



# School Pronouncers Guide

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# Merriam-Webster · Pronunciation · Symbols

<b>ə</b> .....	banana, collect	<b>k</b> .....	kin, cook, ache
<b>'ə, ɪə</b> .....	humdrum	<b>Ⓚ</b> .....	as in one pronunciation of loch (alternative \k\), as in German ich-laut
<b>ə̃</b> .....	as in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for bird (alternative \ə̃\)	<b>l</b> .....	lily, pool
<b>ə̂</b> .....	two-value symbol equivalent to the unstressed variants \ə\, \ɪ\, as in habit, duchess (\ʰabət\ = \ʰabət-, -bit\)	<b>m</b> .....	murmur, dim, nymph
<b>°</b> .....	immediately preceding \l\, \n\, \m\, \ŋ\, as in battle, mitten, and in one pronunciation of cap and bells \-m-\, lock and key \-ŋ-\; immediately following \l\, \m\, \r\, as in one pronunciation of French table, prisme, titre	<b>n</b> .....	no, own
<b>ə̇</b> .....	as in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for bird (alternative \ə̇\)	<b>ⁿ</b> .....	indicates that a preceding vowel is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French <i>un bon vin blanc</i> \œ̃ˈbɔ̃ˈvɑ̃ˈblɑ̃\
<b>əɹ</b> .....	operation; stressed, as in bird as pronounced by speakers who do not drop <i>r</i> ; stressed and with centered period after the <i>r</i> , as in one pronunciation of burry (alternative \əɹ\) and in one pronunciation of hurry (alternative \əɹː\); stressed and with centered period after \əɹ\ as in one pronunciation of hurry (alternative \əɹː\)	<b>ŋ</b> .....	sing \sɪŋ\, singer \sɪŋə(r)\, finger \fɪŋgə(r)\, ink \ɪŋk\
<b>a</b> .....	mat, map	<b>ō</b> .....	bone, snow, beau; one pronunciation of glory
<b>ā</b> .....	day, fade, date, aorta	<b>ô</b> .....	saw, all, saurian; one pronunciation of horrid
<b>ä</b> .....	bother, cot; most American speakers have the same vowel in father, cart	<b>œ</b> .....	French <i>bœuf</i> , German <i>Höhle</i>
<b>ä̇</b> .....	father as pronounced by speakers who do not rhyme it with bother; farther and cart as pronounced by <i>r</i> -droppers	<b>œ̃</b> .....	French <i>feu</i> , German <i>Höhle</i>
<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 \aaə\	<b>oi</b> .....	coin, destroy, strawy, sawing
<b>ai</b> .....	as in some pronunciations of bag, bang, pass	<b>oo</b> .....	(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of <i>o</i> in bone but longer, not the sound of <i>oo</i> in food: <i>comte</i> \kɔ̃ˈt\
<b>aü</b> .....	now, loud, some pronunciations of talcum	<b>p</b> .....	pepper, lip
<b>b</b> .....	baby, rib	<b>r</b> .....	rarity, one pronunciation of tar
<b>ch</b> .....	chin, nature \nɪˈtʃə(r)\ (actually, this sound is \t\ + \ʃh\)	<b>s</b> .....	source, less
<b>d</b> .....	elder, undone	<b>sh</b> .....	with nothing between, as in shy, mission, machine, special (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in death <i>'s-head</i> \dethsʰed\
<b>ḋ</b> .....	as in the usual American pronunciation of latter, ladder	<b>t</b> .....	tie, attack; one pronunciation of latter (alternative \d\)
<b>e</b> .....	bet, bed	<b>th</b> .....	with nothing between, as in thin, ether (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in knighthood \nɪtʰəd\
<b>'ē, iē</b> .....	beat, nosebleed, evenly, sleepy	<b>th̃</b> .....	then, either (actually, this is a single sound, not two)
<b>ē̃</b> .....	as in one pronunciation of evenly, sleepy, envious, igneous (alternative \ē̃\)	<b>ü</b> .....	rule, fool, youth, union \yünyən\, few \fyü\
<b>ee</b> .....	(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of <i>e</i> in bet but long, not the sound of <i>ee</i> in sleep: <i>en arrière</i> \ä̃ˈnäryeer\	<b>û</b> .....	pull, wood, curable \kyürəbəl\
<b>eü</b> .....	as in one pronunciation of elk, helm	<b>ue</b> .....	German <i>füllen</i> , <i>hübsch</i>
<b>f</b> .....	fifty, cuff	<b>œ</b> .....	French <i>rue</i> , German <i>fühlen</i>
<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 <i>whale</i> and <i>wail</i>	<b>y</b> .....	yard, cue \kyü\, union \yünyən\
<b>i</b> .....	tip, one pronunciation of banish (alternative unstressed \ɪ\), one pronunciation of habit (alternative \ə\; see ə̃)	<b>ȳ</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 <i>yard</i> , as in French <i>digne</i> \dē̃ˈn\
<b>ī</b> .....	site, side, buy (actually, this sound is \ī\ + \ī\, or \ǟ\ + \ī\)	<b>yü</b> .....	youth, union, cue, few
<b>iū</b> .....	as in one pronunciation of milk, film	<b>yü̃</b> .....	curable
<b>j</b> .....	job, gem, edge, procedure \prəˈsɛjə(r)\ (actually, this sound is \d\ + \zh\)	<b>z</b> .....	zone, raise
		<b>zh</b> .....	with nothing between, as in vision, azure \ˈazhə(r)\ (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in rosehill \rɔ̃zˌhɪl\
		<b>ˈ</b> .....	mark preceding a syllable with primary (strongest) stress: \penmənˌʃɪp\
		<b>ˌ</b> .....	mark preceding a syllable with secondary (next-strongest) stress: \penmənˌʃɪp\
		<b>()</b> .....	indicate that what is symbolized between is present in some utterances but not in others: factory \ˈfakt(ə)rɪ\

