



# School Pronouncers Guide

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Eastern Oklahoma State Spelling Bee

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# Merriam-Webster · Pronunciation · Symbols

<b>ə</b> .....banana, collect	<b>k</b> .....kin, cook, ache
<b>ʹə, ə</b> .....humdrum	<b>ḵ</b> .....as in one pronunciation of <b>loch</b> (alternative ʼkʲ), as in German <b>ich-laut</b>
<b>ɜ</b> .....as in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for <b>bird</b> (alternative ʼəɪ)	<b>l</b> .....lily, pool
<b>ɔ̃</b> .....two-value symbol equivalent to the unstressed variants ʼə, ʼɪ, as in <b>habit</b> , <b>duchess</b> (ʼhabət = ʼhabət, -bitʼ)	<b>m</b> .....murmur, <b>dim</b> , <b>nymph</b>
<b>°</b> .....immediately preceding ʼlʲ, ʼnʲ, ʼmʲ, ʼŋʲ, as in <b>battle</b> , <b>mitten</b> , and in one pronunciation of <b>cap</b> and <b>bells</b> ʼ-ʹm-ʲ, <b>lock</b> and <b>key</b> ʼ-ʹŋ-ʲ; immediately following ʼlʲ, ʼmʲ, ʼnʲ, as in one pronunciation of French <b>table</b> , <b>prisme</b> , <b>titre</b>	<b>n</b> .....no, own
<b>əɪ</b> .....as in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for <b>bird</b> (alternative ʼəɪ)	<b>ⁿ</b> .....indicates that a preceding vowel is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French <i>un bon vin blanc</i> ʼœˈbɔ̃ˈvaˈblɑ̃ˈ
<b>ər</b> .....operation; stressed, as in <b>bird</b> as pronounced by speakers who do not drop <i>r</i> ; stressed and with centered period after the ʼrʲ, as in one pronunciation of <b>burry</b> (alternative ʼɜrʲ) and in one pronunciation of <b>hurry</b> (alternative ʼɔ-rʲ); stressed and with centered period after ʼərʲ as in one pronunciation of <b>hurry</b> (alternative ʼərʲ)	<b>ŋ</b> .....sing ʼsɪŋʲ, singer ʼsɪŋə(r)ʲ, finger ʼfɪŋɡə(r)ʲ, ink ʼɪŋkʲ
<b>a</b> .....mat, map	<b>ō</b> .....bone, snow, beau; one pronunciation of <b>glory</b>
<b>ā</b> .....day, fade, date, aorta	<b>ô</b> .....saw, all, saurian; one pronunciation of <b>horrid</b>
<b>ä</b> .....bother, cot; most American speakers have the same vowel in <b>father</b> , <b>cart</b>	<b>œ</b> .....French <b>bœuf</b> , German <b>Hölle</b>
<b>ǎ</b> .....father as pronounced by speakers who do not rhyme it with <b>bother</b> ; <b>farther</b> and <b>cart</b> as pronounced by <i>r</i> -droppers	<b>ø</b> .....French <b>feu</b> , German <b>Höhle</b>
<b>aa</b> .....bad, bag, fan as often pronounced in an area having New York City and Washington, D.C., on its perimeter; in an emphatic syllable, as before a pause, often ʼaaʲ	<b>oi</b> .....coin, destroy, strawy, sawing
<b>ai</b> .....as in some pronunciations of <b>bag</b> , <b>bang</b> , <b>pass</b>	<b>oo</b> .....(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of <i>o</i> in <b>bone</b> but longer, not the sound of <i>oo</i> in <b>food</b> : <i>come</i> ʼkɔ̃ʊˈtʲ
<b>aù</b> .....now, loud, some pronunciations of <b>talcum</b>	<b>p</b> .....pepper, lip
<b>b</b> .....baby, rib	<b>r</b> .....rarity, one pronunciation of <b>tar</b>
<b>ch</b> .....chin, nature ʼnächə(r)ʲ (actually, this sound is ʼtʲ + ʼshʲ)	<b>s</b> .....source, less
<b>d</b> .....elder, undone	<b>sh</b> .....with nothing between, as in <b>shy</b> , <b>mission</b> , <b>machine</b> , <b>special</b> (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in <b>death</b> ʼs-head ʼdeths.hedʲ
<b>ɖ</b> .....as in the usual American pronunciation of <b>latter</b> , <b>ladder</b>	<b>t</b> .....tic, attack; one pronunciation of <b>latter</b> (alternative ʼdʲ)
<b>e</b> .....bet, bed	<b>th</b> .....with nothing between, as in <b>thin</b> , <b>ether</b> (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in <b>knighthood</b> ʼnɪth.hudʲ
<b>ʼē, ē</b> .....beat, nosebleed, evenly, sleepy	<b>th</b> .....then, either (actually, this is a single sound, not two)
<b>ē</b> .....as in one pronunciation of <b>evenly</b> , <b>sleepy</b> , <b>envious</b> , <b>igneous</b> (alternative ʼi)	<b>ü</b> .....rule, fool, youth, union ʼyünyənʲ, few ʼfyüʲ
<b>ee</b> .....(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of <i>e</i> in <b>bet</b> but long, not the sound of <i>ee</i> in <b>sleep</b> : <i>en arrière</i> ʼäˈnäryeerʲ	<b>û</b> .....pull, wood, curable ʼkyürəbəlʲ
<b>eù</b> .....as in one pronunciation of <b>elk</b> , <b>helm</b>	<b>œ</b> .....German <b>füllen</b> , <b>hübsch</b>
<b>f</b> .....fifty, cuff	<b>œ</b> .....French <b>rue</b> , German <b>fühlen</b>
<b>g</b> .....go, big	<b>v</b> .....vivid, give
<b>h</b> .....hat, ahead	<b>w</b> .....we, away
<b>hw</b> .....whale as pronounced by those who do not have the same pronunciation for both <b>whale</b> and <b>wail</b>	<b>y</b> .....yard, cue ʼkyüʲ, union ʼyünyənʲ
<b>i</b> .....tip, one pronunciation of <b>banish</b> (alternative unstressed ʼeʲ), one pronunciation of <b>habit</b> (alternative ʼəɪ; see <b>ə</b> )	<b>ʸ</b> .....(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates that during articulation of the sound represented by the preceding character the tip of the tongue has substantially the position it has for the articulation of the first sound of <b>yard</b> , as in French <i>digne</i> ʼdēnʲ
<b>ī</b> .....site, side, buy (actually, this sound is ʼiʲ + ʼiʲ, or ʼiʲ + ʼiʲ)	<b>yü</b> .....youth, union, cue, few
<b>iù</b> .....as in one pronunciation of <b>milk</b> , <b>film</b>	<b>yû</b> .....curable
<b>j</b> .....job, gem, edge, procedure ʼprəˈsɛjə(r)ʲ (actually, this sound is ʼdʲ + ʼzhʲ)	<b>z</b> .....zone, raise
	<b>zh</b> .....with nothing between, as in <b>vision</b> , <b>azure</b> ʼvazhə(r)ʲ (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in <b>rosehill</b> ʼrɔ̃zh.hɪʲ
	<b>ˈ</b> .....mark preceding a syllable with primary (strongest) stress: ʼpenmənʃɪpʲ
	<b>ˌ</b> .....mark preceding a syllable with secondary (next-strongest) stress: ʼpenmənʃɪpʲ
	<b>()</b> .....indicate that what is symbolized between is present in some utterances but not in others: <b>factory</b> ʼfakt(ə)rēʲ

# Guidelines Regarding Pronunciation and Language of Origin

## Pronunciation

For many words in *Webster's Third New International Dictionary*, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster (*Webster's Third*), more than one pronunciation is offered. In this school pronouncer guide, the chief pronunciation for a word is most often the first pronunciation given in this dictionary. Occasionally, however, the Bee has chosen to assign the dictionary's second or third pronunciation as the chief pronunciation. This decision has been made whenever the Bee has reason to think that a certain pronunciation has become the most prevalent one since this dictionary was first published.

Many of the variations in pronunciation listed in *Webster's Third* are included in this publication as alternate pronunciations and are listed in square brackets under the chief pronunciation. These alternate pronunciations are all the variants in the dictionary's pronunciation data that differ phonemically from the chief pronunciation. Minor phonetic variations that are described in the dictionary pages are not included here, however, such as pronunciations that differ only in the level of stress on given syllables. In addition, this publication has not included the voluminous treatment of *r*-dropping and vowel variations before /r/ such as those that are found in certain geographical dialects of

American English. Experience has shown that this information about nuances of phonetic variation in pronunciation can be the cause for confusion for spellers and pronouncers alike.

Nevertheless, every pronunciation in *Webster's Third* that can offer any clues about spelling is listed as an alternate pronunciation herein. The phrase *no alternate pronunciations* means simply that, while the dictionary entry may or may not contain further details about phonetic differences in different dialects, the word in question has no other pronunciations that differ phonemically from the chief pronunciation that is provided.

## Language of Origin

Information in this guide regarding language of origin is a simplification of that provided in *Webster's Third*. For example, *Webster's Third* gives Old English, Middle English, and English, but we give only English.

With New Latin and International Scientific Vocabulary, however, we tend to provide information that supplements that provided in *Webster's Third*. Where *Webster's Third* lists New Latin as the language of origin, we attempt to list the origin of the roots used to form the new word. We list International Scientific Vocabulary only when it is difficult to determine instead the languages from which the International Scientific Vocabulary element came.

We do not always list all the languages a word passed through before it entered modern English. Only those languages that significantly altered the word are listed, with the earliest language listed first followed by the subsequent language(s). We give the separate etymologies of each word element regularly used in *Webster's Third*, with one exception: combining form(s). Combining forms are word elements regularly used in English or another language to make a new word, but they do not by themselves constitute words. Examples include *-ly*, *-ing*, *-ment*, *-en*, *-o-*, *en-*, *non-*, etc. Page 16a of *Webster's Third* contains more detailed information about etymological entries.

## **Tips for Spelling Bee Officials**

### **1. Acquaint yourself with the organization of this Guide**

#### **1. Words 1-400:**

- These words were selected from the School-Wide Spelling Bee Study List. The first words on the list are School-Wide Spelling Bee Study List words designated for first graders and progress through eighth grade.
- Words progress in difficulty by groups of 25 words.

