43. heard
44. heaven
45. hungry
46. island
47. jacket
48. jewel
49. journey
50. kitchen
79. shadow
80. shoulder
81. silver
82. sister
83. slipper
84. special
85. station
86. stomach
87. straight
88. student
89. subject
90. sweater
91. teacher
92. through
93. ticket
94. trouble
95. twenty
96. village
97. weather
98. whisper
99. wonderful
100. yesterday

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Grade 3 — Intermediate Speller

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. accident
2. active
3. address
4. advice
5. afraid
6. although
7. amount
8. ancient
9. appear
10. arrive
11. athlete
12. attention
13. audience
14. balance
15. believe
16. bicycle
17. calendar
18. careful
19. ceiling
20. certain
21. challenge
22. character
23. cheerful
24. choose
25. citizen
26. collect
27. complete
28. concert
51. familiar
52. favorite
53. February
54. finally
55. forward
56. frequent
57. future
58. grammar
59. grateful
60. guardian
61. imagine
62. increase
63. interest
64. island
65. knowledge
66. language
67. library
68. measure
69. medicine
70. memory
71. natural
72. notice
73. occasion
74. opposite
75. ordinary
76. paragraph
77. particular
78. pattern

29. continue
30. country
31. courage
32. curious
33. decide
34. describe
35. desert
36. develop
37. dictionary
38. disappear
39. discover
40. distance
41. divide
42. early
43. earth
44. education
45. energy
46. enough
47. example
48. exercise
49. experience
50. explain
79. peaceful
80. physical
81. popular
82. possible
83. practice
84. prepare
85. probably
86. question
87. receive
88. remember
89. sentence
90. separate
91. special
92. surprise
93. terrible
94. therefore
95. through
96. together
97. tomorrow
98. vacation
99. valuable
100. vegetable

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Grade 4 — Upper Elementary

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abundance
2. accurate
3. achieve
4. activity
5. additional
6. advantage
7. aggressive
8. alphabet
9. announce
10. anxious
11. apparent
12. appreciate
13. argument
14. arithmetic
15. artificial
16. assistant
17. atmosphere
18. awkward
19. bargain
20. behavior
21. boundary
22. brilliant
23. business
24. campaign
25. candidate
26. category
27. cemetery
28. ceremony
51. difference
52. disaster
53. embarrass
54. emergency
55. environment
56. equipment
57. especially
58. excellent
59. existence
60. explanation
61. familiar
62. February
63. foreign
64. generous
65. government
66. guarantee
67. happiness
68. immediately
69. independent
70. intelligent
71. interrupt
72. knowledge
73. leadership
74. leisure
75. lightning
76. marvelous
77. mischievous
78. necessary

29. certain
30. champion
31. chimney
32. chocolate
33. citizen
34. committee
35. communicate
36. community
37. competition
38. consequence
39. consider
40. convenient
41. conversation
42. courageous
43. curiosity
44. declaration
45. definite
46. delicious
47. department
48. describe
49. desperate
50. determined
79. neighbor
80. noticeable
81. occasion
82. opportunity
83. original
84. particular
85. permission
86. personality
87. possession
88. preference
89. privilege
90. pronunciation
91. recommend
92. restaurant
93. schedule
94. sincerely
95. successful
96. temperature
97. tomorrow
98. unusual
99. valuable
100. Wednesday

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Grade 5 — Advanced Elementary

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abbreviation
2. absence
3. acceptable
4. accessible
5. accomplishment
6. acquaintance
7. advertisement
8. amateur
9. anniversary
10. apologize
11. apparent
12. appearance
13. appropriate
14. assistance
15. association
16. authority
17. beneficial
18. camouflage
19. capacity
20. characteristic
21. circumstance
22. civilization
23. coincidence
24. collaboration
25. comfortable
26. commercial
27. comparison
28. competition
51. encouragement
52. enormous
53. enthusiasm
54. essential
55. exaggerate
56. exceptional
57. existence
58. extraordinary
59. flexibility
60. fortunate
61. foundation
62. frequently
63. gratitude
64. guarantee
65. independent
66. influential
67. ingredient
68. initiative
69. intelligent
70. interruption
71. judgment
72. laboratory
73. maintenance
74. magnificent
75. maneuver
76. miniature
77. mysterious
78. occasion

