

# MAC Olive Grove School

## 2018 School Spelling Bee Study List

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Asalaamu Alaikum,

Here is everything you will need to prepare for the 2018 OGS Spelling Bee. Things included in this document are:

1. A Cumulative List with all the words according to grade level
2. List of all the words with their meanings
3. OGS Challenge Words
4. Instructions and Rules for the Spelling Bee

Please talk to your teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

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### Grade 1

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|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1. big   | 17. wall  | 34. love   |
| 2. get   | 18. baby  | 35. coin   |
| 3. old   | 19. note  | 36. stone  |
| 4. hen   | 20. hunt  | 37. them   |
| 5. now   | 21. slid  | 38. plane  |
| 6. fell  | 22. made  | 39. stay   |
| 7. barn  | 23. show  | 40. coal   |
| 8. step  | 24. into  | 41. was    |
| 9. too   | 25. spots | 42. sunny  |
| 10. find | 26. ring  | 43. toes   |
| 11. cape | 27. such  | 44. soon   |
| 12. eat  | 28. most  | 45. nice   |
| 13. take | 29. here  | 46. going  |
| 14. shed | 30. gate  | 47. door   |
| 15. how  | 31. mine  | 48. clams  |
| 16. ride | 32. deep  | 49. kitten |
|          | 33. glow  | 50. garden |

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### Grade 2

1. cord
2. arms
3. west
4. team
5. skim
6. belly
7. hire
8. wink
9. move
10. aid
11. rose
12. deck
13. bead
14. hurt
15. grins
16. leaf
17. spurs
18. elm
19. foot
20. bank
21. paws
22. oak
23. drive
24. alone
25. frogs
26. dew
27. paste
28. unkind
29. person
30. nearly
31. lower
32. walk
33. obey
34. winner
35. pilot
36. fresh
37. roof
38. flying
39. bitter
40. south
41. stack
42. panda
43. slumber
44. gall
45. wishes
46. missing
47. pretend
48. nodded
49. change
50. once

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### Grade 3

1. zone
2. clasp
3. boxcar
4. roar
5. graze
6. pesky
7. return
8. fetch
9. thorn
10. fancy
11. rinse
12. vanish
13. escape
14. alien
15. nutmeg
16. glinting
17. radio
18. wheels
19. darling
20. hutch
21. awful
22. muster
23. padlock
24. welcome
25. platform
26. spiral
27. rafters
28. illness
29. tablet
30. wailing
31. blanket
32. thrilling
33. jacket
34. rambling
35. harvest
36. agog
37. shudder
38. cartoon
39. dither
40. rodents
41. compost
42. lizard
43. voice
44. cosmic
45. liberty
46. pirate
47. dumplings
48. promise
49. excellent
50. cheddar

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### Grade 4

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|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. insect   | 18. impact    | 36. complete     |
| 2. scale    | 19. breeze    | 37. diaper       |
| 3. crept    | 20. standoff  | 38. transporting |
| 4. speak    | 21. narrow    | 39. lukewarm     |
| 5. carving  | 22. lazily    | 40. violet       |
| 6. oval     | 23. primers   | 41. castle       |
| 7. purse    | 24. marbles   | 42. bicycle      |
| 8. mossy    | 25. tennis    | 43. village      |
| 9. cattle   | 26. world     | 44. promptly     |
| 10. offer   | 27. kettle    | 45. matron       |
| 11. hairpin | 28. shelves   | 46. produce      |
| 12. clipper | 29. crumpled  | 47. horrid       |
| 13. marsh   | 30. mailboxes | 48. invitation   |
| 14. shabby  | 31. perhaps   | 49. faucet       |
| 15. hushed  | 32. nannies   | 50. enormous     |
| 16. manner  | 33. button    |                  |
| 17. scraped | 34. alley     |                  |
|             | 35. sprinkle  |                  |

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### Grade 5

1. canal
2. shilling
3. halter
4. basting
5. hornet
6. Viking
7. chapel
8. pouted
9. aspect
10. rotating
11. crooked
12. warmth
13. craggy
14. Icelandic
15. temple
16. engraved
17. newlyweds
18. protested
19. amusing
20. cinders
21. abroad
22. superb
23. Norse
24. custody
25. sullen
26. Bollywood
27. clambering
28. strident
29. severely
30. manure
31. intersect
32. slobbery
33. valuables
34. expensive
35. Venice
36. breakfast
37. salvation
38. unison
39. diagram
40. spinster
41. grocery
42. pastures
43. neglected
44. receptions
45. energetic
46. plantations
47. decent
48. survival
49. disguise
50. undesirable

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### Grade 6

1. tonic
2. enlisted
3. tomes
4. levied
5. bookmobile
6. nursery
7. shortage
8. precise
9. roundabout
10. handiwork
11. balloonist
12. improvise
13. altitude
14. sparsely
15. musician
16. practically
17. testament
18. simulate
19. disengage
20. Mohawk
21. exterior
22. scenery
23. opponent
24. allowance
25. committee
26. bulletin
27. hoarsely
28. automated
29. subdivision
30. heralded
31. appointed
32. regents
33. infraction
34. Pacific
35. affirmation
36. cipher
37. administration
38. geometry
39. consecutive
40. scavenger
41. defensiveness
42. vegetation
43. sconces
44. cyclops
45. aerospace
46. correctional
47. segregation
48. instantaneous
49. nausea
50. Chesapeake

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### Grade 7

1. atoll
2. miracle
3. callous
4. grandiose
5. dexterity
6. barrette
7. cordial
8. alacrity
9. marmalade
10. orchids
11. despondency
12. composure
13. jauntily
14. Hispaniola
15. quantum
16. calamine
17. exasperation
18. sophomore
19. reprobate
20. annoyance
21. paralysis
22. chimpanzee
23. peroxide
24. amputation
25. conspiracy
26. sinewy
27. flabbergasted
28. boisterously
29. linoleum
30. tapirs
31. repugnance
32. impeccable
33. contagious
34. stevedores
35. commendable
36. incessant
37. ricochet
38. tribulations
39. azalea
40. fluorescent
41. reservoir
42. truculently
43. generalissimo
44. vociferous
45. merengue
46. claustrophobic
47. Methuselah
48. entrepreneurs
49. monsieur
50. pièce de  
résistance

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### Grade 8

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. proviso     | 18. voluminous    | 36. orthopaedic    |
| 2. dragoons    | 19. propaganda    | 37. sphinx         |
| 3. gargoyle    | 20. conspicuous   | 38. lama           |
| 4. anecdote    | 21. premonition   | 39. celerity       |
| 5. brigands    | 22. memorandum    | 40. acacias        |
| 6. mandible    | 23. pastrami      | 41. Seminole       |
| 7. crampon     | 24. germinate     | 42. hallucinations |
| 8. Sherpa      | 25. parenthetical | 43. endeavour      |
| 9. malign      | 26. crematoria    | 44. labyrinthine   |
| 10. boroughs   | 27. massacres     | 45. excruciating   |
| 11. monomania  | 28. petulance     | 46. lichenous      |
| 12. taxidermy  | 29. facilitate    | 47. chandeliers    |
| 13. piteously  | 30. extenuation   | 48. uncoquettish   |
| 14. strenuous  | 31. incarcerated  | 49. tempestuous    |
| 15. intimation | 32. appendectomy  | 50. Pyrenees       |
| 16. conundrum  | 33. subterranean  |                    |
| 17. atrocity   | 34. financiers    |                    |
|                | 35. treacherous   |                    |