### **2. Acquaint yourself with the *Eastern Oklahoma 2024 State Spelling Bee Rules***

#### **3. Pronouncers, please note:**

- One pronunciation is listed alongside each word in this guide, and this pronunciation is usually the first given in *Webster's Third*. If the speller requests an alternate pronunciation, consult the additional pronunciation information provided in square brackets. Please refer to the guidelines regarding pronunciation provided on page 3.
- This guide provides language of origin information. Please refer to the guidelines regarding language of origin on page 4. Consult *Webster's Third* if you desire additional information or clarity regarding the word's language of origin.
- Although some words can be more than one part of speech, only one part of speech per word is provided in this guide. The part of speech provided matches that of the definition listed and coincides with the word's use in the illustrative sentence.
- Several words have homonyms or near homonyms. If you think a word is a homonym and yet a homonym is not listed, check *Webster's Third* or skip the word. It is possible that we did not note the fact that the word is a homonym. For the final word in handling homonyms, see the portions of Rules 5, 7, and 11 that refer to homonyms.
- Because during the spelling bee you may be asked to check for additional information in *Webster's Third*, this guide provides the *Webster's Third* page and column location of each word, designated in parentheses after the part of speech as follows: (*Webster's Third* page number, column number).

## Words 1-50: First Grade Spelling Bee Words

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|----|-------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. | <b>fun</b>  | \ 'fən \                        | noun   |
|    |             | [no alternate pronunciation(s)] | what provides<br>amusement or<br>enjoyment<br><i>A picnic would be <b>fun</b>.</i>                             |
| 2. | <b>run</b>  | \ 'rən \                        | verb   |
|    |             | [no alternate pronunciation(s)] | to go faster than a walk<br><i><b>Run</b> upstairs and get<br/>your jacket.</i>                                |
| 3. | <b>hill</b> | \ 'hil \                        | noun   |
|    |             | [no alternate pronunciation(s)] | a usually rounded<br>natural elevation of land<br>lower than a mountain<br><i>She climbed the <b>hill</b>.</i> |
| 4. | <b>see</b>  | \ 'sē \                         | verb   |
|    |             | [no alternate pronunciation(s)] | to perceive by the eye<br><i>I'm glad to <b>see</b> you.</i>   |
| 5. | <b>best</b> | \ 'best \                       | adjective  |
|    |             | [no alternate pronunciation(s)] | excelling all others<br><i>What is the <b>best</b> thing to<br/>do?</i>  |
| 6. | <b>keep</b> | \ 'kēp \                        | verb   |
|    |             | [no alternate pronunciation(s)] | to retain in one's<br>possession or power<br><i>We must <b>keep</b> at least<br/>one cart.</i>                 |

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| 7.  | <b>fish</b>  | \ 'fɪʃ \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]   | noun<br>an aquatic animal<br><i>The <b>fish</b> was cold.</i>  |
| 8.  | <b>pay</b>   | \ 'pā \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    | verb<br>to give in return for<br>goods or service<br><i>We went to <b>pay</b> for the food.</i>                                  |
| 9.  | <b>path</b>  | \ 'path, 'pāth\                               | noun<br>a trodden way<br><i>The <b>path</b> was long.</i>  |
| 10. | <b>rain</b>  | \ 'rān \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]   | noun<br>water falling in drops<br>condensed from vapor in<br>the atmosphere<br><i>We had a light <b>rain</b> this afternoon.</i> |
| 11. | <b>away</b>  | \ ə-'wā \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  | adjective<br>absent from a place<br><i>She went <b>away</b> for the weekend.</i>   |
| 12. | <b>happy</b> | \ 'ha-pē \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adjective<br>enjoying or characterized<br>by well-being and<br>contentment<br><i>He was a <b>happy</b> child.</i>                |
| 13. | <b>date</b>  | \ 'dāt \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]   | noun<br>the time at which an<br>event occurs<br><i>She asked for the <b>date</b>.</i>  |



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| 14. | <b>king</b> | \ 'kɪŋ \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  | noun<br>a male monarch of a major territorial unit<br><i>He was the <b>king</b> of the country.</i>  |
| 15. | <b>sold</b> | \ 'sɔld \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | verb<br>to give up (property) to another for something of value<br><i>They <b>sold</b> their house.</i>  |
| 16. | <b>just</b> | \ 'jʌst \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adverb<br>Exactly, precisely<br><i>The food's temperature was <b>just</b> right.</i>   |
| 17. | <b>tent</b> | \ 'tent \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun<br>a collapsible shelter of fabric (such as nylon or canvas) stretched and sustained by poles and used for camping outdoors or as a temporary building<br><i>We slept in a <b>tent</b>.</i> |
| 18. | <b>lake</b> | \ 'lāk \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  | noun<br>a considerable inland body of standing water<br><i>The <b>lake</b> was deep.</i>   |

19.    **boat**            \ 'bōt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
a small vessel for travel  
on water  
*She took a **boat** to the  
island.*
20.    **carry**            \ 'ker-ē, 'ka-rē\  
adjective  
to move while supporting  
*Mike managed to  
**carry** the suitcase by  
himself.*
21.    **yard**            \ 'yārd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
a small usually walled  
and often paved area  
open to the sky and  
adjacent to a building  
*The grass in the **yard**  
was tall.*
22.    **maze**            \ 'māz \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
a confusing intricate  
network of passages  
*The girl could not find  
her way out of the **maze**.*
23.    **game**            \ 'gām \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
a physical or mental  
competition conducted  
according to rules with  
the participants in direct  
opposition to each other  
*They had fun playing the  
**game**.*

24.	<b>sick</b>	\ 'sɪk \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective affected with disease or ill health <i>Mom was <b>sick</b> and we needed a doctor.</i>
25.	<b>mind</b>	\ 'mɪnd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the normal or healthy condition of the mental faculties <i>He was out of his <b>mind</b> with worry.</i>
26.	<b>trim</b>	\ 'trɪm \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to remove by or as if by cutting <i>The bushes needed a good <b>trim</b>.</i>
27.	<b>week</b>	\ 'wēk \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun any of a series of 7-day cycles used in various calendars <i>She had soccer practice this <b>week</b>.</i>
28.	<b>spin</b>	\ 'spɪn \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to form by spinning <i>Caterpillars <b>spin</b> cocoons with silk.</i>
29.	<b>safe</b>	\ 'sāf \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective free from harm or risk <i>Your secret's <b>safe</b> with me.</i>

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| 30. | <b>shy</b>   | \ 'shī \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]   | adjective<br>hesitant in committing oneself<br><i>He was <b>shy</b> around strangers.</i>  |
| 31. | <b>city</b>  | \ 'si-tē \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun<br>an inhabited place of greater size, population, or importance than a town or village<br><i>We spent the weekend in the <b>city</b>.</i>                                |
| 32. | <b>even</b>  | \ 'ē-vən \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adjective<br>level; flat; without surface irregularities; smooth<br><i>The road was <b>even</b>.</i>   |
| 33. | <b>lunch</b> | \ 'ləŋch \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun<br>a usually light meal<br><i>Beth went to <b>lunch</b> with her friends.</i>   |
| 34. | <b>face</b>  | \ 'fās \<br>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]   | noun<br>the front part of the head that in humans extends from the forehead to the chin and includes the mouth, nose, cheeks, and eyes<br><i>She had a pretty <b>face</b>.</i> |

35.    **mean**            \ 'mēn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      adjective  
lacking dignity or honor  
*He was **mean** to his classmates.*
36.    **hurry**            \ 'hər-ē, 'hə-rē\  
verb  
to carry or cause to go with haste  
*Stacy needed to **hurry** or she'd be late.*
37.    **dirt**              \ 'dərt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a filthy or soiling substance  
*You've got some **dirt** on your face.*
38.    **grade**            \ 'grād \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      adverb  
a mark indicating a degree of accomplishment in school  
*He got a good **grade** on the test.*
39.    **litter**              \ 'li-tər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
the offspring at one birth of a multiparous animal  
*Jenny's dog had a **litter** of puppies.*

40.    **wings**        \ 'wiŋs \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          one of the movable  
                          feathered or  
                          membranous paired  
                          appendages by means of  
                          which a bird, bat, or  
                          insect is able to fly  
                          *The bird had large*  
                          **wings**.
41.    **paper**        \ 'pā-pər \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          a felted sheet of usually  
                          vegetable fibers laid  
                          down on a fine screen  
                          from a water suspension  
                          *He looked at the **paper**.*
42.    **street**        \ 'strēt \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          a thoroughfare especially  
                          in a city, town, or village  
                          that is wider than an  
                          alley or lane and that  
                          usually includes  
                          sidewalks  
                          *Lacy crossed the **street**.*
43.    **next**        \ 'nekst \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        adjective  
                          immediately adjacent (as  
                          in place, rank, or time)  
                          *They were **next** in line.*
44.    **yummy**        \ 'yə-mē \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        adjective  
                          highly attractive or  
                          pleasing  
                          *The cake was **yummy**.*

45.    **crisp**            \ 'krɪsp \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      adjective  
desirably firm and  
crunchy  
*The lettuce is **crisp**.*
46.    **beets**            \ 'bēts \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a biennial garden plant  
(*Beta vulgaris*) of the  
goosefoot family that  
includes several cultivars  
(such as Swiss chard and  
sugar beet) and that has  
thick edible leaves with  
long petioles and often  
swollen purplish-red  
roots  
*I've planted carrots,  
parsnips, and **beets** in  
the garden.*
47.    **done**            \ 'dɒn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      verb  
arrived at or brought to  
an end  
*One more question and  
we're **done**.*
48.    **twig**            \ 'twɪɡ \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a small shoot or branch  
usually without its  
leaves  
*Tom heard a **twig** crack.*
49.    **after**            \ 'af-tər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      adverb  
following in time or place  
*We arrived shortly **after**  
everyone else.*

50. morning \ 'môr-nɪŋ \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the time from sunrise to noon  
*She liked to get things done early in the **morning**.*