29. complicated
30. concentrate
31. conclusion
32. confidence
33. conscience
34. conscious
35. consistent
36. controversy
37. convenient
38. correspondence
39. criticism
40. decision
41. dedication
42. definitely
43. demonstration
44. description
45. development
46. disappointment
47. discipline
48. distinguish
49. efficient
50. embarrassed
79. occurrence
80. opposition
81. organization
82. particularly
83. perseverance
84. phenomenon
85. preparation
86. prescription
87. professional
88. questionnaire
89. recognition
90. recommendation
91. relevant
92. responsibility
93. ridiculous
94. sacrifice
95. significant
96. sufficient
97. technique
98. thorough
99. tremendous
100. unanimous

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Grade 6 — Middle School

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abandonment
2. abbreviation
3. absorption
4. abundance
5. accelerate
6. accessible
7. accommodate
8. accumulation
9. achievement
10. acquisition
11. adolescence
12. advantageous
13. aesthetic
14. allegation
15. alliance
16. alternative
17. ammunition
18. analogy
19. analytical
20. ancestor
21. anticipation
22. apparatus
23. apprehensive
24. appropriate
25. architecture
26. arrangement
27. assessment
28. assumption
51. consideration
52. contemporary
53. controversial
54. conventional
55. correspondence
56. credibility
57. declaration
58. deficiency
59. deliberate
60. dependency
61. descriptive
62. destination
63. determination
64. diagnosis
65. differentiation
66. disadvantage
67. discrepancy
68. distribution
69. diversity
70. documentary
71. ecosystem
72. efficiency
73. elimination
74. emergence
75. emphasis
76. encyclopedia
77. equivalent
78. evaluation

29. atmosphere
30. authentic
31. auxiliary
32. beneficial
33. bureaucracy
34. calculation
35. candidate
36. capacity
37. catastrophe
38. chronological
39. circulation
40. classification
41. coincidence
42. colleague
43. commitment
44. comparison
45. compensation
46. competitive
47. comprehensive
48. concentration
49. confidential
50. consequence
79. exaggeration
80. exceptional
81. expenditure
82. experiment
83. explanation
84. feasibility
85. foundation
86. hierarchy
87. hypothesis
88. identification
89. illustration
90. imagination
91. implication
92. indispensable
93. interpretation
94. investigation
95. legitimate
96. miscellaneous
97. preliminary
98. pronunciation
99. psychological
100. sufficient

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Grade 7 — Intermediate Competition

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abhor
2. abysmal
3. acquiesce
4. aesthetic
5. ambiguous
6. anarchy
7. anonymous
8. antagonistic
9. apathy
10. apprehension
11. articulate
12. assiduous
13. audacious
14. authentic
15. belligerent
16. benevolent
17. bewilderment
18. boisterous
19. camouflage
20. candor
21. catastrophe
22. chronological
23. circumvent
24. collaborate
25. commendable
26. compassion
27. complacent
28. comprehensive
51. empathy
52. enigmatic
53. enthusiasm
54. equivalent
55. erratic
56. exaggeration
57. formidable
58. frugal
59. grievance
60. hypothetical
61. idiosyncrasy
62. imminent
63. impartial
64. implication
65. inadvertent
66. incessant
67. inconceivable
68. inevitable
69. influential
70. ingenuity
71. initiative
72. integrity
73. interrogation
74. jurisdiction
75. legitimate
76. lethargic
77. melancholy
78. meticulous

29. condescending
30. confidential
31. conscientious
32. consensus
33. conspicuous
34. contemporary
35. controversial
36. conventional
37. correlation
38. credible
39. cumulative
40. debilitate
41. deception
42. deficiency
43. deliberate
44. detrimental
45. diligent
46. discernible
47. discrepancy
48. disdainful
49. eccentric
50. eloquent
79. misconception
80. notorious
81. oblivious
82. obsolete
83. omniscient
84. plausible
85. predicament
86. preliminary
87. presumptuous
88. proficient
89. profound
90. resilient
91. scrutinize
92. skepticism
93. spontaneous
94. subordinate
95. substantial
96. superficial
97. susceptible
98. synonymous
99. transgression
100. versatile

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Grade 8 — Advanced Middle School

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. aberration
2. abnegation
3. abstemious
4. accretion
5. acrimonious
6. adulation
7. alacrity
8. ameliorate
9. anachronism
10. ancillary
11. antithesis
12. apocryphal
13. apprehensive
14. assuage
15. astute
16. audacity
17. auspicious
18. avarice
19. bellicose
20. benevolent
21. bombastic
22. brevity
23. cacophony
24. capitulate
25. circumspect
26. clandestine
27. coalesce
28. coercion
51. ebullient
52. eclectic
53. effervescent
54. efficacy
55. egregious
56. elocution
57. ephemeral
58. equivocal
59. esoteric
60. exacerbate
61. exonerate
62. expedient
63. fastidious
64. fervent
65. fortuitous
66. gregarious
67. harbinger
68. hegemony
69. iconoclast
70. immutable
71. impetuous
72. inane
73. incorrigible
74. indolent
75. ineffable
76. insatiable
77. intrepid
78. inveterate