# 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 words.

### 2. Acquaint yourself with the 2023 *Eastern Oklahoma 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 1-25: First Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>big</b>	\ 'big \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective of great strength or force. <i>The snow was <b>coming</b> down in <b>big</b>, heavy flakes now.</i>
<b>get</b>	\ 'get \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to seek out and obtain. <i>Amy is going to <b>get</b> the red dress.</i>
<b>old</b>	\ 'ōld \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective advanced in years or age. <i>The <b>old</b> man walked slowly upstairs.</i>
<b>now</b>	\ 'nau \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adverb at the present time or moment. <i>Let's get in line <b>now</b>, so we can get our tickets.</i>
<b>barn</b>	\ 'bārn \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a usually large building for the storage of farm products or feed and usually for the housing of farm animals. <i>The horses were placed in the <b>barn</b> before the storm.</i>
<b>find</b>	\ 'fīnd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun to come upon often accidentally. <i>I hope we <b>find</b> some seashells on the beach.</i>
<b>pull</b>	\ 'pūl \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb

	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to exert force upon so as to cause or tend to cause motion toward the force. <i>As much as they tried, no one could <b>pull</b> the door open.</i>
<b>hunt</b>	\ 'hʌnt \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to pursue for food or in sport. <i>They plan to <b>hunt</b> for wild animals in the forest next week.</i>
<b>ride</b>	\ 'rīd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to sit and travel on the back of an animal that one directs. <i>Several children stood in a long line to <b>ride</b> the elephant at the circus.</i>
<b>sky</b>	\ 'skī \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the upper atmosphere or expanse of space that constitutes an apparent great vault or arch over the earth. <i>We looked at all the stars twinkling in the night <b>sky</b> and made a wish.</i>
<b>them</b>	\ '( <u>th</u> )əm \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective used as the object of a verb or preposition to refer to two or more people or things previously mentioned or easily identified. “Every night Darla fed the kids and read them stories,” she said.
<b>truck</b>	\ 'træk \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a wheeled vehicle for moving heavy articles. <i>We loaded the <b>truck</b> with all the furniture in our old house.</i>



<b>love</b>	\ 'ləv \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties. <i>The <b>love</b> Tammy felt for her twin sister is very strong.</i>
<b>job</b>	\ 'jəb \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a specific duty, role, or function. <i>Inside the body, the heart's <b>job</b> is to circulate blood.</i>
<b>here</b>	\ 'hɪr \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adverb in or at this place; an arbitrary location. <i>Jannis had to turn <b>here</b> to get on the highway.</i>
<b>most</b>	\ 'mɔst \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective the majority of ; the greatest in quantity. <i>Peter sold the <b>most</b> tickets for our fundraiser and won a prize.</i>
<b>show</b>	\ 'sho \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to point out; direct attention to. <i>Lisa will <b>show</b> you where she found the missing toy.</i>
<b>made</b>	\ 'mād \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective put together of various ingredients. <i>Anna <b>made</b> cookies with pecans and chocolate chips.</i>
<b>room</b>	\ 'rüm, 'ròm \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an extent of space occupied by of sufficient or available for something. <i>Sasha's <b>room</b> was filled with lots of balloons for her birthday party.</i>

<b>fell</b>	\ 'fel \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to cut, knock, or bring down. <i>As soon as dad started chopping the tree with an axe, it quickly <b>fell</b> to the ground.</i>
<b>how</b>	\ 'haü \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adverb in what manner or way. <i>Julie smiled and said, “<b>How</b> did you know today was my birthday?”</i>
<b>bark</b>	\ 'bärk \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to make the characteristic short, loud cry of a dog. <i>The puppy’s loud <b>bark</b> woke everyone in the house last night.</i>
<b>going</b>	\ 'gō-ij\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun advance toward an objective. <i>We are <b>going</b> to make a decision about the idea tomorrow.</i>
<b>trust</b>	\ 'trəst \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to rely on the truthfulness or accuracy of. <i>Ty is someone that you can <b>trust</b> and depend on when you need help.</i>
<b>kitten</b>	\ 'ki-tʰn \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a young cat. <i>Lacy’s cat gave birth to four <b>kittens</b>. when the <b>eggs</b> in the nest began to hatch.</i>

## Words 26-50: Second Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>cord</b>	\ 'kōrd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a long, slender, and flexible material usually consisting of several strands. <i>The <b>cord</b> to power the lamp is plugged into the outlet.</i>
<b>belly</b>	\ 'be-lē \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the stomach and its adjuncts. <i>Lewis ate too much candy his <b>belly</b> ached.</i>
<b>wink</b>	\ 'wiŋk \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to gleam or flash intermittently. <i>He was gone as quick as a <b>wink</b>.</i>
<b>move</b>	\ 'müv \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to go or pass to another place or in a certain direction with a continuous motion. <i>Latoya had to <b>move</b> quickly so she could take her place in line.</i>
<b>deck</b>	\ 'dek \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a platform in a ship serving usually as a structural element and forming the floor for its compartments. <i>The sailors scrubbed the upper <b>deck</b> of the yacht for the passengers.</i>
<b>leaf</b>	\ 'lēf \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a lateral outgrowth from a plant stem that is typically a flattened, expanded variably shaped greenish organ, constitutes a unit of the foliage. <i>Adrian picked a <b>leaf</b> from her favorite maple tree.</i>

<b>tusk</b>	\ 'tʌsk\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an elongated greatly enlarged tooth. <i>The elephant had a large white <b>tusk</b> on each side of its trunk.</i>
<b>drive</b>	\ 'drīv \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to set or keep in motion or operation. <i>Mrs. Fredricks told us to <b>drive</b> towards the grey building.</i>
<b>frogs</b>	\ 'frɔ̃gs, 'frægs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	plural noun any of various largely aquatic leaping anuran amphibians that have slender bodies with smooth moist skin and strong long hind legs with webbed feet. <i>Caden tried to pick up the <b>frogs</b>, but they hopped out of his hands and into the pond.</i>
<b>lower</b>	\ 'laʊ(-ə)r \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to look sullen; to move down. <i>Tyler saw he had to go <b>lower</b> his voice in the movie theatre.</i>
<b>neck</b>	\ 'nek \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adverb the part of an animal or person that connects the head with the body. <i>Nathan placed a necklace around her <b>neck</b>, and wished her happy birthday.</i>
<b>fresh</b>	\ 'frɛʃ \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective not stale, sour, or decayed. <i>Grace found <b>fresh</b> bread at the farmers' market.</i>
<b>roof</b>	\ 'rūf \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun The cover of a building. <i>Lance did not have a <b>roof</b> over his head.</i>