## Words 51-100: Second Grade Spelling Bee Words

51.    **butter**        \ 'bə-tər \  
                         [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                         a solid emulsion of fat  
                         globules, air, and water  
                         made by churning milk or  
                         cream and used as food  
                         *She put **butter** on her  
                         bread.*
52.    **small**         \ 'smɒl \  
                         [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        adjective  
                         having comparatively  
                         little size or slight  
                         dimensions  
                         *His hat was too **small** for  
                         his head.*
53.    **nose**           \ 'nōz \  
                         [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                         the part of the face that  
                         bears the nostrils and  
                         covers the anterior part  
                         of the nasal cavity  
                         *The dog's **nose** was cold.*
54.    **tusk**            \ 'təsk \  
                         [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                         an elongated greatly  
                         enlarged tooth (as of an  
                         elephant or walrus) that  
                         projects when the mouth  
                         is closed and serves  
                         especially for digging food  
                         or as a weapon  
                         *The elephant **tusk** was  
                         on display.*

55.    **road**            \ 'rōd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
an open way for vehicles,  
persons, and animals  
*The **road** was empty.*
56.    **oven**            \ 'ə-vən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
a chamber used for  
baking, heating, or  
drying  
*Please take the pizza out  
of the **oven**.*
57.    **food**            \ 'fūd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
material consisting  
essentially of protein,  
carbohydrate, and fat  
used in the body of an  
organism to sustain  
growth, repair, and vital  
processes and to furnish  
energy  
*The **food** was warm.*
58.    **rules**            \ 'rŭls \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
a prescribed guide for  
conduct or action  
*You should always follow  
the **rules**.*
59.    **pages**            \ 'pājs \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
one of the leaves of a  
publication or manuscript  
*He carefully turned the  
**pages** of the book as he  
read.*

60.    **stuck**        \ 'stək \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        verb  
                          to become blocked or  
                          jammed  
                          *The door is **stuck**.*
61.    **bird**        \ 'bɜrd \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          any of a class (Aves) of  
                          warm-blooded  
                          vertebrates distinguished  
                          by having the body more  
                          or less completely covered  
                          with feathers and the  
                          forelimbs modified as  
                          wings  
                          *A **bird** was singing  
                          outside our window.*
62.    **snack**        \ 'snæk \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          food eaten between  
                          regular meals  
                          *They each ate a **snack**  
                          after school.*
63.    **lawn**        \ 'lɒn, 'læn\  
                          noun  
                          ground (as around a  
                          house or in a garden or  
                          park) that is covered with  
                          grass and is kept mowed  
                          *I mowed Tom's **lawn**.*

64.    **branch**    \ 'branch \  
    [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
    a secondary shoot or stem  
    (such as a bough) arising  
    from a main axis (as of a  
    tree)  
    *The monkey is swinging  
    from the tree **branch**.*
65.    **cage**    \ 'kāj \  
    [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
    a box or enclosure having  
    some openwork for  
    confining or carrying  
    animals (such as birds)  
    *The bird was in a **cage**.*
66.    **spider**    \ 'spī-dər \  
    [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
    any of an order (Araneae  
    synonym Araneida) of  
    arachnids having a short,  
    usually unsegmented  
    abdomen linked to  
    the cephalothorax by  
    the pedicel, chelicerae  
    modified into poison  
    fangs, and two or more  
    pairs of spinnerets at the  
    posterior end of the  
    abdomen for spinning  
    threads of silk for various  
    uses (as in making  
    cocoons for their eggs or  
    webs to catch prey)  
    *The **spider** was making a  
    web.*

67. **beehive** \ 'bē-, hīv \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
the usually aboveground nest of bees.  
*The office was a **beehive** of activity.*
68. **chance** \ 'chan(t)s \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
something that happens unpredictably without discernible human intention or observable cause  
*Which cards you are dealt is simply a matter of **chance**.*
69. **anyone** \ 'e-nē-(,)wən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] pronoun  
any person at all  
*If **anyone** calls, take a message.*
70. **news** \ 'nüz , 'nyüz \ plural noun  
a report of recent events  
*They gave her the good **news**.*
71. **belly** \ 'be-lē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
the stomach and its adjuncts  
*He got down on his **belly** to crawl.*
72. **both** \ 'bōth \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] plural pronoun  
the one as well as the other  
***Both** of the cars are blue.*

73.    **link**            \ 'liŋk \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a connecting structure  
*There is a **link** of chain connecting the ship to the dock.*
74.    **poor**            \ 'pʊr , 'pɔr \  
adjective  
lacking material possessions  
*The organization helps **poor** families.*
75.    **cowboy**        \ 'kau-,bɔi \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
one who tends cattle or horses  
*The movie was about **cowboys** in the old West.*
76.    **why**            \ 'hwī , 'wī\  
adverb  
for what cause, reason, or purpose  
***Why** did you do it?*
77.    **taco**            \ 'tä-(,)kō \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a usually fried tortilla that is folded or rolled and stuffed with a mixture (as of seasoned meat, cheese, and lettuce)  
*The **taco** was a little spicy.*

78.    **penny**        \ 'pe-nē \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          a monetary unit of the  
                          United Kingdom formerly  
                          equal to  $\frac{1}{240}$  pound but  
                          now equal to  $\frac{1}{100}$  pound  
                          *The **penny** shined in the  
                          sun.*
79.    **alarm**        \ ə-'lārm \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          a signal (such as a loud  
                          noise or flashing light)  
                          that warns or alerts  
                          *Set the **alarm** to wake me  
                          at seven.*
80.    **soggy**        \ 'sä-gē , 'sò-\  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        adjective  
                          saturated or heavy with  
                          water or moisture  
                          *The bread was **soggy**.*
81.    **popcorn**       \ 'päp-,kòrn \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          corn (*Zea mays*  
                          *everta* synonym *Z. mays*  
                          *praecox*) having kernels  
                          that upon exposure to  
                          heat burst open to form a  
                          white starchy mass  
                          *The **popcorn** smelled  
                          good.*
82.    **bacon**        \ 'bā-kən \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          a side of a pig cured and  
                          smoked  
                          *We ate **bacon** and eggs  
                          for breakfast.*

83.    **oak**                    \ 'ōk \  
                                  [no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
                                  any of a genus (*Quercus*)  
                                  of trees or shrubs of the  
                                  beech family that produce  
                                  acorns  
                                  *The table is solid **oak**.*
84.    **bedtime**                \ 'bed-,tīm \  
                                  [no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
                                  a time for going to bed  
                                  *It's way past*  
                                  *their **bedtime**.*
85.    **dislike**                 \ (,)dis-'līk , 'dis-,līk\  
                                  noun  
                                  a feeling of aversion or  
                                  disapproval  
                                  *They greatly **dislike***  
                                  *olives.*
86.    **ladder**                    \ 'la-dər \  
                                  [no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
                                  structure for climbing up  
                                  or down that consists  
                                  essentially of two long  
                                  sidepieces joined at  
                                  intervals by crosspieces  
                                  on which one may step  
                                  *He climbed up the*  
                                  ***ladder**.*
87.    **shout**                    \ 'shaut \  
                                  [no alternate pronunciation(s)]      verb  
                                  to utter a sudden loud cry  
                                  *There's no need to **shout**.*



88.    **doctor**    \ 'däk-tər \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
                          a person who has earned  
                          one of the highest  
                          academic degrees (such  
                          as a PhD) conferred by a  
                          university  
                          *She was sick, so she went  
                          to see a **doctor**.*
89.    **shadow**    \ 'sha-(,)dō \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    noun  
                          partial darkness or  
                          obscurity within a part of  
                          space from which rays  
                          from a source of light are  
                          cut off by an interposed  
                          opaque body  
                          *The tree cast a long  
                          **shadow** across the lawn.*
90.    **drink**    \ 'drɪŋk \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    verb  
                          to take in or suck up  
                          *He went to **drink** some  
                          water.*
91.    **broken**    \ 'brō-kən \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    adjective  
                          violently separated into  
                          parts  
                          *The windows were  
                          **broken**.*
92.    **yellow**    \ 'ye-(,)lō \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]    adjective  
                          of the color yellow  
                          *The ball is **yellow**.*

93.    **globe**        \ 'glōb \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          something spherical or  
                          rounded  
                          *She has a **globe** in her  
                          office.*
94.    **maple**        \ 'mā-pəl \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          any of a genus (*Acer* of  
                          the family Aceraceae, the  
                          maple family) of chiefly  
                          deciduous trees or shrubs  
                          with opposite leaves and  
                          a fruit of two united  
                          samaras  
                          *The **maple** leaf is an  
                          emblem of Canada.*
95.    **family**        \ 'fam-lē , 'fa-mə-\  
                          noun  
                          the basic unit in society  
                          traditionally consisting of  
                          two parents rearing their  
                          children  
                          *I want to spend more time  
                          with my **family**.*
96.    **backdrop**    \ 'bak-,dräp \  
                          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]        noun  
                          a painted cloth hung  
                          across the rear of a stage  
                          *The **backdrop** depicted a  
                          city skyline.*

97. **pizza** \ 'pēt-sə \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a dish made typically of flattened bread dough spread with a savory mixture usually including tomatoes and cheese and often other toppings and baked  
*We ordered a **pizza** for supper.*
98. **sandbox** \ 'san(d)-,bäks \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a box or receptacle containing loose sand  
*The children played in the **sandbox**.*
99. **mercy** \ 'mər-sē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power  
*He is a vicious criminal who deserves no **mercy**.*
100. **before** \ bi-'fôr , bē-\  
adverb or adjective  
in advance  
*Call me **before** you leave.*

## Words 101-150: Third Grade Spelling Bee Words

101. **house** \ 'haus \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a building that serves as living quarters for one or a few families  
*They live in a two-story **house**.*
102. **temper** \ 'tem-pər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
heat of mind or emotion  
*She has a real **temper**.*
103. **porch** \ 'pɔrch \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a covered area adjoining an entrance to a building and usually having a separate roof  
*The house has a large front **porch**.*
104. **untidy** \ ,ən-'tī-dē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
not neat  
*Kevin has an **untidy** kitchen.*
105. **curved** \ 'kərvd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
bent or formed into a curve  
*The road suddenly **curved**.*

106. **chatter** \ 'cha-tər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to utter rapid short  
sounds suggestive of  
language but inarticulate  
and indistinct  
*The squirrels **chatter**  
with each other.*
107. **latch** \ 'lach \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a fastener (as for a door)  
consisting essentially of a  
pivoted bar that falls into  
a notch  
*I heard her key turn in  
the **latch**.*
108. **feast** \ 'fēst \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an elaborate and usually  
abundant meal often  
accompanied by a  
ceremony or  
entertainment  
*They had their annual  
Thanksgiving **feast**.*
109. **might** \ 'mīt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] auxiliary verb  
used to say that  
something is possible  
*We **might** get there  
before it rains.*
110. **dishes** \ 'dish \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a more or less concave  
vessel from which food is  
served  
*The **dishes** were piled in  
the sink.*