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### Grade 8 Challenge Words

1. interpolated
2. cypress
3. disquisition
4. translucent
5. annexation
6. expeditionary
7. bilious
8. interstices
9. hermetically
10. mythos
11. cupolas
12. grotesque
13. pulmonary
14. frontispiece
15. succulent
16. clandestine
17. pestiferous
18. requisites
19. pitons
20. incongruous
21. variegated
22. lassitude
23. avocations
24. raillery
25. sanguine
26. tête-à-tête
27. mitochondria
28. putrefaction
29. concierge
30. gauss
31. connubial
32. unpropitious
33. caravel
34. millinery
35. coppice
36. pecuniary
37. expatiated
38. supercilious
39. formaldehyde
40. vicissitudes
41. oologist
42. auspices
43. panegyric
44. cabochon
45. verdigris
46. rhododendron
47. Kilimanjaro
48. coquelicot
49. ichthyosaurus
50. cicerone

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### Vocabulary

#### Grade 1

##### **Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence**

1. **big:** of great size, number, or strength – Adjective - The elephant is big, but the mouse is small.
2. **get:** to come to possess – Verb - He will get a new bike for his birthday present.
3. **old:** of advanced age or not new – Adjective - I got some new shoes because mine were old.
4. **hen:** a female chicken – Noun - A female chicken is called a hen.
5. **now:** at this time, at once – Adverb - You should eat now instead of later.
6. **fell:** dropped under the influence of gravity – Verb - She stumbled and fell down the stairs.
7. **barn:** a farm building used for shelter or storage - Noun - The farm animals sleep in the barn at night.
8. **step:** a place to rest a foot when climbing – Noun - I climbed to the top step of the staircase.
9. **too:** to an excessive degree – Adverb - I have too much work and not enough time.
10. **find:** to locate by searching – Verb - Did you find the book you were looking for?
11. **cape:** a cloak without sleeves – Noun - A superhero wears a cape on his shoulders.
12. **eat:** to consume, usually food – Verb - It is important to eat healthy food.
13. **take:** carry, bring or transport – Verb - She'll take her cat to the veterinarian.
14. **shed:** a small storage building, usually detached – Noun - My shed is a small storage building outside.
15. **how:** in what way – Conjunction - I don't know how he will pass without studying.
16. **ride:** to travel by vehicle or animal – Verb - I like to ride my bike around the block.
17. **wall:** barrier forming the side of a room or building – Noun - I want to hang a picture on my bedroom wall.
18. **baby:** an infant or very young child – Noun- The baby is sleeping in the crib.
19. **note:** short informal letter – Noun - I found the note you wrote and left for me.
20. **hunt:** a pursuit or search – Noun - I search for many things at a scavenger hunt.

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21. slid: moved on a surface while in constant contact – Verb - I slid on the icy path but kept my balance.
22. made: created by putting things together – Verb - He made a birthday card with paper and markers.
23. show: to teach by demonstration – Verb - You can watch me and I will show you how.
24. into: to the inside of – Preposition - Pour the water into the glass.
25. spots: roundish colored marks – Noun - A leopard has spots, not stripes on its fur.
26. ring: decorative band worn on the finger – Noun - The married woman wears a wedding ring.
27. such: to a great extent – Adverb - It has been such a hard day.
28. most: the largest number – Adjective - He had the most coins and I had the fewest.
29. here: at this place – Adverb - Sit here beside me.
30. gate: part of wall or fence that can be opened – Noun - I opened the gate in the fence and entered.
31. mine: belonging to me – Pronoun - That piece is yours and this piece is mine.
32. deep: a long way down or into – Adjective - You cannot see the bottom of a deep well.
33. glow: shining steady light – Noun - The glow from the nightlight lit the stairs.
34. love: to greatly admire or have an affection for – Verb - I love my brother because he plays with me.
35. coin: money in the form of a round metal disk – Noun - I put a coin in my piggy bank to save it.
36. stone: a small rock or piece of a rock – Noun - He wants to skip a stone across the lake.
37. them: the things or people we are talking about – Pronoun - Your sisters love you and know you love them.
38. plane: a winged vehicle that flies in the air – Noun - We watched the plane take off at the airport.
39. stay: to remain in the same place or state – Verb - Do not go there, stay here with us.
40. coal: a black rock used for fuel – Noun - Coal is a mineral used to fuel a fire.
41. was: singular past tense of "to be" – Verb - I once was a salesman, but now I am a farmer.
42. sunny: bright with sunlight – Adjective - The sunny day was bright and hot.
43. toes: digits of the foot – Noun - At the end of my foot I have five toes.
44. soon: in a short time – Adverb - We will eat soon because lunch is in five minutes.
45. nice: kind and considerate, pleasant – Adjective - It's important to be nice to everyone.

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46. going: moving or traveling – Verb - The car was going down the road very slowly.
47. door: swinging or sliding barrier to an entryway – Noun - We enter and leave the house using the door.
48. clams: bivalve marine mollusks that live in a shell – Noun - Clams are marine animals with bivalve shells.
49. kitten: a baby cat – Noun - The cat stayed close to her newborn kitten.
50. garden: plot of land where plants grow and are tended – Noun - Flowers and vegetables grow in the garden.

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### Grade 2

#### **Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence**

1. cord: a flexible electrical wire attached to a plug – Noun - He coiled up the cord from vacuum cleaner.
2. arms: upper body limbs that go from shoulder to hand – Noun - I waved my arms to flag down the taxi.
3. west: a direction, opposite of east – Noun - The sun sets in the west.
4. team: performed by the work of a united group – Adjective - Winning the trophy was a team effort.
5. skim: to read or review quickly – Verb - She will quickly skim the book before class.
6. belly: tummy, abdomen, stomach – Noun - The snake slithered away on its belly.
7. hire: to give someone a job – Verb - She'll hire me as her gardener for the week.
8. wink: quick opening and closing of one eye – Noun - A wink of his eye clued me in to his joke.
9. move: to be set in motion – Verb - Push the cart so it will move.
10. aid: to be of help or assistance – Verb - Dalmatians aid the rescuing firefighters.
11. rose: a fragrant flower with a thorny stem – Noun - The rose had red petals and a thorny stem.
12. deck: platform, often wooden, on a ship or off a house – Noun - Lawn chairs sit out back on our wooden deck.
13. bead: small object, with a hole for stringing – Noun - The hole in the tiny bead was hard to thread.
14. hurt: pain or distress – Noun - Only love heals the hurt of a broken heart.
15. grins: smile broadly, especially in an unrestrained manner and with the mouth open – Verb - He grins when he has a secret he wants to share.
16. leaf: the usually green foliage of a plant or tree – Noun - A red maple leaf drifted down from the tree's branches.
17. spurs: metal prods worn on rider's boots, stimuli – Noun - Spurs are used to make horses run faster.
18. elm: tree with hard wood from the Ulmus genus – Noun - Massachusetts' state tree is the American elm.
19. foot: a body part used to stand or walk on – Noun - A flamingo stands on one foot at a time.
20. bank: to manage money in a financial institution – Verb - Do you bank online or at your local branch?
21. paws: animals' feet having claws and pads – Noun - The cat jumped and landed on its four paws.