<b>yarn</b>	\ 'yärn \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun continuous often piled strand composed of either natural or manmade fibers or filaments and used in weaving and knitting to form cloth. <i>The sheep's wool will be spun into <b>yarn</b>.</i>
<b>beehive</b>	\ 'bē-hīv \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun something resembling a hive for bees. <i>Adrian's <b>beehive</b> produced lots of honey for the farmers.</i>
<b>branch</b>	\ 'branch \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a secondary root or stem (such as a bough) arising from a main axis (as of a tree). <i>The robin sat on the <b>branch</b> of the tree.</i>
<b>spider</b>	\ 'spī-dər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun any of the various other arthropods and especially arachnids that resemble the true spiders —not used technically. <i>We watched the <b>spider</b> spin its web.</i>
<b>stump</b>	\ 'stəmp \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the part of a plant especially a tree remaining attached to the root after it is cut. <i>Mia had her tree cut down and only the <b>stump</b> was left.</i>
<b>road</b>	\ 'rōd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an open way for vehicles, persons, and animal. <i>We'll cross the <b>road</b> up ahead at the crosswalk.</i>

<b>oven</b>	\ 'ə-vən \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a piece of cooking equipment that is used for baking or roasting food. <i>Tina used her new <b>oven</b> to bake sugar cookies.</i>
<b>dance</b>	\ 'dan(t)s\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb To move one's body rhythmically, usually to music. <i>Piper has a <b>dance</b> recital on Saturday.</i>
<b>print</b>	\ 'print \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a mark made by pressure. <i>What is the <b>print</b> size of your book?</i>
<b>stack</b>	\ 'stak \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a large, usually conical, pile. <i>The mailman placed the <b>stack</b> of letters in tubs before delivering them.</i>
<b>pilot</b>	\ 'pī-lət \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a person who flies or is qualified to fly an aircraft or spacecraft. <i>The <b>pilot</b> of our plan had an awesome landing at the airport.</i>
<b>beach</b>	\ 'bēch \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a shore of a body of water covered by sand, gravel, or larger rock fragments. <i>We <b>played</b> on the beautiful beach in Florida.</i>

## Words 51-75: Third Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>window</b>	\ 'win-(,)dō \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an opening especially in the wall of a building for admission of light and air that is usually closed by casements or sashes containing transparent material (such as glass) and capable of being opened and shut. <i>Josh's <b>window</b> was open when the bird flew inside his room.</i>
<b>high</b>	\ 'hī \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective rising or extending upward a great distance; taller than average, usual, or expected. <i>The obstacle course contained a very <b>high</b> rock wall.</i>
<b>along</b>	\ ə-'lɒŋ \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	preposition in a line matching the length or direction of. <i>The hikers walked <b>along</b> the trail carefully.</i>
<b>middle</b>	\ 'mi-dəl \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective the position of being among or in the midst of something. <i>We found Cheryl in the <b>middle</b> of the crowd at the concert.</i>
<b>partly</b>	\ 'pärt-lē \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adverb in some measure or degree. <i>What Addison said is <b>partly</b> true.</i>

<b>gather</b>	\ 'ga- <u>th</u> ər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to bring together; collect. <i>The florist tried to <b>gather</b> as many roses as she could.</i>
<b>visit</b>	\ 'vi-zət \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to reside temporarily as a guest. <i>We hope to <b>visit</b> our grandmother next week.</i>
<b>burst</b>	\ 'bɜrst \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to break open, apart, or into pieces usually from impact or from pressure from within. <i>Because of the freezing temperatures several pipes <b>burst</b> under the house.</i>
<b>zipper</b>	\ 'zi-pər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a fastener consisting of two rows of metal or plastic teeth on strips of tape and a sliding piece that closes an opening by drawing the teeth together. <i>The <b>zipper</b> was stuck and we couldn't open the suitcase.</i>
<b>circle</b>	\ 'sɜr-kəl \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a closed plane curve every point of which is equidistant from a fixed point within the curve. <i>We held hands and formed a <b>circle</b> to begin the game.</i>
<b>dishes</b>	\ 'dɪʃ-əz \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	plural noun a more or less concave vessel from which food is served. <i>We washed the dinner <b>dishes</b>.</i>



<b>power</b>	\ 'paü(-ə)r \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	<p>noun</p> <p>possession of control, authority, or influence over others.</p> <p><i>She is from a very wealthy family with a lot of <b>power</b>.</i></p>
<b>silver</b>	\ 'sil-vər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	<p>noun</p> <p>a white ductile very malleable metallic element that is capable of a high degree of polish, is chiefly monovalent in compounds.</p> <p><i>Mallory's coin was made of pure <b>silver</b>.</i></p>
<b>force</b>	\ 'förs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	<p>noun</p> <p>strength or energy exerted or brought to bear; cause of motion or change; active power.</p> <p><i>Mason's brother is the motivating <b>force</b> in his life.</i></p>
<b>forward</b>	\ 'fö-r-wərd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	<p>adverb</p> <p>moving, tending, or leading toward a position in front.</p> <p><i>The veterinarian checked the <b>forward</b> movement of the dog.</i></p>
<b>carrot</b>	\ 'ker-ət, 'ka-rət \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	<p>noun</p> <p>a biennial herb (<b>Daucus carota</b> of the family <i>Umbelliferae</i>, the carrot family) with a usually orange spindle shaped edible root.</p> <p><i>She chopped a <b>carrot</b> for the soup.</i></p>

<b>dentist</b>	\ 'den-təst \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun one who is skilled in and licensed to practiced the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases, injuries, and malformations of the teeth, jaws, and mouth and who makes and inserts false teeth. <i>He goes to the <b>dentist</b> for a check-up every six months.</i>
<b>talent</b>	\ 'ta-lənt\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a special often athletic, creative, or artistic aptitude. <i>Taylor Swift is a singer with an enormous amount of <b>talent</b>.</i>
<b>timber</b>	\ 'tim-bər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun wood suitable for building or for carpentry. <i>The log cabin was made from various <b>timber</b> in the forest.</i>
<b>seaweed</b>	\ 'sē-, wēd\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an alga (as a kelp) that grows in the sea. <i>We saw lots of <b>seaweed</b> on the ocean floor when we went SCUBA diving.</i>
<b>chamber</b>	\ 'chām-bər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an enclosed space, cavity, or compartment. <i>We read in history class the US Senate has its own <b>chamber</b> for meetings.</i>