111. **strange** \ 'strānj \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
adjective  
different from what is usual, ordinary, or expected  
*The car made a **strange** sound.*
112. **puzzles** \ 'pə-zəls \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a question, problem, or contrivance designed for testing ingenuity  
*Karen likes to solve **puzzles**.*
113. **sign** \ 'sīn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a motion or gesture by which a thought is expressed or a command or wish made known  
*They bowed before the king as a **sign** of respect.*
114. **pebbles** \ 'pe-bəls \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a small usually rounded stone especially when worn by the action of water  
*Brian likes to skip **pebbles**.*
115. **married** \ 'mer-ēd , 'ma-rēd\  
adjective  
being in the state of matrimony  
*They are happily **married**.*

116. **flicker** \ 'fli-kər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to move irregularly or unsteadily  
*Shadows **flicker** on the wall.*
117. **mayor** \ 'mā-ər , 'mer \ noun  
an official elected or appointed to act as chief executive or nominal head of a city, town, or borough  
*She is the **mayor** of the city.*
118. **young** \ 'yən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
being in the first or an early stage of life, growth, or development  
*A very nice **young** man greeted us at the door.*
119. **orbit** \ 'òr-bət \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a circular path  
*The satellites **orbit** at different heights.*
120. **poem** \ 'pō-əm , -im, 'pōm  
'pò(-)im, 'pō-, em \ noun  
a composition in verse  
*He wrote a **poem** about his parents.*

121. **lotion** \ 'lō-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a liquid preparation for cosmetic or external medicinal use  
*The **lotion** smells like flowers.*
122. **solid** \ 'sä-ləd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
being without an internal cavity  
*The rubber ball is **solid**.*
123. **paint** \ 'pānt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to apply color, pigment, or paint to  
*Carrie needs new **paint** for her walls.*
124. **burst** \ 'bərst \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to break open, apart, or into pieces usually from impact or from pressure from within  
*The pipes **burst** open.*
125. **hungry** \ 'həŋ-grē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
feeling an uneasy or painful sensation from lack of food  
*That girl is always **hungry**.*



126. **riddle** \ 'ri-dl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a mystifying, misleading, or puzzling question posed as a problem to be solved or guessed  
*David has a **riddle** to solve.*
127. **silver** \ 'sil-vər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a very malleable metallic chemical element with atomic number 47 that is capable of a high degree of polish, has the highest thermal and electric conductivity of any substance, and that is used especially in jewelry and tableware, in electronics, and as an antimicrobial  
*She wore a bracelet made of **silver**.*
128. **whenever** \ hwe-'ne-vər, we-, (h)wə-\  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] conjunction  
at any or every time that  
*You may leave **whenever** you wish.*
129. **forward** \ 'fôr-wərd, 'fō- or 'fò- \ adjective  
near, being at, or belonging to the forepart  
*Baggage is carried in the **forward** cars of the train.*

130. **rather** \ 'ra-thər, 'ră-, 'rə-, 're-;  
                   'ra-'thər, 'ră-, 'rə- \                   adverb  
   with better reason or  
   more propriety : more  
   properly  
   *We should be friends*  
   ***rather*** *than enemies.*
131. **onion** \ 'ən-yən \                                   noun  
   [no alternate pronunciation(s)]                   a widely cultivated Asian  
   herb (*Allium cepa*) of the  
   lily family with pungent  
   edible bulbs  
   *The recipe calls for a*  
   *chopped **onion**.*
132. **supplies** \ sə-'plīs \                           plural noun  
   [no alternate pronunciation(s)]                   the quantity or amount  
   (as of a commodity)  
   needed or available  
   *The campers ran out of*  
   ***supplies*.**
133. **pottery** \ 'pă-tə-rē \                           noun  
   [no alternate pronunciation(s)]                   a place where clayware is  
   made and fired  
   *He has collected **pottery***  
   *for years.*
134. **square** \ 'skwer \                               noun  
   [no alternate pronunciation(s)]                   an instrument having at  
   least one right angle and  
   two straight edges used  
   especially to lay out or  
   test right angles  
   *The cake was shaped like*  
   *a **square**.*

135. **gather** \ 'ga-thər, 'ge- \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to bring together  
*She went to **gather** wood for the fire.*
136. **power** \ 'pau(-ə)r \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
possession of control, authority, or influence over others  
*She is from a family with a lot of social **power**.*
137. **circle** \ 'sər-kəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a closed plane curve every point of which is equidistant from a fixed point within the curve  
*She drew a **circle** around the correct answer.*
138. **talent** \ 'ta-lənt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a special often athletic, creative, or artistic aptitude  
*He has a lot of artistic **talent**.*
139. **seaweed** \ 'sē-,wēd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a plant growing in the sea  
*Alex's foot got tangled in the **seaweed**.*

140. **force** \ 'fɔrs \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
strength or energy  
exerted or brought to  
bear : cause of motion or  
change : active power  
*It will take a lot of **force**  
to move that boulder.*
141. **timber** \ 'tim-bər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
wood suitable for  
building or for carpentry  
*They needed a new load  
of **timber** to finish  
building the house.*
142. **banana** \ bə-'na-nə, -'nä-\  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an elongated usually  
tapering tropical fruit  
with soft pulpy flesh  
enclosed in a soft usually  
yellow rind  
*The cartoon man slipped  
on a **banana** peel.*
143. **prevented** \ pri-'vent \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to keep from happening  
or existing  
*Sickness can often be  
**prevented** with a  
vaccine.*

144. **invent** \ in-'vent \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to produce (something, such as a useful device or process) for the first time through the use of the imagination or of ingenious thinking and experiment  
*Thomas Edison went on to **invent** great things.*
145. **unicorn** \ 'yü-nə-,körn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a mythical, usually white animal generally depicted with the body and head of a horse with long flowing mane and tail and a single often spiraled horn in the middle of the forehead  
*Rachel wants to be a **unicorn** for Halloween.*
146. **raisin** \ 'rā-zən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a grape of any of several varieties that has been dried in the sun or by artificial heat  
*He gave his pet parrot a **raisin**.*
147. **bakery** \ 'bā-k(ə-)rē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a place for baking or selling baked goods  
*The cookies smell delicious at the **bakery**.*

148. **vacation** \ vā-'kā-shən, və-\  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a period spent away from  
home or business in  
travel or recreation  
*They had a restful  
vacation at the beach.*
149. **radar** \ 'rā-där \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a device or system  
consisting usually of a  
synchronized radio  
transmitter and receiver  
that emits radio  
and processes their  
reflections for display and  
is used especially for  
detecting and locating  
objects (such as aircraft)  
or surface features (as of  
a planet)  
*The approaching planes  
were detected by radar.*
150. **disco** \ 'di-(,)skō \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a nightclub for dancing to  
live and recorded music  
*Wendy went to a disco  
last night.*

## Words 151-200: Fourth Grade Spelling Bee Words

151. **marsh** \ 'märsh \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a tract of soft wet land  
usually characterized by  
monocotyledons (such as  
grasses or cattails)  
*The **marsh** along the  
coast supports a  
remarkable profusion of  
plants and animals.*
152. **waddle** \ 'wä-dəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
verb  
to walk with short steps  
swinging the forepart of  
the body from side to side  
*The fat goose set off at  
swift **waddle**.*
153. **speak** \ 'spēk \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
verb  
to utter words or  
articulate sounds with  
the ordinary voice  
*He has a sore throat and  
can't **speak**.*
154. **minnow** \ 'mi-(,)nō \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a small cyprinid, killifish,  
or topminnow  
*He caught a **minnow**  
while fishing.*

155. **twine** \ 'twīn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a strong string of two or more strands twisted together  
*The package was wrapped in brown paper and tied with **twine**.*
156. **lantern** \ 'lan-tərn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a usually portable protective case for a light with transparent openings  
*She used a **lantern** to light her way.*
157. **contract** \ 'kän-,trakt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a binding agreement between two or more persons or parties  
*Have you signed the **contract** yet?*
158. **coach** \ 'kōch \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a large usually closed four-wheeled horse-drawn carriage having doors in the sides and an elevated seat in front for the driver  
*On special occasions the queen rides in a gold **coach**.*



159. **deadline** \ 'ded-,līn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a date or time before  
which something must be  
done  
*We had to hurry to meet  
the **deadline**.*
160. **insect** \ 'in-,sekt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
any of a class (Insecta) of  
arthropods (such as bugs  
or bees) with well-defined  
head, thorax, and  
abdomen, only three  
pairs of legs, and  
typically one or two pairs  
of wings  
*The **insect** had large  
wings.*
161. **promote** \ prə-'mōt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
verb  
to advance in station,  
rank, or honor  
*The CEO was planning to  
**promote** one of his  
workers.*
162. **trance** \ 'tran(t)s \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a sleeplike state (as of  
deep hypnosis) usually  
characterized by partly  
suspended animation  
with diminished or  
absent sensory and motor  
activity  
*He was staring out the  
window in a **trance**.*

163. **pounce** \ 'paʊn(t)s \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to make a sudden assault  
or approach  
*The cat waited  
to **pounce**.*
164. **chamber** \ 'chām-bər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a natural or artificial  
enclosed space or cavity  
*The **chamber** is damp  
and dark.*
165. **arcade** \ är-'kād \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an amusement center  
having coin-operated  
games  
*Linda and Brody went to  
the **arcade**.*
166. **farewell** \ fer-'wel \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a wish of well-being at  
parting  
*They said **farewell** and  
headed home.*
167. **subject** \ 'səb-jikt, -(,)jekt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an individual whose  
reactions or responses  
are studied  
*The new museum is  
the **subject** of an article  
in today's paper.*
168. **country** \ 'kən-trē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an indefinite usually  
extended expanse of land  
*They drove through miles  
of open **country**.*

169. **wonderful** \ 'wən-dər-fəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
unusually good  
*The whole class did  
**wonderful** on the test.*
170. **hayloft** \ 'hā-,lɒft \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a loft especially for  
storing hay  
*Steven hid inside of the  
**hayloft**.*
171. **clipper** \ 'kli-pər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
one that clips something  
*He pulled out a  
fingernail **clipper** and  
began clipping his nails.*
172. **breeze** \ 'brēz \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a light gentle wind  
*The wind chime jingled  
in the **breeze**.*
173. **salsa** \ 'sɒl-sə , 'säl-\  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a usually spicy sauce of  
chopped tomatoes,  
onions, and peppers that  
is commonly served with  
Mexican food  
*Mary loves to eat chips  
and **salsa**.*
174. **goblet** \ 'gä-blət \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a drinking vessel (as of  
glass) with a foot and  
stem  
*The king drank from a  
golden **goblet**.*