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22. oak: a species of hardwood tree – Noun - The oak tree grew many acorns.
23. drive: to operate a moving vehicle – Verb - I drive my car if it's too far to walk.
24. alone: with no one else – Adjective - I am by myself because I want to be alone.
25. frogs: jumping, tailless amphibians – Noun - Frogs hop on the lily pads in the pond.
26. dew: water droplets condensed from the air – Noun - Wet drops of dew condensed on the grass.
27. paste: a soft gel-like, often sticky, substance – Noun - We use paste to glue the paper together.
28. unkind: inconsiderate and lacking sympathy – Adjective - The unkind man was mean to the children.
29. person: a human being – Noun - My mom is a nice person, and so is my dad.
30. nearly: close, but not quite – Adverb - The two dresses were nearly identical.
31. lower: less high, in comparison – Adjective - Choose the lower number, not the higher one.
32. walk: to travel from one place to another by foot – Verb - We walk in the hallways and never run.
33. obey: to do what is asked of you – Verb - To be safe, you should obey the speed limit.
34. winner: one who succeeds over others; a champion – Noun - The first place winner received the trophy.
35. pilot: a person that flies a plane – Noun - The pilot flew a jet plane.
36. fresh: having its original qualities untainted – Adjective - I prefer fresh fruit to canned or frozen.
37. roof: the top part of a building or other object – Noun - A sturdy roof covers the top of the house.
38. flying: soaring through the air or in winged flight – Verb - He loves flying high in the sky in a plane.
39. bitter: with a disagreeable sharp taste – Adjective - The dark chocolate was bitter without sugar.
40. south: the direction opposite of north – Noun - On the map, north is up and south is down.
41. stack: to put one thing on top of another – Verb - He will stack the papers neatly in the pile.
42. panda: large black and white bear native to Asia – Noun - The black and white panda ate bamboo.
43. slumber: pass time in sleep – Verb - We will slumber and dream in our beds.
44. gall: audacity or arrogance – Noun - She had some nerve and gall to insult him.
45. wishes: desires or hopes – Noun - I hope all your birthday wishes come true.
46. missing: feeling sad that someone or something is gone – Verb - I am missing my lost teddy bear.

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47. pretend: to give a false appearance of – Verb - We like to pretend that our pool is the ocean.

48. nodded: moved the head up and down or side to side – Verb - She nodded her head up and down in agreement.

49. change: to turn into something else or become different – Verb - The caterpillar will change into a butterfly.

50. once: on one occasion only – Adverb - She rode twice, but I only rode once.

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### Grade 3

#### **Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence**

1. zone: an area or region – Noun - The construction zone was clearly marked.
2. clasp: an object that holds things together – Noun - Could you fasten the clasp on my necklace?
3. boxcar: completely enclosed railroad freight car – Noun - They loaded the train's enclosed boxcar.
4. roar: loud sound or loud laugh – Noun - A lion's roar could be heard around the zoo.
5. graze: feed on grass in a field – Verb - The cattle will graze on grass in the field.
6. pesky: troublesome or disturbing – Adjective - The biting mosquitoes were pesky.
7. return: to come or go back – Verb - We will go home and return to work tomorrow.
8. fetch: to go get something and bring it back – Verb - The dog will fetch the ball.
9. thorn: a sharp point on a plant or flower – Noun - A thorn on our rose bush cut my finger.
10. fancy: nice, elaborately decorated, or ornamental – Adjective - The special event called for a fancy dress.
11. rinse: wash with clean water – Verb - You can use hot water to rinse soapy dishes.
12. vanish: to disappear suddenly and completely – Verb - The stain will vanish and be totally gone.
13. escape: to get away – Verb - The bird tried to escape from its cage.
14. alien: a non-citizen resident of a country – Noun - An alien is a non-citizen resident of a country.
15. nutmeg: a spice from the seed of a tropical tree – Noun - Spice hot chocolate with cinnamon and nutmeg.
16. glinting: reflecting light brightly – Verb - The earrings were glinting in the sunshine.
17. radio: device that plays music and sounds – Noun - A good song was playing on the car radio.
18. wheels: circular frames that turn on an axle – Noun - The bicycle has two wheels.
19. darling: much loved person; often a form of address – Adjective - The little girl had a darling, sweet smile.
20. hutch: a cage for small animals – Noun - The happy rabbit was kept in a wire hutch.
21. awful: extremely bad or unpleasant – Adjective - The cookie is burnt and tastes awful!

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22. muster: summon up or rally, stir up to action – Verb - I should muster the energy to get out of bed.
23. padlock: a heavy, portable lock on a ring – Noun - A padlock keeps the door latched and closed.
24. welcome: warmly received – Adjective - We kindly made the visitor feel welcome.
25. platform: a raised surface or floor – Noun - She stood on a raised platform to speak.
26. spiral: a curled shape that revolves around center point – Noun - A snail shell is the shape of a spiral.
27. rafters: beams that support a roof – Noun - The sturdy rafters supported the attic.
28. illness: a disease or sickness; ill health – Noun - The doctor gave me medicine for my illness.
29. tablet: a pill form of medicine or a vitamin – Noun - I swallowed the vitamin tablet with water.
30. wailing: a high-pitched cry of distress – Verb - The baby is wailing loudly because he's hungry.
31. blanket: a large cloth often used to keep warm – Noun - I cover myself with a blanket to stay warm.
32. thrilling: creating a sudden positive excitement – Adjective - The carnival ride was thrilling and exciting.
33. jacket: a coat or covering – Noun - I wore a leather jacket to keep warm.
34. rambling: straying, drifting, or wandering aimlessly – Verb - We went rambling casually through the woods.
35. harvest: a crop of fruit, vegetables, or grain – Noun - We have much food as the harvest was plentiful.
36. agog: very eager or curious to hear or see something – Adjective - I'm all agog to see London.
37. shudder: to tremble convulsively – Verb - I will shudder when I walk into the cold.
38. cartoon: funny drawing or animation – Noun - A comic strip is a type of cartoon.
39. dither: state of excitement or agitation – Noun - The last-minute meeting put me in a dither.
40. rodents: small mammals with special teeth for chewing – Noun - Mice, rats, and squirrels are all rodents.
41. compost: decaying organic materials used to enrich soil – Noun - Recycle fruit peels as compost in the garden.
42. lizard: small, four-legged reptile with a tail – Noun - A chameleon is a lizard that changes colors.
43. voice: sound produced by humans – Noun - The singer with the highest voice is a soprano.
44. cosmic: pertaining to the universe – Adjective - An exploding star is a cosmic event.
45. liberty: freedom and independence – Noun - I have the liberty to do as I please.

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46. pirate: one who commits robbery on the sea – Noun - A pirate robs ships at sea.

47. dumplings: dough pockets with savory or sweet filling – Noun - I stuffed the dumplings with shrimp and rice.

48. promise: agree or assure to do something; present tense for I, you, we, they – Verb - I promise I will take you shopping today.

49. excellent: of outstanding or superior quality – Adjective - Her excellent work is superior to mine.