<b>mayor</b>	\ 'mā-ər, 'mer \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an official elected to serve as head of a city, town, or borough. <i>The mayor of our town was doing a <b>speech</b> tonight at City Hall.</i>
<b>lotion</b>	\ 'lō-shən \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective a creamy liquid preparation used on the skin especially for healing or as a cosmetic. <i>Rachael's hand <b>lotion</b> smelled like cherries.</i>
<b>lobster</b>	\ 'lāb-stər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a large edible sea animal that is a crustacean with five pairs of legs of which the first pair usually consist of large claws. <i><b>Lobster</b>, crab, clams, and shrimp are a part of the shellfish family.</i>
<b>danger</b>	\ 'dān-jər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun exposure or liability to injury, pain, harm, or loss. <i>The park is a place where children can play without <b>danger</b>.</i>

## Words 76-100: Fourth Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>hubcap</b>	\ 'həb- ,kəp \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a removable usually metal cap over the end of an axle. <i>Steve put a new <b>hubcap</b> on his classic vehicle.</i>
<b>hayloft</b>	\ 'hā-lōft \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a loft especially for storing hay. <i>Several bales of hay were stored in the <b>hayloft</b> for the livestock this winter.</i>
<b>peanut</b>	\ ' pē-(,)nəts \	plural noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a nut with a thin shell that grows under the ground and that can be eaten. <i>Lewis bought some hot roasted <b>peanuts</b> from a concession stand at the fair.</i>
<b>marsh</b>	\ 'mārsh \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a tract of soft wet land usually characterized by monocotyledons (such as grasses or cattails). <i>The <b>marsh</b> along the coast support a large variety of plants and animals.</i>
<b>hairpin</b>	\ 'her- ,pin \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a pin to hold the hair in place. <i>The bride's hair was put up in a bun with a large <b>hairpin</b>.</i>

<b>clipper</b>	\ 'kli-pər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	something that moves swiftly; such as a fast sailing ship. <i>The <b>clipper</b> had long slender lines, an overhanging bow, and tall masts</i>
<b>waddle</b>	\ 'wä-dəl \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to walk with short steps swinging the forepart of the body from side to side. <i>The fat goose had a funny <b>waddle</b> when he walked toward the lake.</i>
<b>manner</b>	\ 'ma-nər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a mode of procedure or way of acting <i>Alice responded to the questions in a lively <b>manner</b>.</i>
<b>speak</b>	\ 'spēk \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to utter words or articulate sounds with the ordinary voice. <i>The judge wanted to <b>speak</b> to the attorney privately.</i>
<b>tennis</b>	\ 'te-nəs \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an indoor or outdoor game that is played with rackets and a light elastic ball by two players or pairs of players on a level court (as of clay or grass) divided by a low net. <i>“Make sure to bring your racket so we can play <b>tennis</b> this afternoon,” Julie said.</i>

<b>oval</b>	\ ˌoʊ-vəl \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	something having the shape of an egg or ellipse. <i>The racetrack is an <b>oval</b>.</i>
<b>world</b>	\ 'wɜr(-ə)ld \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the Earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it. <i>Adam and his family have traveled to many countries across the <b>world</b>.</i>
<b>groundhog</b>	\ 'graʊn(d)-,hɒg, 'graʊn(d)-,häg \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a type of woodchuck. <i>We saw a very large <b>groundhog</b> come out of its burrow at the zoo.</i>
<b>sprinkle</b>	\ 'sprɪŋ-kəlz \	plural noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	tiny candies that are put on top of a sweet food (such as ice cream). <i>My daughters love rainbow <b>sprinkles</b> on cupcakes.</i>
<b>breakfast</b>	\ 'bræk-fəst \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the first meal of the day especially when taken in the morning. <i>For <b>breakfast</b> dad prepared sausage, eggs, and toast.</i>
<b>insect</b>	\ 'ɪn-,sekt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of numerous small invertebrate animals that are more or less obviously segmented. <i>Larry has an <b>insect</b> collection that included beetles and centipedes.</i>

<b>watermelon</b>	\ 'wō-tər-, me-lən, wä-tər-, me-lən \	noun	a large oblong or roundish fruit with a hard green or white rind often striped or variegated, and usually many seeds. <i>Our family loves to eat <b>watermelon</b> in the summertime.</i>
<b>coach</b>	\ 'kōch \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun	railroad passenger car intended primarily for day travel. <i>Smoking is not permitted in the <b>coach</b> car of the train.</i>
<b>bicycle</b>	\ 'bī-si-kəl, 'bī-sī-kəl \	noun	a vehicle with two wheels tandem, handlebars for steering, a saddle seat, and pedals by which it is propelled <i>We replaced the flat wheel on our <b>bicycle</b> after the race.</i>
<b>surplus</b>	\ 'sər-(,)pləs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective	the amount that remains when use or need is satisfied. <i>There was a <b>surplus</b> of \$200.00 after the bills were paid.</i>
<b>guess</b>	\ 'ges \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb	to form an opinion of from little or no evidence. <i>Lori could only <b>guess</b> the answer to the professor's question.</i>
<b>salsa</b>	\ 'sōl-sə \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun	popular music of Latin American origin that has absorbed characteristics of rhythm and blues, jazz, and rock. <i>The band was playing <b>salsa</b> music.</i>

<b>truffle</b>	\ 'trə-fəl, 'trü-fəl \	noun a candy made of chocolate, butter, sugar, and sometimes liquor shaped into balls and often coated with cocoa. <i>David gave his girlfriend a delicious <b>truffle</b>.</i>
<b>faucet</b>	\ 'fö-sət, 'fä-sət \	noun a fixture for drawing or regulating the flow of liquid especially from a pipe. <i>Our plumber replaced the <b>faucet</b> on the kitchen sink.</i>
<b>return</b>	\ ri-'tərn \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to go back or come back again. <i>The young couple had to <b>return</b> to the restaurant so they could grab their forgotten coats.</i>



## Words 100-125: Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>funnel</b>	\ ' fə-nəl \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a utensil that is usually a hollow cone with a tube extending from the smaller end and that is designed to catch and direct downward flow. <i>She used a <b>funnel</b> to pour the chemicals into a beaker.</i>
<b>coffee</b>	\ 'kò-fē \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun, often attributed a beverage made by percolation, infusion, or decoction from the roasted ground seeds of a coffee plant. <i>She picked an espresso <b>coffee</b> with cream.</i>
<b>bargain</b>	\ 'bär-gən \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun, often attributive 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 the other. <i>They struck a <b>bargain</b> to sell only to each other.</i>
<b>hanger</b>	\ ' haŋ-er \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a device by which or to which something is hung or hangs: such as a loop by which a garment is hung up. <i>Louis hung his new suit on a wooden <b>hanger</b>.</i>
<b>failure</b>	\ 'fāl-yər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun omission of occurrence or performance; lack of success. <i>Windell felt like a <b>failure</b> when he did not win the school election.</i>