175. **bronze** \ 'bränz \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an alloy of copper and tin  
and sometimes other  
elements  
*The statue was cast  
in **bronze**.*
176. **knitting** \ 'ni-tiŋ \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
work done or being done  
by one that knits  
*She keeps her **knitting** in  
the closet.*
177. **village** \ 'vi-lij \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a settlement usually  
larger than a hamlet and  
smaller than a town  
*We stayed in a charming  
bed-and-breakfast in a  
lakeside **village**.*
178. **estate** \ i-'stāt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a person's property in  
land and tenements  
*His **estate** is worth  
millions of dollars.*
179. **belief** \ bə-'lēf \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a state or habit of mind  
in which trust or  
confidence is placed in  
some person or thing  
*I bought the table in  
the **belief** that it was an  
antique.*

180. **teaspoon** \ 'tē-,spün, -'spün\  
 noun  
 a small spoon that is  
 used especially for eating  
 soft foods and stirring  
 beverages and that holds  
 about one third of a  
 tablespoon  
*She stirred her coffee  
 with a **teaspoon**.*
181. **studio** \ 'stü-dē-(,)ō, 'styü-\  
 noun  
 the working place of a  
 painter, sculptor, or  
 photographer  
*David did most of his  
 work in his **studio**.*
182. **elderly** \ 'el-dər-lē \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 adjective  
 rather old  
*The program is intended  
 to provide medical care  
 for **elderly** people.*
183. **siren** \ 'sī-rən, sī-'rēn\  
 noun  
 a device often electrically  
 operated for producing a  
 penetrating warning  
 sound  
*She could hear the  
 ambulance's loud **siren**  
 from two streets away.*

184. **prayer** \ 'prer \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought  
*Darcy's mother said a **prayer** for the success of the voyage.*
185. **factory** \ 'fak-t(ə-)rē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a building or set of buildings with facilities for manufacturing  
*Devon works at the **factory** down the road.*
186. **poodles** \ 'pü-dʰls \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
any of a breed of intelligent dogs that have a curly dense solid-colored coat and that are grouped into standard, miniature, and toy sizes which are often considered separate breeds  
*Ron has three pet **poodles**.*
187. **sneakers** \ 'snē-kər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a sports shoe with a pliable rubber sole  
*He was dressed in a spotless white pocket T-shirt and white **sneakers**.*

188. **custard** \ 'kə-stərd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a pudding-like usually  
sweetened mixture made  
with eggs and milk  
*She made **custard** for  
Thanksgiving dinner.*
189. **squeeze** \ 'skwēz \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
verb  
to exert pressure  
especially on opposite  
sides of  
*Gently **squeeze** the fruit  
to see if it's ripe.*
190. **clumsy** \ 'kləm-zē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
adjective  
lacking dexterity,  
nimbleness, or grace  
*Alice has been **clumsy**  
since she was a child.*
191. **cardboard** \ 'kärd-,bōrd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a material made from  
cellulose fiber (such as  
wood pulp) like paper but  
usually thicker  
*The children made a fort  
out of **cardboard**.*
192. **lunar** \ 'lü-nər, -när \  
adjective  
of, relating to, or  
resembling the moon  
*Clouds drifted away from  
a full moon, drenching  
the patio with soft **lunar**  
light.*

193. **flexible** \ 'flek-sə-bəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
capable of being flexed  
*The tree had **flexible** branches that swayed in the breeze.*
194. **surplus** \ 'sər-(,)pləs \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
the amount that remains when use or need is satisfied  
*If there is any **surplus**, it will be divided equally.*
195. **portable** \ 'pör-tə-bəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
capable of being carried or moved about  
***Portable** devices are very popular these days.*
196. **watermelon** \ 'wò-tər-,me-lən, 'wä-\ noun  
a large oblong or roundish fruit with a hard green or white rind often striped or variegated, a sweet watery pink, yellowish, or red pulp, and usually many seeds  
*Crystal loves to eat **watermelon** during hot summer days.*
197. **guess** \ 'ges \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to form an opinion of from little or no evidence  
*She could only **guess** what he meant.*



198. **umbrella** \ ,ə-m-'bre-lə, 'ə-m-,bre-\ noun  
 a collapsible shade for protection against weather consisting of fabric stretched over hinged ribs radiating from a central pole  
*Lisa borrowed an **umbrella** from Olivia.*
199. **mission** \ 'mi-shən \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a specific task with which a person or a group is charged  
*Our **mission** was to recover the stolen plans.*
200. **enormous** \ i-'nɔr-məs , ē-\ adjective  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] marked by extraordinarily great size, number, or degree  
*We chose not to undertake the project because of the **enormous** costs involved.*

## Words 201-250: Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Words

201. **griddle** \ 'gri-dl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
a flat stone or metal surface on which food is baked or fried  
*Heat a **griddle** over medium-high heat for 5 minutes.*
202. **mulch** \ 'mɒlch, 'mɒlsh \      noun  
a protective covering (as of sawdust, compost, or paper) spread or left on the ground to reduce evaporation, maintain even soil temperature, prevent erosion, control weeds, enrich the soil, or keep fruit (such as strawberries) clean  
*She spread some **mulch** around the plants.*
203. **youthful** \ 'yüth-fəl \      adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      of, relating to, or characteristic of youth  
*Marley has a very **youthful** face.*
204. **advanced** \ əd-'vʌn(t)st \      adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      far on in time or course  
*The book explains both basic and **advanced** techniques.*

205. **mountain** \ 'maun-tʰn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a landmass that projects  
conspicuously above its  
surroundings and is  
higher than a hill  
*The sun set behind  
the **mountain**.*
206. **mansion** \ 'man(t)-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a large imposing  
residence  
*Kevin's grandparents live  
in a **mansion**.*
207. **laundry** \ 'lɒn-drē, 'län-\  
noun  
clothes or linens that  
have been or are to  
be laundered  
*There's a pile of  
dirty **laundry** in the  
basket.*
208. **radish** \ 'ra-dish, 're- \  
noun  
the pungent usually crisp  
root of a widely cultivated  
Eurasian plant  
(*Raphanus sativus*) of the  
mustard family usually  
eaten raw  
*In the spring, the **radish**  
tastes very juicy and  
sweet.*

209. **thirst** \ 'thərst \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to crave vehemently and urgently  
*His **thirst** for knowledge is evident in his book-filled house.*
210. **coffee** \ 'kò-fē , 'kă-\  
noun  
a beverage made by percolation, infusion, or decoction from the roasted and ground seeds of a coffee plant  
*Liz bought a cup of **coffee** from the local café.*
211. **tightrope** \ 'tīt-,rōp \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a rope or wire stretched taut for acrobats to perform on  
*She dared to walk the **tightrope** without a net.*
212. **champion** \ 'cham-pē-ən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a winner of first prize or first place in competition  
*Our team will play the defending **champion** team next.*
213. **delicate** \ 'de-li-kət \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
marked by daintiness or charm of color, lines, or proportions  
*The fabric has a **delicate** floral print.*

214. **mirror** \ 'mir-ər, 'mi-rər\  
noun  
a polished or smooth  
surface (as of glass) that  
forms images by  
reflection  
*She looked at herself in  
the **mirror**.*
215. **knelt** \ 'nelt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to position the body so  
that one or both knees  
rest of the floor  
*He **knelt** on the floor to  
scrub a tough stain.*
216. **universe** \ 'yü-nə-,vərs \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
the whole body of things  
and phenomena observed  
or postulated  
*It means more to me than  
anything else in the  
entire **universe**.*
217. **distorted** \ di-'stör-təd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
altered from a true,  
natural, or normal state,  
shape, or condition  
*The funhouse mirror  
shows a **distorted**  
version of the person  
standing in front of it.*

218. **guilty** \ 'gil-tē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
adjective  
justly chargeable with or responsible for a usually grave breach of conduct or a crime  
*The children exchanged **guilty** looks.*
219. **tropical** \ 'trä-pi-kəl, 'trō-, 'trä- \  
adjective  
of, relating to, occurring in, or suitable for use in the tropics  
*Tom keeps **tropical** fish.*
220. **classical** \ 'kla-si-kəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
adjective  
of or relating to the ancient Greek and Roman world and especially to its literature, art, architecture, or ideals  
*Rachel enjoys listening to **classical** music.*
221. **failure** \ 'fāl-yər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a state of inability to perform a normal function  
*He was often crippled by his fear of **failure**.*

222. **bargain** \ 'bär-gən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
an agreement between parties settling what each gives or receives in a transaction between them or what course of action or policy each pursues in respect to the other  
*They struck a **bargain** to sell only to each other.*
223. **voyage** \ 'vòi-ij , 'vò(-)ij\ noun  
an act or instance of traveling  
*The Titanic sank on her maiden **voyage**.*
224. **salesclerk** \ 'sälz-,klərək \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a salesperson in a store  
*The **salesclerk** told us where to find the jewelry department.*
225. **dwelling** \ 'dwe-liŋ \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a shelter (such as a house) in which people live  
*The knights guarding the **dwelling** eyed her wearily.*
226. **fortune** \ 'för-chən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a very large sum of money  
*They spent a **fortune** on redecorating.*

227. **warped** \ 'wɔrpt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
twisted out of a natural  
or normal shape  
*His critical sense was,  
perhaps, somewhat  
**warped**; but his  
researches are of great  
value to students.*
228. **creation** \ krē-'ā-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
the act of making,  
inventing, or producing  
*The play continues to  
entertain audiences 25  
years after its **creation**.*
229. **passage** \ 'pa-sij \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a way of exit or  
entrance : a road, path,  
channel, or course by  
which something passes  
*We squeezed through a  
narrow **passage** between  
the rocks.*
230. **indicate** \ 'in-də-'kāt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to point out or point to  
*Our records **indicate** a  
depth of 3,000 feet here.*
231. **vocabulary** \ vō-'ka-byə-'ler-ē, və-\ noun  
a list or collection of  
words or of words and  
phrases usually  
alphabetically arranged  
and explained or defined  
*She has an extensive  
**vocabulary**.*