50. cheddar: firm, sharp tasting, white or yellow cheese – Noun - Orange spray cheese is flavored like cheddar.

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### Grade 4

#### Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **insect**: creature with six legs and a segmented body – Noun - An ant is a type of insect.
2. **scale**: machine for measuring weight – Noun - I weighed the cat on the scale.
3. **crept**: approached slowly and stealthily – Verb - She crept slowly and silently into the room on her tiptoes.
4. **speak**: to talk out loud – Verb - If you must talk in the library, please speak quietly.
5. **carving**: creating something by removing material – Verb - He's carving the sculpture by removing stone.
6. **oval**: an egg-like, elliptical shape – Noun - An oval is an egg-like, elliptical shape.
7. **purse**: a handbag or pouch for carrying things – Noun - A lady carries a purse to hold her wallet.
8. **mossy**: covered with a growth of flat spreading plants – Adjective - The surface of the rock was green and mossy.
9. **cattle**: group of animals including cows and bulls – Noun - Our herd of cattle includes twenty cows.
10. **offer**: to present or propose for consideration – Verb - Did he offer to do the work for you?
11. **hairpin**: a small thin wire to hold hair in place – Noun - The hairpin held my hair in place all day.
12. **clipper**: fast sailing ship – Noun - A clipper ship sails quickly over the ocean.
13. **marsh**: a low, wet area of the ground – Noun - Tall grass grows in the wet, swampy marsh.
14. **shabby**: worn out and old looking – Adjective - The shabby coat was old with hanging threads.
15. **hushed**: to have quieted or silenced – Verb - A librarian hushed the noisy children.
16. **manner**: type of conduct, method, or way of being – Noun - He has a kind manner and treats others with respect.
17. **scraped**: injured by dragging across a rough surface – Verb - I scraped my knee on the sidewalk when I fell.
18. **impact**: resulting effect or influence – Noun - Pollution makes a lasting impact on earth.
19. **breeze**: a gentle or light wind – Noun - A gentle breeze blew through the trees.

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20. **standoff**: the act of keeping at a distance, stalemate – Noun - The standoff ended when he surrendered.
21. **narrow**: having a small measurement from side to side – Adjective - A wide sofa will not fit through a narrow door.
22. **lazily**: in a manner resistant to work or exertion – Adverb - He lazily lounged in the hammock to rest.
23. **primers**: a substance used as a preparatory coat on previously unpainted wood, metal, or canvas. – Noun – He put on two types of primers on the wall before painting it.
24. **marbles**: small glass or stone balls used for a game – Noun - Two glass marbles hit as another rolled away.
25. **tennis**: racket sport played on court with fuzzy balls – Noun - Tennis is played on hard, grass or clay courts.
26. **world**: the planet Earth; an entire realm – Noun - I will sail around the world and visit all countries.
27. **kettle**: vessel used for heating liquids – Noun - Boil the water for tea in the kettle.
28. **shelves**: postpones or puts aside – Verb - A procrastinator shelves many plans.
29. **crumpled**: wadded up or wrinkled – Verb - I crumpled the paper until it was wadded up.
30. **mailboxes**: depositories for letters – Noun - The postman put the letters in the mailboxes.
31. **perhaps**: in a way that is possible, but not for sure – Adverb - I might go later, but perhaps now is better.
32. **nannies**: persons employed to care for children – Noun - The nannies we hired are taking care of the children.
33. **button**: round fastener which fits inside of a hole – Noun - He fastened the top button on his shirt.
34. **alley**: narrow passage behind or between buildings – Noun - I ran down a narrow alley between buildings.
35. **sprinkle**: to scatter drops or pieces – Verb - I sprinkle a little salt on my food.
36. **complete**: having all its parts – Adjective - Do you have the complete set, or just pieces?
37. **diaper**: absorbent wrap used around a baby's bottom – Noun - Please change the baby's diaper after her nap.
38. **transporting**: moving or carrying something to another place – Verb - I am transporting cattle to a new farm.
39. **lukewarm**: tepid; slightly warm in temperature – Adjective - The water isn't hot or cold, but is lukewarm.
40. **violet**: a blue-purple color – Adjective - Violet is her favorite shade of purple.

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41. **castle:** a large, secure building as home to nobility – Noun - The large stone castle is home to the king.
42. **bicycle:** vehicle with two wheels that is pedaled – Noun - I ride my bicycle without training wheels.
43. **village:** settlement not big enough to be a town – Noun - A few dozen people live in the tiny village.
44. **promptly:** immediately and without delay – Adverb - He answered letters promptly and quickly.
45. **matron:** a woman of dignity, age, and social position – Noun - The old matron has a high standing in society
46. **produce:** to develop fruit – Verb - The apple tree will produce fruit.
47. **horrid:** extremely awful or dreadful – Adjective - The cold medicine tasted horrid and dreadful.
48. **invitation:** a request for one's participation or presence – Noun - I sent my friend an invitation to my party.
49. **faucet:** an opening or tube through which water exits – Noun - Water from the sink comes out of the faucet.
50. **enormous:** very large, gigantic – Adjective - A tiny fish swam by an enormous whale.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

### Grade 5

#### Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **canal:** artificial waterway for boats or irrigation – Noun - A canal is a man-made waterway for shipping.
2. **shilling:** unit of currency; an obsolete British coin – Noun - A shilling is an obsolete British coin.
3. **halter:** headgear for securing an animal – Noun - A halter is headgear for securing a horse.
4. **basting:** moistening, often while cooking – Verb - He is basting the turkey with melted butter.
5. **hornet:** a large stinging wasp – Noun - A hornet is a large wasp.
6. **Viking:** medieval seafarer from Scandinavia – Noun - The Viking was a medieval Norse seafarer.
7. **chapel:** a small building used for worship and prayer – Noun - A chapel looks like a small church.
8. **pouted:** to show unhappiness using facial expression – Verb - The lip of the toddler quivered as he pouted.
9. **aspect:** one of the parts of a situation, idea, or problem – Noun - What is your favorite aspect of school?
10. **rotating:** taking turns, replacing; revolving – Verb - Coach is rotating players so we can all play.
11. **crooked:** twisted, curved, or bent out of shape – Adjective - The crooked branch was bent and twisted.
12. **warmth:** a degree of heat – Noun - We huddled around the hot fire for warmth.
13. **craggy:** a steep or rugged cliff or rock face – Adjective - The area around the sea was extremely craggy.
14. **Icelandic:** relating to Iceland or its language – Adjective - The painting looked Icelandic.
15. **temple:** a building for worship – Noun - The temple was built as a place to pray.
16. **engraved:** cut or carved figures onto a hard surface – Verb - I engraved and etched her name on the trophy.
17. **newlyweds:** people who have recently married – Noun - The newlyweds are honeymooning in Hawaii.
18. **protested:** came together and expressed disapproval – Verb - They protested by expressing disapproval.
19. **amusing:** entertaining or funny – Adjective - I laughed because the joke was very amusing.