<b>tightrope</b> \ 'tīt-, rōp \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a rope or wire stretched taut for acrobats to perform on. <i>The <b>tightrope</b> act was the most exciting show at the circus.</i>
<b>cupboard</b> \ 'kə-bərd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a closet with shelves where dishes, utensils, or food is kept. <i>“Go to the <b>cupboard</b> and get a spoon,” said Anna.</i>
<b>tropical</b> \ 'trā-pi-kəl, 'trō-pi-kəl \	adjective of being, or characteristic of a region or climate that is frost-free with temperatures high enough to support year-round plant growth given sufficient moisture. <i>The <b>tropical</b> rainforest was lush with trees and lots of vegetation.</i>
<b>saucepan</b> \ 'sòs-, pan, 'sòs-pən \	noun a small deep cooking pan with a handle. <i>Combine the sugar, corn syrup, butter, bourbon, and salt into a <b>saucepan</b> and bring it to a boil.</i>
<b>cyberspace</b> \ 'sī-bər-, spās \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the online world of computer networks and especially the Internet. <i>The employee must send the e-mails through <b>cyberspace</b>.</i>
<b>beckon</b> \ 'be-kən \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to summon or signal typically with a wave or nod. <i>He tried to <b>beckon</b> the other winners to come and stand where he stood.</i>

- 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.  
*The Roman Empire was once considered a **classical** civilization.*
- performance** \ 'pər-'fɔr-mən(t)s, pə-'fɔr-mən(t)s \ noun  
 the action of representing a character in a play.  
*Tammy's **performance** in the play on Broadway was outstanding!*
- autumn** \ 'ɒ-təm \  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun  
 the season between summer and winter comprising in the northern hemisphere usually in the months of September, October, and November.  
*One could feel and see the whips of **autumn** in the cool breezes and bursts of color appearing on the leaves.*
- contestants** \ 'kən-'te-stənts, 'kæn-'te-stənts \ plural noun  
 one that participates in a contest.  
*The top three **contestants** who catch the most fish wins.*
- lactose** \ 'lak-'tōs, lak-tōz \ noun  
 a sugar that is found in milk.  
*All dairy products contain the same **lactose** ingredient.*
- vocabulary** \ 'vɒ-'ka-byə-'ler-ē, 'və-'ka-byə-'ler-ē \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a list or collection of words or of words and phrases are usually alphabetically arranged and explained or defined.  
*Most of the students in Ms. Rowland's class made an A+ on the **vocabulary** test.*

<p><b>vinegar</b> \ 'vi-ni-gər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun a sour liquid obtained by fermentation of dilute alcoholic liquids and used as a condiment or preservative. <i>When Tyler opened the bottle of <b>vinegar</b> the strong aroma filled the room.</i></p>
<p><b>swollen</b> \ 'swol-len \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective protuberant or abnormally distended (as by injury or disease). <i>Seth's face was so <b>swollen</b> he had no choice, but to go to the doctor.</i></p>
<p><b>lavender</b> \ 'la-vən-dər\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun a European mint with narrow leaves and stalks of small sweet-smelling pale violet flowers. <i>"<b>Lavender</b> flowers make the best honey," said Madison.</i></p>
<p><b>macaw</b> \ mə-'kò \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun any of numerous parrots (especially genus <i>Ara</i>) of South and Central America including some of the largest and showiest of parrots. <i>Phillipe's <b>macaw</b> had some of the brightest and most beautiful feathers Danielle have ever seen.</i></p>
<p><b>vertical</b> \ 'vər-ti-kəl \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis; upright. <i>The Groom's dress shirt had bold <b>vertical</b> stripes.</i></p>

**evaporation** \ 'i-va-pə-rā-shən \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the process of changing from a liquid to a vapor.  
*Anthony chose the **evaporation** experience because it showed how water could go from a liquid, to to a solid, then to a gas.*

**digestive** \ dī- 'je-stiv \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an aid to digestion especially of food.  
*The **digestive** enzymes in your stomach helps to break down the food we eat.*

**gymnastics** \ jim- 'na-stiks \ plural noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a competitive sport in which individuals perform optional and prescribed acrobatic feats mostly on special apparatus to demonstrate strength, balance, and body control.  
*The U.S. **gymnastics** team hopes to win gold at the next Olympics.*

## Words 125-150: Sixth Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>bookmobile</b>	\ 'bük-mō- ,bēl \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective precise, exact a truck that serves as a traveling library. <i>The <b>bookmobile</b> came to our elementary school last Thursday.</i>
<b>relative</b>	\ 're-lə-tiv \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a person connected with another by blood or affinity. <i>Sophia was so excited to meet her <b>relative</b> from Ireland.</i>
<b>allowance</b>	\ ə-'lau-ən(t)s \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a sum granted as a reimbursement or bounty or for expenses. <i>Nick's salary also includes a cost-of-living <b>allowance</b>.</i>
<b>shortage</b>	\ 'shōr-tij \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a condition in which there is not enough of something needed <i>Sadly, there was a <b>shortage</b> of clothing at the homeless shelter.</i>
<b>amusing</b>	\ ə-'myü-zij \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective causing laughter or enjoyment; funny or enjoyable. <i>Everyone in the classroom found the joke <b>amusing</b>.</i>
<b>precise</b>	\ pri-'sīs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective exactly or sharply defined or stated. <i>The doctor must be extremely <b>precise</b> when making incisions during surgery.</i>