232. **annual** \ 'an-yə(-wə)l, -yü-əl \ adjective  
covering the period of a year  
*The **annual** meeting is in July.*
233. **invisible** \ (,)in-'vi-zə-bəl \ adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] incapable by nature of being seen : not perceptible by vision  
*The movie was about an **invisible** man.*
234. **contestants** \kən-'te-stənts, 'kän-,te-\ noun  
one that participates in a contest  
*The winning **contestants** will receive a cash prize.*
235. **citizen** \ 'si-tə-zən, -sən \ noun  
an inhabitant of a city or town  
*She was a United States **citizen** but lived most of her life abroad.*
236. **performance** \ pər-'fɔr-mən(t)s, pə- \ noun  
the execution of an action  
*This evening's **performance** will start at 8 o'clock.*
237. **unbearable** \ ,ən-'ber-ə-bəl \ adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] not bearable  
*We were in an almost **unbearable** state of excitement.*

238. **whiff** \ 'hwif, 'wif \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a quick puff or slight gust especially of air, odor, gas, smoke, or spray  
*I got a **whiff** of new paint when I entered the room.*
239. **curfew** \ 'kər-(,)fyü \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a regulation enjoining the withdrawal of usually specified persons (such as juveniles or military personnel) from the streets or the closing of business establishments or places of assembly at a stated hour  
*The teens were stopped by police for violating the **curfew**.*
240. **swollen** \ 'swō-lən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb  
to become distended or puffed up  
*Her ankle is badly **swollen**.*
241. **vertical** \ 'vər-ti-kəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis  
*His shirt has **vertical** stripes.*

242. **biology** \ bī-'ä-lə-jē \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a branch of knowledge that deals with living organisms and vital processes  
*Karen is majoring in **biology** in college.*
243. **discomfort** \ dis-'kəm(p)-fərt \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] mental or physical uneasiness  
*The patient is still experiencing some **discomfort**.*
244. **construction** \ kən-'strək-shən \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the process, art, or manner of constructing something.  
***Construction** of the new bridge will begin in the spring.*
245. **spectators** \ 'spek-,tā-tərs, spek-'tā- \ noun  
 one who looks on or watches  
*The **spectators** lining the road cheered the racers on.*
246. **caterpillar** \ 'ka-tər-,pi-lər , -tə- \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the elongated wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth  
*A butterfly is a mature **caterpillar**.*

247. **available** \ ə-ˈvā-lə-bəl \      adjective  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] present or ready for immediate use  
*The dress is also **available** in larger sizes.*
248. **cyberspace** \ ˈsī-bər-,spās \      noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the online world of computer networks and especially the Internet  
*We send e-mails through **cyberspace**.*
249. **evaporation** \ i-,va-pə-ˈrā-shən \      noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act or process of evaporating  
*An economical method of **evaporation** must be found.*
250. **gymnastics** \ ʒim-ˈna-stiks \      **noun**  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] physical exercises designed to develop strength and coordination  
*Darcy has been training in **gymnastics** for ten years.*

## Words 251-300: Sixth Grade Spelling Bee Words

251. **moisture** \ 'mòis-chər, 'mòish- \      noun  
liquid diffused or  
condensed in relatively  
small quantity  
*These flowers grow best  
with **moisture** and  
shade.*
252. **terrier** \ 'ter-ē-ər, 'te-rē- \      noun  
any of various usually  
small energetic dogs  
originally used by  
hunters to dig for small  
game and engage the  
quarry underground or  
drive it out  
*Beth was given a **terrier**  
for Christmas.*
253. **relative** \ 're-lə-tiv \      noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
a person connected with  
another by blood or  
affinity  
*He inherited a small  
piece of land from a  
distant **relative**.*
254. **auction** \ 'òk-shən \      noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
a sale of property to the  
highest bidder  
*She bought the desk at  
an **auction**.*

255. **sediment** \ 'se-də-mənt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
the matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid  
*There was a layer of **sediment** in the bottom of the tank.*
256. **rotating** \ 'rō-,tātiŋ \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      adjective  
revolving around a central axis, line, or point  
***Rotating** your tires every few months helps them last longer.*
257. **linen** \ 'li-nən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
cloth made of flax and noted for its strength, coolness, and luster  
*She washes the **linen** every week.*
258. **botany** \ 'bä-tə-nē, 'bät-nē \  
noun  
a branch of biology dealing with plant life  
*A **botany** course in college opened my eyes to the endless amounts of uses for plants.*
259. **perimeter** \ pə-'ri-mə-tər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
outer limits  
*Soldiers guarded the **perimeter** of the camp.*

260. **bushel** \ 'bu-shəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
any of various units of  
dry capacity  
*The farmer harvested  
one last **bushel** of wheat.*
261. **mildew** \ 'mil-,dü, -,dyü\ noun  
a superficial usually  
whitish growth produced  
especially on organic  
matter or living plants by  
fungi  
*The basement's damp  
walls were covered  
with **mildew**.*
262. **dismissal** \ dis-'mi-səl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
the act of dismissing  
*Terry was given a  
**dismissal** from the  
company during the  
economic slump.*
263. **penalty** \ 'pe-nəl-tē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
disadvantage, loss, or  
hardship due to some  
action  
*The team was given  
a **penalty** for the foul.*

264. **immune** \ i-'myün \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
not susceptible or responsive  
*Some animals are naturally **immune** to venom.*
265. **refined** \ ri-'fīnd \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
free from impurities  
*Stacy has become more **refined** in her painting technique.*
266. **thicket** \ 'thi-kət \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a dense growth of shrubbery or small trees  
*The bird took shelter in a dense **thicket** of rosebushes.*
267. **superb** \ su-'pərb \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
marked to the highest degree by grandeur, excellence, brilliance, or competence  
*Kyle's job performance was absolutely **superb**.*
268. **cathedral** \ kə-'thē-drəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a church that is the official seat of a diocesan bishop  
*The Gothic **cathedral** dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century.*



269. **narration** \ na-'rā-shən, nə-\

noun

the act or process or an instance of narrating

*They got a famous actor to do the **narration** for the documentary.*

270. **sensible** \ 'sen(t)-sə-bəl \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

adjective

having, containing, or indicative of good sense or reason

*My teacher gave me some **sensible** advice.*

271. **orchestra** \ 'ör-kə-strə , - , ke- \

noun

a group of musicians including especially string players organized to perform ensemble music

*Carolyn plays the violin in the school **orchestra**.*

272. **partridge** \ 'pär-trij, 'pa-trij \

noun

any of various typically medium-sized stout-bodied Old World gallinaceous birds (Perdix, Alectoris, and related genera) with variegated plumage that are often hunted as game

*The **partridge** is a common game bird.*

273. **vinegar** \ 'vi-ni-gər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a sour liquid obtained by fermentation of dilute alcoholic liquids and used as a condiment or preservative  
*A little balsamic **vinegar** can be added to the recipe for some extra sweetness.*
274. **digestive** \ dī-'je-stiv, də-\  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
relating to or functioning in digestion  
*The **digestive** system needs some space to operate in, eating too much food will actually inhibit digestion.*
275. **diligent** \ 'di-lə-jənt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort  
*He is a very **diligent** worker.*
276. **anthem** \ 'an(t)-thəm \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a song or hymn of praise or gladness  
*John wrote a new **anthem** for the opening ceremony.*
277. **nursery** \ 'nərs-rē, 'nər-sə- \ noun  
a child's bedroom  
*The **nursery** was painted a cheerful yellow.*

278. **appointed** \ ə-'pɔɪn-təd \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 adjective  
 chosen for a particular job  
*The new assistant was **appointed** by the CEO.*
279. **unison** \ 'yü-nə-sən, -nə-zən \  
 noun  
 a harmonious agreement or union  
*The dancers performed in **unison**.*
280. **precise** \ pri-'sīs \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 adjective  
 exactly or sharply defined or stated  
*Be sure to take **precise** measurements before you cut the cloth.*
281. **expensive** \ ik-'spen(t)-siv \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 adjective  
 involving high cost or sacrifice  
*The lights were **expensive** to install.*
282. **pennant** \ 'pe-nənt \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 noun  
 a flag emblematic of championship  
*The Red Sox won the American League **pennant** in 2004.*

283. **alabaster** \ 'a-lə-**ba**-stər \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] **noun**  
 a compact fine-textured  
 usually white and  
 translucent gypsum often  
 carved into vases and  
 ornaments  
***Alabaster** pendants  
 hung from the second  
 floor ceiling.*
284. **scrimmage** \ 'skri-mij \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] **noun**  
 practice play  
*The first play during the  
**scrimmage** netted them  
 a touchdown.*
285. **unappealing** \ ,ən-ə-'pē-liŋ \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] **adjective**  
 not appealing  
*There was an  
**unappealing** mess of  
 dirt and trash in the  
 corner of the room.*
286. **tuition** \ tə-'wi-shən, tyu-\ **noun**  
 the price of or payment  
 for instruction  
*Her uncle agreed to pay  
 part of her **tuition**.*

287. **microscope** \ 'mī-krə-,skōp \      noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an optical instrument  
consisting of a lens or  
combination of lenses for  
making enlarged images  
of minute objects  
*Students viewed the  
crystals through a  
**microscope**.*
288. **bulletin** \ 'bu-lə-tʰn, 'bə- \      noun  
a brief public notice  
issuing usually from an  
authoritative source  
*The television program  
was interrupted for a  
news **bulletin**.*
289. **composure** \ kəm-'pō-zhər \      noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a calmness or repose  
especially of mind,  
bearing, or appearance  
*The witness started to  
break down, then paused  
and regained her  
**composure**.*

290. **armadillo** \ ˈär-mə-ˈdi-( )lō \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      **noun**  
any of a family (Dasypodidae) of burrowing edentate mammals found from the southern U.S. to Argentina and having the body and head encased in an armor of small bony plates  
*The joggers saw an **armadillo** cross the road in front of them.*
291. **salvation** \ sal-ˈvā-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      **noun**  
preservation from destruction or failure  
*Tourism has been the **salvation** of the island.*
292. **accompany** \ ə-ˈkəmp-nē, -ˈkämp-,  
-ˈkəm-pə-, -ˈkäm- \      **verb**  
to go with as an associate or companion  
*She will **accompany** me to the store.*
293. **percussion** \ pər-ˈkə-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      **noun**  
percussion instruments that form a section of a band or orchestra  
*He plays **percussion** for the band.*