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20. **cinders**: mostly burned pieces of coal or wood – Noun - The wood burned and left cinders behind.
21. **abroad**: outside of one's country or in a foreign land – Adverb - She left the country to study abroad.
22. **superb**: extremely fine or excellent – Adjective - Our delicious dinner was absolutely superb.
23. **Norse**: Norwegians or Scandinavians, especially in medieval times – Noun - They were learning about the Norse in history class.
24. **custody**: the right to keep safe or guard – Noun - She has custody of the children she cares for.
25. **sullen**: in a bad mood, defiantly pouty or somber – Adjective - The pouting boy was in a sullen mood.
26. **Bollywood** - the Indian movie industry, based in Mumbai – Noun - He wanted to watch a Bollywood movie.
27. **clambering**: climb, move, or get in or out of something in an awkward and laborious way, typically using both hands and feet – Verb - The boys were clambering out of the tree house.
28. **strident**: loud and harsh; grating – Adjective - The harsh noise was strident and loud.
29. **severely**: badly or harshly – Adverb - The car was severely damaged in the bad crash.
30. **manure**: farm animal feces used to fertilize soil – Noun - Farmers fertilize soil with cow manure.
31. **intersect**: to share or to cross a common point – Verb - The lines of an "X" intersect in the middle.
32. **slobbery**: wet and slimy, containing slobber, having the consistency of slobber – Adjective - The dog's mouth was slobbery.
33. **valuables**: items of worth – Noun - The valuables were locked in the vault.
34. **expensive**: high-priced or costly – Adjective - The expensive dress costs too much money.
35. **Venice**: city in northeastern Italy, built on 118 islets within a lagoon in the Gulf of Venice – Noun - They wanted to go to Venice for vacation.
36. **breakfast**: the first meal of the day – Noun - Breakfast is the first meal you eat each day.
37. **salvation**: state of being rescued or saved from harm – Noun - The lost cat found salvation in her arms.
38. **unison**: at the same time and in the same way – Noun - We walked in unison, our legs moving as one.

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39. **diagram:** drawing or sketch that makes something clear – Noun - The diagram showed how to assemble the motor.
40. **spinster:** a woman who has missed her chance to marry – Noun - The unmarried spinster never had a husband.
41. **grocery:** a shop which sells food and household goods – Noun - The store where I buy food is the grocery.
42. **pastures:** land covered with grass and other low plants suitable for grazing animals, especially cattle or sheep – Noun - The farm had two pastures for the animals.
43. **neglected:** abandoned or showing signs of improper care – Adjective - The neglected dog is skinny and has fleas.
44. **receptions:** the action or process of receiving something sent, given, or inflicted – Noun - The delivery man waited for the two receptions of goods.
45. **energetic:** active or lively – Adjective - An energetic puppy ran past a lazy dog.
46. **plantations:** estate where crops are grown by resident workers – Noun - There are many cotton plantations in the south.
47. **decent:** respectable, adequate, fair – Adjective - Helping a stranger is a decent thing to do.
48. **survival:** ability to endure, exist, or stay alive – Noun - Survival in a desert depends on finding water.
49. **disguise:** clothes worn to hide one's true identity – Noun - My eye patch is part of my pirate disguise.
50. **undesirable:** unattractive and unwanted, not appealing – Adjective - I will not eat the undesirable rotten banana.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

### Grade 6

#### Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **tonic**: substance given to invigorate or energize – Noun - She gave me tonic for vigor when I got sick.
2. **enlisted**: signed up for service in the armed forces – Verb - At eighteen, he enlisted in the military.
3. **tomes**: (plural of tome) a book, especially a large, heavy, scholarly one – Noun - He expects us to read these tomes by Monday.
4. **levied**: imposed or collected a tax – Verb - Property taxes were levied on the homeowner.
5. **bookmobile**: traveling van used as a bookstore or library – Noun - I borrowed books from the traveling bookmobile.
6. **nursery**: a child's bedroom – Noun - The baby sleeps in his crib in the nursery.
7. **shortage**: lack or scarcity – Noun - A famine is a shortage of food.
8. **precise**: exact and correct in every detail – Adjective - It is important to give travelers precise directions.
9. **roundabout**: not direct, circuitous – Adjective - We took a roundabout route to get to the park.
10. **handiwork**: one's own personal creation – Noun - The quilt that she made shows her handiwork.
11. **balloonist**: one who travels in or works on hot air craft – Noun - A balloonist anchors his craft with sandbags.
12. **improvise**: to perform without preparing – Verb - I improvise when I don't remember my lines.
13. **altitude**: height or vertical distance – Noun - A plane steadily ascends to maximum altitude.
14. **sparsely**: thinly, barely, hardly; in a spread out way – Adverb - The small town was sparsely populated.
15. **musician**: someone who makes or performs songs – Noun - The musician played the song at the concert.
16. **practically**: almost, nearly – Adverb - The can of soda is practically empty.
17. **testament**: something which serves as proof; tribute – Noun - Success is a testament to hard work.
18. **simulate**: imitate the conditions of – Verb - Simulate a flight to practice flying a plane.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

19. **disengage:** to release something that is held – Verb - I will disengage from my friends and leave.
20. **Mohawk:** a First Nations tribe originating in New York state – Noun - The Mohawk are the People of the Flint.
21. **exterior:** located on the outside – Adjective - The exterior surface is faded from the sun.
22. **scenery:** a view of natural environment or features – Noun - The lovely scenery included hills and meadows.
23. **opponent:** someone one is trying to defeat – Noun - My opponent is the person I need to defeat.
24. **allowance:** a small regular allotment or stipend of money – Noun - I spent my weekly dollar allowance on candy.
25. **committee:** a group of people elected to perform a service – Noun - We formed a committee to raise money for the school.
26. **bulletin:** a brief report or update on a current event – Noun - The weather bulletin was a storm warning.
27. **hoarsely:** deeply and harshly – Adverb - The sick teacher called roll hoarsely.
28. **automated:** mechanized or done without human involvement – Adjective - An automated assembly line is all mechanized.
29. **subdivision:** a part of a part, a class within a class – Noun - Botany is a subdivision of Biology.
30. **heralded:** (past tense of herald) be a sign that (something) is about to happen – Verb - The speech heralded a change in policy.
31. **appointed:** to fix or name officially – Verb - He appointed a date for the meetings.
32. **regents:** (plural of regent) a person appointed to administer a country because the monarch is a minor or is absent or incapacitated – Noun - They went through a few regents before the king came of age.
33. **infraction:** a minor misdeed or offense – Noun - I was given a ticket for a minor infraction.
34. **Pacific:** ocean extending from Asia to the Americas – Noun - The ocean on America's west coast is the Pacific.
35. **affirmation:** a confirmation of the truth of something – Noun - He gave affirmation that the facts were true.
36. **cipher:** a way of writing in code – Noun - The encrypted message is written in cipher.
37. **administration:** the people in charge of running an organization – Noun - The administration can enforce the rules.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