<p><b>superb</b> \ sū- pərb \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective characterized by serious examination and study : intelligent, reasonable. marked to the highest degree by grandeur, excellence, or competence. <i>The choir concert was absolutely <b>superb</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>subdivision</b> \ 'səb-də- ,vi-zhən \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun land surveyed and divided into lots for purposes of sale especially one with houses built on it. <i>The construction company built a new <b>subdivision</b> in our neighborhood.</i></p>
<p><b>binoculars</b> \ bī- 'nä-kyə-lərs, bə- 'nä-kyə-lərs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun a handheld optical instrument composed of two telescopes and a focusing device and usually having prisms to increase magnifying ability —usually used in plural. <i><b>Binoculars</b> were used to view the full moon.</i></p>
<p><b>disengage</b> \ ,dis-ə-n- 'gāj \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>verb to release or detach oneself. <i>In order to make an impartial judgement on the case, the judge must <b>disengage</b> his personal feelings</i></p>
<p><b>nursery</b> \ 'nərs-rē, 'nər-sə-rē \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun the room where a baby sleeps. <i>The expecting parents have painted their <b>nursery</b> blue.</i></p>
<p><b>expensive</b> \ ik- 'spen(t)-siv \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective involving high cost or sacrifice.. <i>Michael stopped bidding at the auction because the artifact grew too <b>expensive</b>.</i></p>

**salvation** \ sal- 'vā-shən \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] deliverance from the power and effects of sin.  
*We spent the night in the cellar praying for **salvation** from the tornadoes.*

**unison** \ 'yü-nə-sən, 'yü-nə-zən \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] identical in musical pitch.  
*The choir was accompanied by **unison** strings.*

**poncho** \ 'pän-(,)chō \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a blanket with a slit in the middle so that it can be slipped over the head and worn as a sleeveless garment.  
*She gathered her **poncho** and a blanket, just in case afternoon showers arrived a bit early.*

**visual** \ 'vi-zhə-wəl, 'vi-zhəl, 'vizh-wəl \ adjective  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] attained or maintained by sight.  
*After a thorough **visual** inspection, the health inspector gave the restaurant owner the green light for opening.*

**improvise** \ 'im-prə- ,vīz, 'im-prə-vīz \ verb  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to compose, recite, play, or sing extemporaneously.  
*The quarterback will **improvise** a play that may result in a touchdown.*

**composure** \ kəm- 'pō-zhər \ noun



	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a calmness or repose especially of mind, bearing, or appearance. <i>The witness started to break down, then paused then regained her <b>composure</b>.</i>
<b>aerospace</b>	\ 'er-ō-,spās \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun space comprising the Earth's atmosphere and the space beyond. <i>Manuel was very excited to visit the <b>aerospace</b> museum.</i>
<b>committee</b>	\ 'kə-'mi-tə, 'kă-mi-'tē \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a body of persons delegated to consider, investigate, act on, or report on some matter. <i>The <b>committee</b> agreed to vote on the resolution by Tuesday of next week.</i>
<b>musician</b>	\ 'myü-'zi-shən \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a composer, conductor, or performer of music. <i>The pianist was a famous and exquisitely talented <b>musician</b></i>
<b>energetic</b>	\ ,e-ner-'je-tik \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective operating with or marked by vigor or effect. <i>The boys are <b>energetic</b> players.</i>
<b>exterior</b>	\ ek-'stir-ē-ər \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective being on an outside surface; situated on the outside. <i>Despite the fact that the building had a rather plain exterior, the inside was lavishly decorated.</i>

**geometry** \ jē- ä-mə-trē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

noun

a branch of mathematics that deals with the measurement, properties, and relationships of points, lines, angles, surfaces, and solids.

***Geometry** is my favorite math class.*

**genuine** \ 'jen-yə-wən, 'jen-yə-wīn \

adjective

sincerely and honestly felt or experience; actually having reputed or apparent qualities or character.

*My grandfather had a **genuine** love for the game of baseball.*

## Words 151-175: Seventh Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>nausea</b>	\ 'nôzēə, 'nôzhə\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a stomach distress with distaste for food and an urge to vomit. <i>I experienced <b>nausea</b> during the cruise to Bermuda.</i>
<b>callous</b>	\ 'ka-ləs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a thickening of or a hard thickened area on skin or bark. <i>I have a <b>callous</b> on my hand.</i>
<b>dexterity</b>	\ dek- 'ster-ə-tē \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun readiness and grace in physical activity. <i>Gymnastics takes great balance and <b>dexterity</b>.</i>
<b>correctional</b>	\ kə- 'rek-shə-nəl \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the action or an instance of correcting. <i>The <b>correctional</b> facility was located west of town.</i>
<b>marmalade</b>	\ 'mār-mə- lād\ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun clear sweetened jelly in which pieces of fruit and fruit rind are suspended. <i>Orange <b>marmalade</b> is delicious.</i>
<b>quantum</b>	'kal-kyə-ləs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun any of the very small increments or parcels into which many forms of energy is subdivided. <i><b>Quantum</b> mechanics were used to explain properties of energy forms.</i>

- sophomore** \ 'säf-,môr \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a student in the second year at a college or a 4-year secondary school.  
*I am a **sophomore** in high school.*
- annoyance** \ ə-'nōi-ən(t)s \ noun  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act of annoying someone or of being annoyed.  
*This dog is quite the **annoyance**.*
- consecutive** \ kən-'se-kyə-tiv, kən-'se-kə-tiv \ adjective  
 following one after the other in order; successive.  
*He served four **consecutive** terms in office.*
- flabbergasted** \ 'fla-bər-,ga-stəd \ adjective  
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] feeling or showing intense shock, surprise, or wonder; utterly astonished.  
*Josie was **flabbergasted** at the results of her quiz.*
- chimpanzee** \ (,)chim-,pan-'zē, -'pan-zē, -pən-'zē \ noun  
 an anthropoid ape (*Pan troglodytes*) of equatorial Africa that is smaller and more arboreal than the gorilla.  
*We saw a **chimpanzee** at the zoo.*
- reservoir** \ 're-zə-,vwär, -zər-, -vwōr, -vōi \ noun  
 an artificial lake where water is collected and kept in quantity for use.  
*Go to the **reservoir** and get three buckets of water.*

<p><b>commendable</b> \ kə- 'mend-ə-bəl \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>verb</p> <p>to recommend as worthy of confidence or notice.</p> <p><i>What the firefighter did was quite <b>commendable</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>sustainable</b> \ sə- 'stā-nə-bəl \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective</p> <p>of, relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged.</p> <p><i>Unfortunately, this level of output is not <b>sustainable</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>conspiracy</b> \ kən- 'spir-ə-sē \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>the act of conspiring together.</p> <p><i>They were accused of <b>conspiracy</b> to commit murder.</i></p>
<p><b>tarmac</b> \ 'tär-, mak \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>a tarmacadam road, apron, or runway.</p> <p><i>Look at the airplane on the <b>tarmac</b> !</i></p>
<p><b>indulgent</b> \ in- 'dəl-jənt \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>willing to allow excessive leniency, generosity, or consideration.</p> <p><i>His <b>indulgent</b> mother was willing to let him do anything he wanted.</i></p>
<p><b>taxidermy</b> \ 'tak-sə-, dər-mē \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting the skins of animals and especially vertebrates.</p> <p><i>I just finished a <b>taxidermy</b> class.</i></p>