29. cognizant
30. colloquial
31. commensurate
32. complacency
33. conciliatory
34. confluence
35. connoisseur
36. contentious
37. contrite
38. convoluted
39. corroborate
40. credulous
41. deference
42. deleterious
43. demagogue
44. denouement
45. derision
46. despondent
47. didactic
48. diffident
49. disconcerting
50. disingenuous
79. laconic
80. magnanimous
81. malleable
82. mendacious
83. meticulous
84. nonchalant
85. obfuscate
86. ostentatious
87. perfidious
88. perspicacious
89. quintessential
90. recalcitrant
91. recondite
92. reprehensible
93. sagacious
94. sanctimonious
95. serendipity
96. superfluous
97. surreptitious
98. ubiquitous
99. unequivocal
100. vicissitude

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Grade 9 — High School Entry

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abrogate
2. abstruse
3. acerbic
4. acquiescence
5. adjudicate
6. admonition
7. adulterate
8. aesthetic
9. affable
10. aggregate
11. alimony
12. alliteration
13. amelioration
14. anachronistic
15. anathema
16. ancillary
17. animosity
18. antediluvian
19. apathy
20. appellation
21. approbation
22. arbitrary
23. archetype
24. assiduity
25. assuagement
26. atrophy
27. audacious
28. austere
51. consternation
52. contentious
53. contravene
54. copious
55. corroboration
56. credence
57. culpable
58. debacle
59. decorum
60. deference
61. delineate
62. denigrate
63. derelict
64. desiccate
65. desultory
66. diatribe
67. dichotomy
68. diffidence
69. dilatory
70. disabuse
71. discomfit
72. disparate
73. ebullience
74. effrontery
75. elegy
76. elicit
77. emollient
78. encomium

29. autonomy
30. avaricious
31. banal
32. belligerence
33. bombast
34. burgeon
35. cacophony
36. camaraderie
37. capricious
38. castigate
39. catharsis
40. caustic
41. chicanery
42. circumscribe
43. cogent
44. collusion
45. commensurate
46. compunction
47. conciliatory
48. confluence
49. conflagration
50. connotation
79. endemic
80. enervate
81. ephemeral
82. equanimity
83. equivocation
84. erudition
85. eschew
86. exacerbate
87. exculpate
88. exigency
89. extol
90. fallacious
91. fastidious
92. fecund
93. felicitous
94. florid
95. fortuitous
96. garrulous
97. gratuitous
98. guile
99. idiosyncratic
100. implacable

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Grade 10 — Advanced Competition

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abjuration
2. abstemious
3. accoutrement
4. adumbrate
5. aegis
6. alacrity
7. anfractuous
8. animadversion
9. antediluvian
10. antinomy
11. apotheosis
12. approbatory
13. argot
14. arrant
15. asperity
16. asseveration
17. assiduous
18. atavistic
19. autocratic
20. avuncular
21. bellicosity
22. beneficence
23. bibulous
24. bloviate
25. bromide
26. burlesque
27. cabal
28. calumny
51. ebullient
52. effulgent
53. elegiac
54. elision
55. emendation
56. encomiastic
57. epistolary
58. equanimous
59. excoriation
60. execrable
61. exegesis
62. exiguous
63. expatiate
64. expurgate
65. factitious
66. fastidiousness
67. felicitous
68. fulminate
69. garrulity
70. grandiloquence
71. hebetude
72. hermetic
73. heterodox
74. ignominious
75. impecunious
76. imperturbable
77. impugn
78. inchoate

29. canard
30. capitulation
31. casuistry
32. celerity
33. chary
34. circumlocution
35. clemency
36. cogitation
37. compendium
38. concomitant
39. contumacious
40. contumely
41. cupidity
42. declivity
43. defenestration
44. demur
45. denouement
46. depredation
47. desuetude
48. diaphanous
49. dilapidated
50. disquisition
79. incipient
80. indefatigable
81. indubitable
82. inefficacious
83. ineluctable
84. inimical
85. insouciance
86. invective
87. irascible
88. jejune
89. lachrymose
90. liminal
91. lucubration
92. mendacity
93. munificent
94. nascent
95. nefarious
96. obdurate
97. obsequious
98. parsimonious
99. perfunctory
100. perspicuity