294. **simulate** \ 'sim-yə-,lāt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
verb  
to give or assume the appearance or effect of often with the intent to deceive  
*The model will be used to **simulate** the effects of an earthquake.*
295. **fugitive** \ 'fyü-jə-tiv \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a person who flees or tries to escape  
*They discovered that the hitch-hiker was a **fugitive**.*
296. **miniature** \ 'mi-nē-ə-,chür,  
'mi-ni-,chür, '  
min-yə-, -chər,  
-,tyür, -,tür\  
noun  
something small of its kind  
*Linda has started collecting **miniature** horse figurines.*
297. **energetic** \ ,e-nər-'je-tik \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
adjective  
operating with or marked by vigor or effect  
*The children are **energetic** workers.*

298. **algae** \ 'al-(,)jē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a plant or plantlike organism of any of several phyla, divisions, or classes of chiefly aquatic usually chlorophyll-containing nonvascular organisms of polyphyletic origin that usually include the green, yellow-green, brown, and red algae in the eukaryotes and especially formerly the cyanobacteria in the prokaryotes  
*Algae has clogged the intake to the water turbine.*
299. **precursor** \ pri-'kər-sər, 'prē-,kər- \ noun  
one that precedes and indicates the approach of another  
*Biological research has often been a **precursor** to medical breakthroughs which benefit patient*



300. **mosquito** \ mə-'skē-(,)tō \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of a family (Culicidae) of dipteran flies with females that have a set of slender organs in the proboscis adapted to puncture the skin of animals and to suck their blood and that are in some cases vectors of serious diseases  
*I was bitten by a **mosquito** as soon as I stepped outside of the house.*

## Words 301-350: Seventh Grade Spelling Bee Words

301. **calculus** \ 'kal-kyə-ləs \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
the mathematical  
methods comprising  
differential and integral  
calculus  
*Martha tutors Erica in  
**calculus** every Tuesday.*
302. **oracle** \ 'ör-ə-kəl, 'är-\      noun  
a person giving wise or  
authoritative decisions or  
opinions  
*I met her long before she  
had become the **oracle** of  
pop culture.*
303. **collision** \ kə-'li-zhən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
an act or instance of  
colliding  
*The car was destroyed in  
the **collision**.*
304. **enchantment** \ in-'chant-mənt, en-\      noun  
the quality or state of  
being enchanted  
*Our **enchantment** faded  
when we found that the  
house needed even more  
repairs.*

305. **stagnant** \ 'stag-nənt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
without inflow and outflow  
*The backyard pool sat **stagnant** for years until someone bought the house.*
306. **paramedic** \ ,per-ə-'me-dik, ,pa-rə- \ noun  
a specially trained medical technician licensed to provide a wide range of emergency services (such as defibrillation and the intravenous administration of drugs) before or during transportation to a hospital  
*She is training to be a **paramedic**.*
307. **Jacuzzi** \ jə-'kü-zē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] trademark  
used for a whirlpool bath and a recreational bathing tub or pool  
*The hotel suite had a **Jacuzzi** tub in the bathroom.*
308. **pronto** \ 'prän-,tō \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adverb  
without delay  
*If they don't arrive **pronto**, we'll have to go to the movie without them.*

309. **relinquish** \ ri-'liŋ-kwish, -'lin- \ verb  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] to withdraw or retreat from  
*He refused to **relinquish** his grip on the bicycle.*
310. **emperor** \ 'em-pər-ər, -prər \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the sovereign or supreme male monarch of an empire  
*The **emperor** was a just leader.*
311. **alliance** \ ə-'lī-ən(t)s \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a bond or connection between families, states, parties, or individuals  
*There is a close **alliance** between government and industry.*
312. **heredity** \ hə-'re-də-tē \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the sum of the characteristics and potentialities genetically derived from one's ancestors  
***Heredity** plays a part in some diseases.*
313. **perilous** \ 'per-ə-ləs, 'pe-rə- \ adjective  
 full of or involving peril  
*Tim went on a **perilous** journey through the jungle.*

314. **tremendous** \ tri-'men-dəs \ adjective  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] notable by reason of extreme size, power, greatness, or excellence  
*He has a **tremendous** amount of energy.*
315. **charismatic** \ ,ker-əz-'ma-tik, ,ka-rəz- \ adjective  
 having, exhibiting, or based on charisma or charism  
*Daphne is a very **charismatic** woman, and seems to make a new friend every day.*
316. **vegetation** \ ,ve-jə-'tā-shən \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] plant life or total plant cover  
*She struggled to move through the dense **vegetation** of the jungle.*
317. **miracle** \ 'mir-i-kəl \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment  
*It would take a **miracle** for the opposing team to win.*

318. **charity** \ 'cher-ə-tē, 'cha-rə- \ noun  
generosity and  
helpfulness especially  
toward the needy or  
suffering  
*The holidays are a time  
for **charity** and good  
will.*
319. **subdivision** \ 'səb-də-,vi-zhən \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an act or instance of  
subdividing  
*Tracy lived in a  
**subdivision** of a larger  
neighborhood.*
320. **automated** \ 'ō-tə-,mā-təd \ adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] operated automatically  
*They would like their  
business to be completely  
**automated** one day.*
321. **genuine** \ 'jen-yə-wən, -(,)win, -,wīn \ adjective  
actually having the  
reputed or apparent  
qualities or character  
*The jeweler confirmed  
the gem was a **genuine**  
diamond.*
322. **improvise** \ 'im-prə-,vīz, im-prə-'vīz \ verb  
to make or fabricate  
out of what is  
conveniently on hand  
*Bella couldn't find her  
blue colored pencil, so she*

323. **aerospace** \ 'er-ō-,spās \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
*had to **improvise** with green.*  
 noun  
 space comprising the earth's atmosphere and the space beyond  
*Beth is an **aerospace** engineer.*
324. **callous** \ 'ka-ləs \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 adjective  
 being hardened and thickened  
*The man who stole from the poor was a **callous** thief.*
325. **llama** \ 'lä-mə, 'yä-mə \  
 noun  
 any of a genus (Lama) of wild or domesticated, long-necked, South American ruminant mammals related to the camels but smaller and without a hump  
*Ted recently bought a **llama** for his ranch.*
326. **quantum** \ 'kwän-təm \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 adjective  
 of, relating to, or employing the principles of quantum mechanics  
*She is studying **quantum** mechanics in college.*

327. **dexterity** \ dek-'ster-ə-tē, -'ste-rə- \ noun  
 readiness and grace in  
 physical activity  
*You need high **dexterity**  
 when playing football.*
328. **annoyance** \ ə-'nɔɪ-ən(t)s \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act of annoying  
 someone or of being  
 annoyed  
*She expressed  
**annoyance** at the slow  
 service.*
329. **flabbergasted** \ 'fla-bər-'ga-stəd \ adjective  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] feeling or showing  
 intense shock, surprise,  
 or wonder  
*The customer was  
**flabbergasted** when I  
 told him how cheap the  
 item he wanted was.*
330. **orchid** \ 'ɔr-kəd \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of a large family  
 (Orchidaceae, the orchid  
 family) of perennial  
 epiphytic or terrestrial  
 monocotyledonous plants  
 that usually have showy  
 3-petaled flowers with  
 the middle petal enlarged  
 into a lip and differing  
 from the others in shape  
 and color



- Her favorite flower is the **orchid**.
331. **administration** \əd-,mi-nə-'strā-shən, noun  
(,)ad-\ performance of executive duties  
*Jeff's mom works in the **administration** of a hospital.*
332. **sophomore** \ 'säf-,môr,'sôf-, noun  
'sä-fə-, 'sô-fə-\ a student in the second year at college or a 4-year secondary school  
*My brother is a **sophomore** in high school.*
333. **defensiveness** \ də'fensivnəs \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] devoted to resisting or preventing aggression or attack  
*He felt a certain **defensiveness** about his job position.*
334. **reservoir** \ 're-zə-,vwär, -zər-, noun  
-,vwôr, -,vôi \ a place where something is kept in store  
*The pen has a large ink **reservoir**.*

335. **molasses** \ mə-'la-səz \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
the thick dark to light brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar in sugar manufacture  
*Treacle and **molasses** are syrups obtained in the earlier stages of refining.*
336. **javelin** \ 'jav-lən, 'ja-və- \  
noun  
a light spear thrown as a weapon of war or in hunting  
*The warrior hurled a **javelin** from atop his horse.*
337. **rendition** \ ren-'di-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
the act or result of rendering something  
*The choir sang a moving **rendition** of an old gospel song.*
338. **ravine** \ rə-'vēn \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
noun  
a small narrow steep-sided valley that is larger than a gully and smaller than a canyon and that is usually worn by running water  
*He urged his horse down into the **ravine** where there was a thin stream of water flowing.*

339. **varsity** \ 'vär-sə-tē, -stē\      noun  
the principal squad  
representing a university,  
college, school, or club  
especially in a sport  
*Kate is on the **varsity**  
cheerleading team.*
340. **antidote** \ 'an-ti-, dōt \      noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
a remedy to counteract  
the effects of poison  
*A hiker was bitten by a  
venomous snake and  
was given an **antidote**  
for the venom.*
341. **catastrophic** \ ,ka-tə-'strä-fik \      adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
a momentous tragic event  
ranging from extreme  
misfortune to utter  
overthrow or ruin  
*The flood was an  
incredibly **catastrophic**  
even for the whole town.*
342. **indifference** \ in-'di-fərn(t)s,  
-f(ə-)rən(t)s\      noun  
the quality, state, or fact  
of being indifferent  
*She watched the  
strangers with a cool  
**indifference.***

343. **crucial** \ 'krü-shəl \ adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] important, significant  
*It's **crucial** that we arrive on time.*
344. **taxidermy** \ 'tak-sə-,dər-mē \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting the skins of animals and especially vertebrates  
*Steve's uncle practices **taxidermy**.*
345. **contagious** \ kən-'tā-jəs \ adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] transmissible by direct or indirect contact with an infected person  
*The flu is a highly **contagious** virus.*
346. **guava** \ 'gwä-və \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of several tropical American shrubs or small trees (genus *Psidium*) of the myrtle family  
*Guests cooled down with a trio of coconut, **guava** and mango sorbets.*
347. **vocational** \ vō-'kā-shnəl, -shə-nəl \ adjective  
of, relating to, or undergoing training in a skill or trade to be pursued as a career  
*Kelsey studies graphic design at a local **vocational** school.*