**azalea** \ ə- 'zāl-yə \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

noun

any of a subgenus (*Azalea*) of rhododendrons with funnel-shaped corollas and usually deciduous leaves including many species and hybrid forms cultivated as ornamentals.  
*The valley was carpeted with **azalea** blossoms.*

**devotee** \ ,de- ,vō- 'tē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

noun

an ardent follower, supporter, or enthusiast (as of a religion, art form, or sport).  
*He's been a golf **devotee** for 25 years.*

**acoustic** \ ə- 'kü-stik \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

adjective

of or relating to the sense or organs of hearing, to sound, or to the science of sounds.  
*That hall has a fine **acoustic**.*

**tarantula** \ tə- 'ran-chə-lə \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

noun

any of various large, typically ground-dwelling, hairy, mygalomorph spiders (Family *Theraphosidae*) of warm regions that possess venomous fangs used to subdue and kill prey (such as insects, centipedes, frogs, and mice) caught by ambush or chase and that construct silk-lined burrows but do not build webs to trap food.  
*Jesse has a very large pet **tarantula**.*

**pantomime** \ 'pan-tə-,mīm \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

noun

an ancient Roman dramatic performance featuring a solo dancer and a narrative chorus.  
*We saw **pantomimes** at the fair.*

**infrastructure** \ 'in-frə-,strək-chər \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the system of public works of a country, state, or region.

*Vast sums are needed to maintain the **infrastructure**.*

**buoyancy** \ 'bōi-ən(t)-sē \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the tendency of a body to float or to rise when submerged in a fluid.

*We tested the boat for its **buoyancy**.*

## Words 175-225: Eighth Grade Spelling Bee Words

<b>cypress</b>	\ ' sī-prəs \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun any of a genus ( <i>Cupressus</i> of the family Cupressaceae, the cypress family) of evergreen trees and shrubs with small overlapping leaves resembling scales. <i>She pointed at the big <b>cypress</b> tree.</i>
<b>gaffe</b>	\ 'gaf \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a social or diplomatic blunder. <i>Ricky committed an embarrassing <b>gaffe</b> when he mispronounced her name.</i>
<b>shebang</b>	\ shi- 'baŋ \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun everything involved in what is under consideration— usually used in the phrase <i>the whole shebang</i> . <i>Camera lenses are the most expensive and contentious part of the whole <b>shebang</b>.</i>
<b>boroughs</b>	\ ' bər-(,)ōz \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a medieval fortified group of houses forming a town with special duties and privileges. <i>The <b>borough</b> of Queens is emblazoned on what appears to be a New York City Street sign.</i>
<b>nascent</b>	\ ' na-sənt \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective coming or having recently come into existence. <i>He inherited his father's love of art and <b>nascent</b> science.</i>



<b>technocrat</b> \ 'tek-nə-,krat \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a technical expert. <i>Joe is a <b>technocrat</b>.</i>
<b>pulmonary</b> \ 'pül-mə-,ner-ē\	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	of, relating to, affecting, or occurring in the lungs. <i>There are <b>pulmonary</b> veins that enter your lungs.</i>
<b>germinate</b> \ 'jər-mə-,nāt \	adjective
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to cause to sprout or develop. <i>They soon acquire a cell wall, and <b>germinate</b> without a period of rest.</i>
<b>dragoons</b> \ drə-'güns \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a member of a European military unit formerly composed of heavily armed mounted troops. <i>The <b>dragoons</b> were about to repeat their blow.</i>
<b>molasses</b> \ mə-'la-səz \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the thick dark to light brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar in sugar manufacture. <i>He was as slow as <b>molasses</b>.</i>
<b>smorgasbord</b> \ 'smōr-gəs-,bōrd \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes (such as hors d'oeuvres, hot and cold meats, smoked and pickled fish, cheeses, salads, and relishes). <i>This holiday is really about food, which means there can be a dozen or more side dishes in a <b>smorgasbord</b> of flavors.</i>

<p><b>phoenix</b>      \ ' fē-niks \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>a legendary bird which according to one account lived 500 years, burned itself to ashes on a pyre and rose alive from the ashes to live another period. <i>There is a legend among humans of the <b>phoenix</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>terra-cotta</b>    \ ,ter-ə- 'kă-tə \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>a glazed or unglazed fired clay used especially for statuettes and vases and architectural purposes (as for roofing, facing, and relief ornamentation). <i>Lucy accidentally dropped her mother's <b>terra-cotta</b> planter.</i></p>
<p><b>translucent</b>    \ tran(t)s- 'lü-sʰnt \</p>	<p>adjective</p> <p>permitting the passage of light. <i>Glass is generally transparent but can also be <b>translucent</b> or opaque.</i></p>
<p><b>resume</b>        \ ri- 'züm \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>verb</p> <p>to return to or begin (something) again after interruption. <i>After a pause, he started to <b>resume</b> his climb.</i></p>
<p><b>treacherous</b>    \ 'tre-chə-rəs \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective</p> <p>marked by hidden dangers, hazards, or perils. <i>The journey was very <b>treacherous</b>.</i></p>

<p><b>quasar</b> \ ' kwā-,zär \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          a region at the center of a galaxy that produces an extremely large amount of radiation.  <i>The latest <b>quasar</b> image from is yet another reminder of just how vast space is.</i></p>
<p><b>precocious</b> \ pri-' kō-shəs \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective          exceptionally early in development or occurrence.  <i>Girolamo was a <b>precocious</b> child, with an early passion for learning.</i></p>
<p><b>repugnance</b> \ ri-' pəg-nen(t)s \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          the quality or fact of being contradictory or inconsistent.  <i>They expressed their <b>repugnance</b> at the idea.</i></p>
<p><b>ultimatum</b> \ əl-tə-' mā-təm\          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          a final proposition, condition, or demand.  <i>She was given an <b>ultimatum</b> — work harder or lose her job.</i></p>
<p><b>Chihuahua</b> \ chə-' wä-(,)wä \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          any of a breed of very small round-headed dogs that occur in short-coated and long-coated varieties.  <i>We just got a new pet <b>Chihuahua</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>facilitate</b> \ fə-' si-lə-,tāt \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>transitive verb          to make easier; help bring about.  <i>What physical events might <b>facilitate</b> the evolution of microscopic animals?</i></p>