38. **geometry**: mathematic study of lines, angles, and shapes – Noun - I learned the area of a triangle in Geometry.
39. **consecutive**: in order one right after another – Adjective - He made three consecutive shots in a row.
40. **scavenger**: one who collects things discarded by others – Noun - A scavenger will rummage for food scraps.
41. **defensiveness**: behavior intended to defend or protect – Noun - Defensiveness of the hive was related to the size of the colony.
42. **vegetation**: the plant life of a region or period – Noun - The jungle's vegetation was lush and verdant.
43. **sconces**: (plural of sconce) a candle holder, or a holder of another light source, that is attached to a wall with an ornamental bracket – Noun - There were two sconces at the entrance of the cave.
44. **cyclops**: a one-eyed, mythological giant – Noun - A cyclops is a one-eyed mythological giant.
45. **aerospace**: the earth's atmosphere or the area beyond it – Noun - Meteorologists study atmosphere and aerospace.
46. **correctional**: relates to being fixed, adjusted, rehabilitated – Adjective - Mouth braces are correctional devices for teeth.
47. **segregation**: keeping apart one or some from a group – Noun - Segregation involves keeping things apart.
48. **instantaneous**: occurring in a moment – Adjective - The instantaneous flash was over immediately.
49. **nausea**: queasiness and loss of appetite – Noun - A wave of nausea made me lose my appetite.
50. **Chesapeake**: third-largest city in Virginia – Noun – My grandmother lives in Chesapeake.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

### Grade 7

#### Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **atoll**: a ring-shaped coral island enclosing a lagoon – Noun - The tropical atoll surrounds a lagoon.
2. **miracle**: an event unexplainable by the laws of nature – Noun - It would be a miracle if I walked on water.
3. **callous**: unfeeling or insensitive – Adjective - He played a mean and callous villain on stage.
4. **grandiose**: overly ambitious, excessive in size and scope – Adjective - His grandiose plans were over the top.
5. **dexterity**: skill or grace in using the hands or body – Noun - A watchmaker's steady hand shows dexterity.
6. **barrette**: a clip to hold hair in place – Noun - A barrette pinned her hair out of her face.
7. **cordial**: warm and friendly – Adjective - The friendly girl was cordial to everyone.
8. **alacrity**: eagerness and liveliness – Noun - Excited, I accepted the award with alacrity.
9. **marmalade**: jelly often made with citrus fruit & peels – Noun - He spreads orange marmalade on his toast.
10. **orchids**: prized tropical plants with showy flowers – Noun - Exotic orchids thrive in a tropical climate.
11. **despondency**: a state of gloom or despair – Noun - Losing the game caused his despondency.
12. **composure**: a calm settled behavior or manner – Noun - I have to regain my composure after crying.
13. **jauntily**: merrily and stylishly – Adverb - We jauntily and happily run around the park.
14. **Hispaniola**: an island in the West Indies, comprising the republic of Haiti and the Dominican Republic – Noun - At Hispaniola he repaired his vessels, and then sailed back to Spain.
15. **quantum**: a measurable portion; smallest unit in physics – Noun - The quantum of damage can be measured.
16. **calamine**: zinc oxide mixture used in ointments, lotions – Noun - Calamine can soothe the itch of insect bites.
17. **exasperation**: impatience that causes anger – Noun - His exasperation showed his impatience.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

18. **sophomore**: second-year high schooler or college student – Noun - A high school sophomore is in tenth grade.
19. **reprobate**: a depraved, unprincipled, or wicked person – Noun - He looked at the reprobate's face for some moments and said nothing.
20. **annoyance**: source of bother, aggravation, or irritation – Noun - Her loud snoring is an irritating annoyance.
21. **paralysis**: state of being incapable of movement – Noun - Paralysis rendered him unable to move.
22. **chimpanzee**: smart primate with human-like qualities – Noun - A chimpanzee is a very intelligent ape.
23. **peroxide**: a chemical that bleaches – Noun - Hydrogen peroxide bleached his hair yellow.
24. **amputation**: surgical removal of a body part – Noun - The amputation removed his injured leg.
25. **conspiracy**: a sneaky plan or plot – Noun - There was a conspiracy to start a food fight.
26. **sinewy**: tough and fibrous – Adjective - The sinewy meat was difficult to chew.
27. **flabbergasted**: made extremely shocked or surprised – Verb - His gift shocked and flabbergasted her.
28. **boisterously**: rough and noisy; noisily jolly or rowdy; clamorous; unrestrained – Adverb - They all laughed, not boisterously, actually an appreciative laugh.
29. **linoleum**: an oil-based floor covering – Noun - This isn't a true tile floor, it's linoleum.
30. **tapirs**: (plural of tapir) A tapir is a large, herbivorous mammal, similar in shape to a pig, with a short, prehensile nose trunk – Noun - Tapirs are an endangered species.
31. **repugnance**: a very strong aversion – Noun - I spit the spoiled food out in repugnance.
32. **impeccable**: faultless, flawless, or irreproachable – Adjective - My impeccable behavior is absolutely flawless.
33. **contagious**: easily spread from one person to another – Adjective - The contagious disease was spread by coughing.
34. **stevedores**: (plural of stevedore) a firm or individual engaged in the loading or unloading of a vessel – Noun - The two stevedores ensured that the contents of the vessel were carefully being unloaded.
35. **commendable**: worthy of praise – Adjective - His commendable deeds earned him much praise.
36. **incessant**: non-stop and without a break – Adjective - Her incessant chatter was so annoying.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

37. **ricochet**: to bounce off of a surface – Verb - The ball will ricochet off the wall.
38. **tribulations**: grievous problems and afflictions – Noun - They endured many trials and tribulations.
39. **azalea**: shrubs known for flowers of many colors – Noun - The azalea plant can flower many colors.
40. **fluorescent**: relating to electromagnetic radiation – Adjective - Fluorescent lighting discharges less heat.
41. **reservoir**: place where liquid is stored for future use – Noun - That lake is a reservoir for storing water.
42. **truculently**: brutally harsh; vitriolic; scathing – Adverb - Ultimately, truculently, first one and then another angrily agreed.
43. **generalissimo**: the supreme commander of the armed forces – Noun - My grandfather met generalissimo Francisco Franco, the long-time dictator of Spain, when he was young.
44. **vociferous**: clamorous and noisy – Adjective - The protestors were loud and vociferous.
45. **merengue**: ballroom dance from the Dominican Republic – Noun - Dominican dancers should know the merengue.
46. **claustrophobic**: a fear of being in small or tight places – Adjective - I'm claustrophobic and scared of small spaces.
47. **Methuselah**: The man reported to have lived the longest at the age of 969 in the Hebrew Bible – Noun - Methuselah is mentioned in Genesis 5:21–27, as part of the genealogy linking Adam to Noah.
48. **entrepreneurs**: people who have started their own companies – Noun - The entrepreneurs started a business together.
49. **monsieur**: the conventional French title of respect and term of address for a man, corresponding to Mr. or sir – Noun - Eight years later, Valjean has assumed a new identity as monsieur Madeleine, a wealthy and benevolent factory owner.
50. **pièce de résistance**: the most noteworthy or prized feature, aspect, event, article, etc., of a series or group; special item or attraction – Noun - The pièce de résistance of the whole concert was when the two bands came onstage to perform together.