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Grade 11 — Expert Speller

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abecedarian
2. abeyance
3. abscission
4. abulia
5. accismus
6. adscititious
7. aggrandizement
8. aleatory
9. anacoluthon
10. anfractuosity
11. apodictic
12. apophasis
13. apothegm
14. approbation
15. arborescent
16. arrhythmia
17. aspergillum
18. assentation
19. autarky
20. autochthonous
21. bacchanalian
22. bathos
23. bedizen
24. borborygmus
25. braggadocio
26. brobdingnagian
27. callipygian
51. epigone
52. epiphenomenon
53. erubescent
54. eschatology
55. exiguous
56. extirpation
57. factotum
58. farraginous
59. flocculent
60. fuliginous
61. fungible
62. gibbous
63. glabrous
64. gnathonic
65. gnomon
66. gyascutus
67. halcyon
68. heterogeneity
69. hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia
70. hypnagogic
71. ichthyology
72. imbroglio
73. inappetence
74. incunabula
75. indefeasible
76. interregnum
77. jejuneness

28. cantankerous
29. cathexis
30. chrestomathy
31. chrysalis
32. circumambient
33. circumlocutory
34. contumacious
35. coruscation
36. crepuscular
37. deflagration
38. deipnosophist
39. desuetudinous
40. diaphanous
41. disambiguation
42. ebullition
43. efflorescence
44. effulgence
45. eleemosynary
46. elucubration
47. emunctory
48. enantiomorph
49. ensorcell
50. epenthesis
78. kakistocracy
79. kenogenesis
80. legerdemain
81. logorrhea
82. lucubration
83. malfeasance
84. metempsychosis
85. myrmidon
86. nudiustertian
87. obloquy
88. omphaloskepsis
89. opsimath
90. paregmenon
91. phantasmagoria
92. philippic
93. poliorcetics
94. pulchritude
95. quincunx
96. rebarbative
97. sesquipedalian
98. sybaritic
99. thaumaturgy
100. tergiversation

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Grade 12 — Championship Speller

Words 1–35: qualifying · 36–70: semifinal · 71–100: championship

1. abecedarian
2. abligurition
3. absquatulate
4. acciaccatura
5. adytum
6. agathokakological
7. alembic
8. anfractuous
9. anhedonia
10. antimetabole
11. apophthegm
12. apricity
13. argillaceous
14. asseverate
15. atrabilious
16. autochthonous
17. bacciferous
18. bibelot
19. borborygmic
20. bruxism
21. cachinnation
22. callithumpian
23. canorous
24. catoptromancy
25. chaetognath
26. chthonic
27. circumforaneous
28. clinquant
51. extemporaneous
52. fantods
53. floccinaucinihilipilification
54. fulgurant
55. furfuraceous
56. gallimaufry
57. gasconade
58. glabrescent
59. gobemouche
60. graphorrhea
61. hebdomadal
62. hippocrepiform
63. hyalophagia
64. hypallage
65. hypogeum
66. ichthyophagous
67. ignivomous
68. immarcescible
69. impecuniosity
70. ineluctability
71. infrangible
72. inscient
73. interfenestration
74. jentacular
75. jumentous
76. kakorrhaphiophobia
77. keraunograph
78. kinetheodolite

29. corybantic
30. crepuscule
31. defervescence
32. deipnosophist
33. demulcent
34. desmodromic
35. dodecaphonic
36. dysdiadochokinesia
37. ecdysiast
38. efflorescent
39. eleemosynary
40. embrocation
41. empyrean
42. enantiodromia
43. ensorcellment
44. epanalepsis
45. epiphenomenal
46. ergasiomania
47. erubescent
48. esemplastic
49. exanthema
50. excogitate
79. labefaction
80. lagopodous
81. lambent
82. laniary
83. latibulize
84. lecanomancy
85. logomachy
86. lucifugous
87. macaronic
88. mantic
89. metagnostic
90. myrmecophilous
91. nudiustertian
92. obambulate
93. omphalopsychite
94. opsimath
95. paradiastole
96. pharisaical
97. philalethist
98. pulchritudinous
99. synecdoche
100. ultracrepidarian

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Recommended Competition Format

Qualifying 1–35: Foundational and grade-appropriate words

Semifinal 36–70: More complex spelling patterns

Championship 71–100: Highest difficulty for that grade

Pronouncer protocol: Say the word, provide its part of speech and definition, use it in a sentence, and repeat it when requested. Establish consistent rules for word challenges, elimination, and tie-breakers before the event.

Important implementation note: These are proposed practice lists. Before using them in a formal competition, verify pronunciations, definitions, and accepted spellings against a recognized dictionary. The very advanced Grades 11–12 lists are intended for enrichment and should be reviewed for suitability to the students' age and competition level.