<p><b>propaganda</b> \ 'me-tə-ˌlər-jē \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          the spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person.  <i>He was accused of spreading <b>propaganda</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>annexation</b> \ ˌa-ˌnek-'sā-shən \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          the act of annexing something or the state of being annexed; the addition of an area or region to a country, state, etc.  <i>Several states other than Texas faced <b>annexation</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>sabbatical</b> \ sə-'ba-ti-kəl \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective          of or relating to a sabbatical year.  <i>Several professors will be on <b>sabbatical</b> this year.</i></p>
<p><b>anemone</b> \ ə-'ne-mə-nē \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          any of a large genus (<i>Anemone</i>) of perennial herbs of the buttercup family having lobed or divided leaves and showy flowers without petals but with conspicuous sepals.  <i>The <b>anemone</b> was beautiful with the colored flowers.</i></p>
<p><b>slalom</b> \ 'slä-ləm \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          skiing in a zigzag or wavy course between upright obstacles (such as flags).  <i>Norway had a large <b>slalom</b> tournament last year.</i></p>

**pyrite** \ 'pī-,rīt \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

**noun**  
a common mineral that consists of iron disulfide, has a pale brass-yellow color and metallic luster, and is burned in making sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid.  
*Other mineral products are graphite, zinc ore, and **pyrite**.*

**grandeur** \ 'gran-jər \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

**noun**  
the quality or state of being grand.  
*They are restoring the hotel to its original **grandeur**.*

**potpourri** \ 'te-,trärk, 'tē-\  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

**noun**  
a mixture of flowers, herbs, and spices that is usually kept in a jar and used for scent.  
*The scent of the **potpourri** was filling the air in my kitchen.*

**irrigation** \ ,ir-ə- 'gā-shən \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

**noun**  
the watering of land by artificial means to foster plant growth.  
*I saw **irrigation** methods being used west of town.*

**pastrami** \ pə- 'strä-mē \  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

**noun**  
a highly seasoned smoked beef prepared especially from shoulder cuts.  
*Johnny ordered a **pastrami** sandwich at the deli.*

<p><b>hydroponic</b> \ ,hī-drə- 'pä-niks \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>the growing of plants in nutrient solutions with or without an inert medium (such as soil) to provide mechanical support.</p> <p><i>The <b>hydroponic</b> plants were very colorful.</i></p>
<p><b>chandelier</b> \ ,shan-də- 'lir \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>a branched often ornate lighting fixture suspended from a ceiling.</p> <p><i>Kay's <b>chandelier</b> in her dining room is huge..</i></p>
<p><b>terrapin</b> \ 'ter-ə-pən \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>any of various aquatic turtles (family Emydidae).</p> <p><i>In Florida we saw many <b>terrapin</b> and sea turtles.</i></p>
<p><b>abysmal</b> \ ə- 'biz-məl \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective</p> <p>immeasurably low or wretched.</p> <p><i>A desperate cry was echoing from the <b>abysmal</b> reaches of the cave.</i></p>
<p><b>verdigris</b> \ 'vər-də- ,grēs, 'vər-də- ,gris \</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>The <b>verdigris</b> on the antique lamp will be removed as soon as possible.</i></p>
<p><b>sphinx</b> \ 'sfɪŋ(k)s \</p> <p>[no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun</p> <p>an enigmatic or mysterious person.</p> <p><i>She is a <b>sphinx</b> whose features hold a blank fascination.</i></p>

<p><b>reciprocate</b> \ ri- ' si-prə- , kāt \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>verb          to give and take mutually.  <i>They appreciated her kindness but were not ready to <b>reciprocate</b> the gesture.</i></p>
<p><b>conglomerate</b> \ kən- ' glä-mə- , rāt \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>verb          to gather into a mass or coherent whole.  <i>People had decided to <b>conglomerate</b> in the downtown streets for an impromptu victory celebration.</i></p>
<p><b>chintzy</b> \ ' chin(t)-sē \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>adjective          gaudy, cheap.  <i>The boss is <b>chintzy</b> about raises.</i></p>
<p><b>appendectomy</b> \ , a-pən- ' dek-tə-mē \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          surgical removal of the vermiform appendix.  <i>The surgeon performed an <b>appendectomy</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>concierge</b> \ , kän-sē- ' erzh, kō<sup>n</sup>- ' syerzh \</p>	<p>noun          a usually multilingual hotel staff member who handles luggage and mail, makes reservations, and arranges tours.  <i>The <b>concierge</b> can help book reservations and taxi rides.</i></p>
<p><b>resilience</b> \ ri- ' zil-yən(t)s \          [no alternate pronunciation(s)]</p>	<p>noun          an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.  <i>The rescue workers showed remarkable <b>resilience</b> dealing with the rough conditions.</i></p>

**goliath** \ gə- ' lī-əth \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
giant.  
*The brown bear was a **goliath** in height and weight.*

**dementia** \ di- ' men(t)-shə, di- ' men(t)-shē-ə \ noun  
a usually progressive condition (such as Alzheimer's disease) marked by the development of multiple cognitive deficits (such as memory impairment, aphasia, and the inability to plan and initiate complex behavior).  
*This patient suffers from **dementia**.*

**basilica** \ bə- ' si-li-kə, bə- ' zi-li-kə \ noun  
an oblong building ending in a semicircular apse used in ancient Rome especially for a court of justice and place of public assembly.  
*A large **basilica** once stood here.*

**surveillance** \ sər- ' vā-lən(t)s, sər- ' vāl-yən(t)s \ noun  
close watch kept over someone or something.  
*The bank robbery was recorded by **surveillance** cameras.*

**zephyr** \ ' ze-fər \ noun  
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]  
a gentle breeze.  
*A summer **zephyr** gently stirred her hair.*



**calypso**

\ kə- 'lip-(,)sō \

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

noun

a style of music originating in the West Indies, marked by lively duple meter, and having lyrics that are often improvised and usually satirize local personalities and events.

*The song soon became a **calypso** when Lydia sang out improvised lyrics.*