# MAC Olive Grove School

## 2018 Spelling Bee

### Grade 8

#### Definition - Part of - Speech - Sentence

1. **proviso**: a stipulated condition – Noun - The proviso stipulated his involvement.
2. **dragoons**: (plural of dragoon) a member of any of several cavalry regiments in the British army – Noun - The dragoons charged into the night.
3. **gargoyle**: distorted figurine of a human or animal – Noun - A grotesque gargoyle was carved on the castle.
4. **anecdote**: a story or tale, often humorous – Noun - An anecdote is often a funny personal story.
5. **brigands**: (plural of brigand) a member of a gang that ambushes and robs people in forests and mountains – Noun - My uncle was attacked by a group of brigands.
6. **mandible**: bone of the lower jaw – Noun - Mandible is another word for jawbone.
7. **crampon**: a metal plate with spikes fixed to a boot for walking on ice or rock climbing – Noun - My dad bought me crampon boots for our rock climbing trip.
8. **Sherpa**: a member of a Himalayan people living on the borders of Nepal and Tibet, renowned for their skill in mountaineering – Noun - My grandfather met a Sherpa on his trip to Nepal.
9. **malign**: to slander or speak against – Verb - Foulmouthed fans malign the opposing team.
10. **boroughs**: administrative divisions in a city or county – Noun - New York City is divided into five boroughs.
11. **monomania**: enthusiasm for one thing – Noun - His obsession is a narrow-minded monomania.
12. **taxidermy**: preservation and stuffing of animal skins – Noun - Study taxidermy to stuff life-like animals.
13. **piteously**: haplessly invoking sad feelings in others – Adverb - The sad dog whimpered piteously.
14. **strenuous**: performed with utmost effort and energy – Adjective - The strenuous run uphill made my legs burn.
15. **intimation**: hint at some future event – Noun - A ring suggests an intimation of a wedding.
16. **conundrum**: difficult and complicated problem – Noun - The complicated problem is a real conundrum.

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17. **atrocious**: an extremely wicked or cruel act – Noun - An atrocity is a horrific or cruel act.
18. **voluminous**: full of volume, lengthy – Adjective - Her hair is long and voluminous, or ample.
19. **propaganda**: information to promote an idea or cause – Noun - Propaganda leaflets promoted the revolution.
20. **conspicuous**: standing out and very easy to see – Adjective - The conspicuous clown stood out in a crowd.
21. **premonition**: strong feeling that a thing is about to happen – Noun - His premonition of doom was unfounded.
22. **memorandum**: a message sent between colleagues – Noun - A memorandum was sent to all staff members.
23. **pastrami**: smoked, seasoned beef for sandwiches – Noun - Pastrami is a smoked, seasoned beef cold cut.
24. **germinate**: to begin to grow – Verb - The seeds germinate and begin to sprout.
25. **parenthetical**: relating to or inserted as a parenthesis – Adjective - Ignore the parenthetical remarks on page 35.
26. **crematoria**: (plural of crematorium, and another word for crematory) a place where a dead person's body is cremated – Noun - There are two crematoria in the city.
27. **massacres**: (plural of massacre) an indiscriminate and brutal slaughter of people – Noun - World leaders need to pay attention to the massacres occurring in different parts of the world.
28. **petulance**: a feeling of unreasonable irritation and complaint – Noun - The peevish boy complained with much petulance.
29. **facilitate**: make easier or help make possible – Verb - Chewing well will facilitate digestion.
30. **extenuation**: an attempt to make an incident less serious – Noun - I offered an extenuation to help alleviate some of his blame.
31. **incarcerated**: confined or imprisoned – Verb - The prisoners were incarcerated in jail.
32. **appendectomy**: a surgical operation to remove the appendix – Noun - His father was going to the hospital to get an appendectomy.
33. **subterranean**: located under the ground – Adjective - Subterranean termites live underground.
34. **financiers**: a person concerned with the management of large amounts of money on behalf of governments or other large organizations – Noun - The multi-million dollar organization had a few financiers.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

35. **treacherous**: tending to betray, extremely dangerous – Adjective - Many get lost on that treacherous path.
36. **orthopaedic**: relating to the skeletal system – Noun - The orthopaedic doctor fixes broken bones.
37. **sphinx**: mythical being with a lion's body and human head – Noun - The statue of the sphinx had a lion's body.
38. **lama**: a Tibetan or Mongolian Buddhist monk – Noun - The lama was very kind to us when we visited Tibet.
39. **celerity**: speed, swiftness, quickness – Noun - The race car moved with speed and celerity.
40. **acacias**: a tree or shrub of warm climates that bears spikes or clusters of yellow or white flowers and is frequently thorny – Noun - The yellow acacias look beautiful in the sun.
41. **Seminole**: Creek-descended Native Americans from Florida – Adjective - The Seminole Indians were in Florida.
42. **hallucinations**: perceptions of the imagination – Noun - Hallucinations are imagined perceptions.
43. **endeavour**: an attempt to achieve a goal – Noun - The schools endeavour to teach their students good character.
44. **labyrinthine**: resembling a twisting maze in form – Adjective - I got lost in the labyrinthine maze of streets.
45. **excruciating**: agonizingly painful or intense – Adjective - She cried out from the excruciating pain.
46. **lichenous**: of, relating to, or resembling a lichen – Adjective - We stumbled away into it, taking cover under some lichenous bushes, while we looked for the highway.
47. **chandeliers**: ornate hanging light fixtures – Noun - Ornate ceiling chandeliers have many lights.
48. **uncoquettish**: not coquettish, not trifling or insincere – Adjective - Her attitude towards him was uncoquettish.
49. **tempestuous**: stormy or turbulent – Adjective - A tempestuous whirlwind swept up the debris.
50. **Pyrenees**: A range of mountains extending along the border between France and Spain from the Atlantic coast to the Mediterranean – Noun - We took some beautiful pictures of the Pyrenees at sunset.

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## 2018 Spelling Bee

### Grade 8 Challenge

#### Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **interpolated:** added info or altered text with false material – Verb - He interpolated false data into the study.
2. **cypress:** evergreen with overlapping scalelike leaves – Noun - Cypress trees grow in swampy forests.
3. **disquisition:** a discussion or scholarly writing – Noun - He wrote a disquisition on economic policy.
4. **translucent:** allowing light but not detail to pass through – Adjective - Ice is translucent, but not transparent.
5. **annexation:** the act of joining territories or buildings – Noun - The country's annexation joined it to another.
6. **expeditionary:** related to a journey with an objective – Adjective - The army's expeditionary force moved secretly.
7. **bilious:** relating to fluid secreted by the liver, sickly – Adjective - The queasy girl's face was a bilious green.
8. **interstices:** (plural of interstice) a small or narrow space or interval between things or parts – Noun - His home was but a cabin of logs, with the interstices stuffed with moss.
9. **hermetically:** in an airtight manner – Adverb - The airtight bag was hermetically sealed.
10. **mythos:** a set of beliefs or assumptions about something – Noun - The Superman mythos has long since become ingrained in popular American culture
11. **cupolas:** (plural of cupola) any of various dome-like structures – Noun - From here a steep set of steps led to the cupolas on the roof.
12. **grotesque:** outlandish or bizarre – Adjective - He wore an outlandish, grotesque costume.
13. **pulmonary:** having to do with the lungs – Adjective - Pulmonary diseases affect the lungs.
14. **frontispiece:** an illustrated leaf preceding the title page of a book – Noun - The frontispiece to this book gives me extraordinary pleasure.
15. **succulent:** deliciously juicy; mouth-watering – Adjective - Succulent melon is a perfect summer dessert.
16. **clandestine:** done in secret, often for deceptive purposes – Adjective - The plotters had secret, clandestine meetings.