348. **siesta** \ sē-'e-stə \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 noun  
 an afternoon nap or rest  
*I plan to take a **siesta** after school.*
349. **hibiscus** \ hī-'bi-skəs, hə- \  
 noun  
 any of a large genus (Hibiscus) of herbs, shrubs, or small trees of the mallow family with large showy flowers and usually dentate leaves  
*The lotion is infused with **hibiscus** extract.*
350. **uranium** \ yu-'rā-nē-əm \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
 noun  
 a silvery heavy radioactive polyvalent metallic element that is found especially in uraninite and exists naturally as a mixture of mostly nonfissionable isotopes  
***Uranium** is soluble in sea water.*

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351. **goliath** \ gə-'lī-əth \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
giant  
*The family-owned company lost the contract to a multibillion-dollar **goliath**.*
352. **terrapin** \ 'ter-ə-pən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
any of various aquatic turtles (family Emydidae)  
*Aside from being Alabama's state reptile and a sharp looking **terrapin**, the Alabama red-bellied turtle is just one of the multitude of species inhabiting the Mobile-Tensaw Delta.*
353. **marvelous** \ 'mär-v-(ə-)ləs \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective  
causing wonder  
*We had a **marvelous** time at the party.*
354. **bedlam** \ 'bed-ləm \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a place, scene, or state of uproar and confusion  
*There was **bedlam** in the streets after the verdict was announced.*

355. **catacombs** \ 'ka-tə- ,kōms \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a subterranean cemetery of galleries with recesses for tombs —usually used in plural  
*He explored the **catacombs** looking for evidence about burial customs in ancient societies.*
356. **concussion** \ kən-'kə-shən \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a stunning, damaging, or shattering effect from a hard blow  
*She suffered a severe **concussion** after falling on the ice.*
357. **alpinist** \ 'al-pə-nist \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a mountain climber specializing in high, difficult ascents  
*Troy is a dedicated **Alpinist**, and has a passion for mountain climbing.*

358. **neutron** \ 'nü-,trän, 'nyü-\ noun  
 an uncharged elementary particle that has a mass nearly equal to that of the proton and is present in all known atomic nuclei except the hydrogen nucleus  
***Neutron** observations may help cast new light on solar flares and solar activity.*
359. **mahogany** \ mə-'hä-gə-nē \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the wood of any of various chiefly tropical trees  
*He made a coffee table using **mahogany**.*
360. **cypress** \ 'sī-prəs \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of several coniferous trees of the cypress family or the bald cypress family  
*The towering pine and **cypress** trees defy frost and snow.*
361. **propaganda** \ ,prä-pə-'gan-də, ,prō- \ noun  
 the spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person  
*He was accused of spreading **propaganda**.*



362. **allegiance** \ ə-'lē-jən(t)s \      noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] devotion or loyalty to a person, group, or cause  
*He owes **allegiance** to them for all the help they have given him.*
363. **balsam** \ 'bòl-səm \      noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] an aromatic and usually oily and resinous substance flowing from various plants  
*The red spruces and **balsam** firs that dominated the vegetation near the mountaintop thrived under high rainfall and cool temperatures.*
364. **velveteen** \ ,vel-və-'tēn \      noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a clothing fabric usually of cotton in twill or plain weaves made with a short close weft pile in imitation of velvet  
*She bought a dress made of **velveteen**.*
365. **resume** \ ri-'züm \      noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] to assume or take again  
*She hopes to **resume** work after the baby is born.*

366. **irrigation** \ ˌir-ə-ˈgā-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
the watering of land by artificial means to foster plant growth  
*Her farm has an **irrigation** system to offset the negative impacts of droughts.*
367. **ultimatum** \ ˌəl-tə-ˈmā-təm, -ˈmä- \ noun  
a final proposition, condition, or demand  
*She was given an **ultimatum**—work harder or lose her job.*
368. **treacherous** \ ˈtre-chə-rəs, ˈtrech-rəs \ adjective  
likely to betray trust  
*Discussions about money can lead people into **treacherous** territory.*
369. **pulmonary** \ ˈpul-mə-ˌner-ē, ˈpəl- \ adjective  
of, relating to, affecting, or occurring in the lungs  
*Primary **pulmonary** hypertension is extremely rare, afflicting about 1 in 500 people in the United States.*
370. **pastrami** \ pə-ˈsträ-mē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
a highly seasoned smoked beef prepared especially from shoulder cuts  
*He ordered a **pastrami** sandwich.*

371. **affectionately** \ ə'fekSHənətlē \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]      adverb  
 in a way that displays  
 fondness or tenderness.  
*She **affectionately***  
*ruffled his hair with her*  
*hand as she passed.*
372. **aperture** \ 'a-pər-,chūr, 'a-pə-,  
 -chər, -,tyūr, -,tūr \      noun  
 an opening or open  
 space  
*David entered the cave*  
*through a narrow*  
***aperture.***
373. **chandeliers** \ ,shan-də-'lirs \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
 a branched often ornate  
 lighting fixture  
 suspended from a ceiling  
*There are several*  
***chandeliers** throughout*  
*the house.*
374. **cinnabar** \ 'si-nə-,bär \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
 artificial red mercuric  
 sulfide used especially as  
 a pigment  
***Cinnabar** is the main*  
*mineral material for*  
*polishing mercury.*

375. **sphinx** \ 'sfɪŋ(k)s \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] **noun**  
an ancient Egyptian  
image in the form of a  
recumbent lion having a  
man's head, a ram's head,  
or a hawk's head  
*They came across a  
statue of a **sphinx**  
while visiting the  
museum.*
376. **assailant** \ ə-'sā-lənt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] **noun**  
a person who attacks  
someone violently  
*She could identify the  
**assailant** and his two  
accomplices, and she  
wanted to press charges.*
377. **germinate** \ 'jər-mə-,nāt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] **verb**  
to cause to sprout or  
develop  
*There are many methods  
used by gardeners to  
**germinate** seeds.*
378. **promenade** \ ,prä-mə-'nād, -'nād \ **noun**  
a place for strolling  
*The town has a  
beautifully landscaped  
park with a wide  
**promenade** along the  
riverside.*

379. **reprimand** \ 're-prə-,mand \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a severe or formal reproof  
*While reviewing the troops, the officer delivered a curt **reprimand** to one of the soldiers.*
380. **redundancy** \ ri-'dən-dən(t)-sē \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the quality or state of being redundant  
*Avoid **redundancy** in your writing.*
381. **chloroform** \ 'klôr-ə-,fôrm \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a colorless volatile heavy toxic liquid CHCl<sub>3</sub> with an ether odor used especially as a solvent  
***Chloroform** and ether were once used to anesthetize patients in hospitals.*
382. **nuisance** \ 'nü-sʰn(t)s, 'nyü- \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] one that is annoying, unpleasant, or obnoxious  
*My allergies are a **nuisance** in the springtime.*
383. **functionary** \ 'fən(k)-shə-,ner-ē \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] one holding office in a government or political party  
*He was a party **functionary** during the political campaign.*

384. **translucent** \tran(t)s-'lū-sʰnt, tranz-\ adjective  
 permitting the passage of light  
*This china is so fine and delicate that it's **translucent**.*
385. **dissertation** \,di-sər-'tā-shən \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] an extended usually written treatment of a subject  
*He wrote his **dissertation** on an obscure 16th-century poet.*
386. **hydroponic** \,hī-drə-'pā-nik \ adjective  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] relating to or involving hydroponics, the process of growing plants in sand, gravel, or liquid.  
*In recent years **hydroponic** farming has been expanded to many parts of the world.*
387. **sabbatical** \sə-'ba-ti-kəl \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a break or change from a normal routine (as of employment)  
*She recently returned to work after a two-year **sabbatical** from her acting career.*

388. **precocious** \ pri-'kō-shəs \ adjective  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age  
*She was a **precocious** child.*
389. **perpetrator** \ 'pər-pə-,trā-tər \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act.  
*The police were successfully able to apprehend the **perpetrator**.*
390. **grandeur** \ 'gran-jər, -jūr, -d(y)ūr, -d(y)ər\ noun  
 the quality or state of being grand  
*His paintings capture the beauty and **grandeur** of the landscape.*
391. **slalom** \ 'slä-ləm \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] skiing in a zigzag or wavy course between upright obstacles  
*In **slalom** I know I can win every race if I make no mistakes.*
392. **appendectomy** \ ,a-pən-'dek-tə-mē, ,a-,pen-\ noun  
 surgical removal of the vermiform appendix  
*The surgeon performed an **appendectomy** on her.*

393. **piedmont** \ 'pēd-,mänt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]      noun  
lying or formed at the  
base of mountains  
*The northern **piedmont**  
fault of the Liulengshan  
Range lies along the  
southern edge of  
Yangyuan basin.*
394. **verdigris** \ 'vər-də-,grēs, -,gris,  
-grəs, -,grē \      noun  
a green or greenish-blue  
poisonous pigment  
resulting from the action  
of acetic acid on copper  
and consisting of one or  
more basic copper  
acetates  
*The penny has a  
**verdigris** coating.*
395. **bronchitis** \ brän-'kī-təs, bränj-\      noun  
acute or chronic  
inflammation of the  
bronchial tubes  
*Gary was at home sick  
with **bronchitis**.*
396. **avalanche** \ 'a-və-,lanch \      noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
a large mass of snow, ice,  
earth, rock, or other  
material in swift motion  
down a mountainside or  
over a precipice  
*He was buried by an  
**avalanche**.*



397. **corrugated** \ 'kôr-ə-,gā-təd, 'kär-\ adjective  
 having corrugations  
*The front wall is made of **corrugated** steel.*
398. **amethyst** \ 'a-mə-thəst, -(,)thist\ noun  
 a clear purple or bluish-violet variety of crystallized quartz that is often used as a jeweler's stone  
*She pinned a large **amethyst** brooch to her lapel.*
399. **smorgasbord** \ 'smôr-gəs-,bôrd \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes  
*We have a **smorgasbord** of food available.*
400. **potpourri** \ ,pō-pu-'rē \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a miscellaneous collection  
*The festival was a musical **potpourri**—performances included folk, jazz, blues, and rap music.*