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17. **pestiferous**: having infection, filth, or disease – Adjective - A pestiferous animal can spread disease.
18. **requisites**: (plural of requisite) required or necessary for a particular purpose, position, etc.; indispensable – Adjective - Without the first two requisites, however, this last is worth little.
19. **pitons**: (plural of piton) a metal spike with an eye through which a rope may be passed – Noun - Then, working carefully, he hammered the pitons into a narrow cleft in the rock.
20. **incongruous**: lacking in harmony or compatibility – Adjective - Chocolate and sardines is an incongruous mix.
21. **variegated**: diversified or streaked in color – Adjective - Variegated ivy has streaks of white and green.
22. **lassitude**: weariness of mind or body – Noun - Lack of sleep led to fatigue, or lassitude.
23. **avocations**: (plural of avocation) something a person does in addition to a principal occupation, especially for pleasure; hobby – Noun - His two avocations were writing and photography.
24. **raillery**: good-natured ridicule or joking – Noun - The friends engage in raillery to make each other laugh.
25. **sanguine**: cheerful and optimistic – Adjective - He has a sanguine, or optimistic, personality.
26. **tête-à-tête**: a private conversation or interview, usually between two people – Noun - He never interrupted a confidence; never marred a tête-à-tête.
27. **mitochondria**: an organelle responsible for making energy – Noun - A cell's mitochondria produces energy.
28. **putrefaction**: the decomposition of animal proteins – Noun - Heat causes foul putrefaction of animal protein.
29. **conciierge**: staff member of a hotel who assists guests – Noun - The hotel's concierge delivered a message to me.
30. **gauss**: the centimeter-gram-second unit of magnetic induction – Noun - In 1819, gauss measured a degree of latitude between Gottingen and Altona.
31. **connubial**: of marriage or wedlock; matrimonial – Adjective - A happy couple celebrated half a century of connubial bliss
32. **unpropitious**: presenting unfavourable conditions; unfavourable – Adjective - If the weather should be unpropitious the festival was to be moved into the banquet hall.
33. **caravel**: small, light sailing ship used long ago – Noun - The explorers set sail in a caravel.

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34. **millinery**: women's hats and other articles made or sold by milliners – Noun - Atop her head sat an upturned, dented little metal bucket—recycling turned into millinery.
35. **coppice**: a thicket or dense growth of small trees or bushes – Noun - Where poles are required, it is better to treat the trees as coppice and to cut the trunk level with the soil.
36. **pecuniary**: relating to money – Adjective - His pecuniary woes led the man to declare bankruptcy.
37. **expatiated**: to enlarge (on a theme, topic, etc) at length or in detail; elaborate (on) – Verb - He shouldn't have expatiated to a stranger on sorrow which must be secret.
38. **supercilious**: showing superiority and contempt – Adjective - She glared at him with supercilious arrogance.
39. **formaldehyde**: a colorless, toxic, potentially carcinogenic, water-soluble gas, CH<sub>2</sub>O, having a suffocating odour – Noun - They found formaldehyde in the scientist's lab.
40. **vicissitudes**: tendencies to change in state or condition – Noun - Life's ups and downs are normal vicissitudes.
41. **oologist**: (from oology - the branch of ornithology that studies birds' eggs) a person who studies oology – Noun - How did you become an oologist?
42. **auspices**: sponsorship or support – Noun - The organization thrived under the auspices of its benefactors.
43. **panegyric**: oration consisting of lofty, elaborate praise – Noun - She praised him greatly in her panegyric.
44. **cabochon**: a precious stone of convex hemispherical or oval form, polished but not cut into facets – Noun - I make a point of having a cabochon emerald: I collect them.
45. **verdigris**: a green or bluish patina formed on copper, brass, or bronze surfaces exposed to the atmosphere for long periods of time – Noun - The principal exports must be gunny bags, verdigris, and iron rust.
46. **rhododendron**: flowering evergreen shrub also called azalea – Noun - The rhododendron is a type of azalea.
47. **Kilimanjaro**: a volcanic mountain in North Tanzania: highest peak in Africa – Noun - In the shadow of Kilimanjaro, an Italian couple has created a luxurious and eco-friendly safari camp favoured by celebrities.
48. **coquelicot**: another name for corn poppy (a common Old World poppy, *Papaver rhoeas*, having bright-red flowers) – Noun - There was a coquelicot field behind their house.
49. **ichthyosaurus**: ichthyosaurus is a genus of ichthyosaurs from the late Triassic and early Jurassic of Europe and Asia – Noun - The ichthyosaurus was a viviparous animal.

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50. **cicerone**: a person who conducts sightseers; guide – Noun - She desired him to act as cicerone since he had been there before.

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### OGS Spelling Bee Challenge Words

<b>Beginner Challenge Words – Grades 4/5</b>
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1. **abscess** is a localized collection of pus in tissues of the body.
2. **accessible** means easy to approach
3. **accommodate** is to do a kindness or a favor to; oblige.
4. **accordion** is a musical instrument.
5. **annulment** is the declaration that annuls a marriage.
6. **appellate** is of or pertaining to appeals.
7. **assassin** is a murderer, especially in politics.
8. **atrium** is the central room of an ancient roman house.
9. **automaton** is another word for a robot.
10. **baboon** is a large monkey found in Africa or Arabia.
11. **balloon** is an inflated bag.
12. **barbiturate** is used to medicine as a sedative.
13. **barrette** is a clasp used to hold a girl's hair in place.
14. **bassoon** is a large woodwind instrument.
15. **bazaar** is a marketplace, especially in the middle east.
16. **beige** is a very light brown.
17. **benign** is having a kindly disposition.
18. **bizarre** is markedly unusual.
19. **bobbin** is a reel upon which yarn or thread is wound.
20. **bonsai** is a tree that has been dwarfed, as by pruning.
21. **bough** is a branch of a tree.
22. **bouillon** is a clear usually seasoned broth.
23. **bouquet** is a bunch of flowers.
24. **bursar** is a treasurer or business officer.
25. **butte** is an isolated hill or mountain rising abruptly.
26. **cache** is a hiding place.
27. **calendar** is a table of days and weeks in a year.
28. **camaraderie** is good fellowship.
29. **campaign** is a military operation for a specific objective.
30. **canvass** is to solicit votes.
31. **carafe** is a wide-mouthed bottle used to serve beverages.
32. **caribou** is a large, north American deer.
33. **cataclysm** is any violent upheaval.
34. **caterpillar** is the larva of a butterfly or moth.
35. **cellist** is a person who plays a cello.
36. **cemetery** is a place set apart for graves or tombs.

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37. **ensor** is an official who examines material to suppress all or part of it.
38. **census** is an official enumeration of the population.
39. **chameleon** is a lizard that can, as protection, change color.
40. **charisma** is a personal quality that gives one power over a group of people.
41. **chauffeur** is a person employed to drive an automobile.
42. **cliche** is a trite, stereotyped expression.
43. **codeine** is used as a sedative or analgesic.
44. **colloquy** is a conversational exchange, dialogue.
45. **colonel** is an officer in the army or air force.
46. **conceit** is an excessively favorable opinion of oneself.
47. **concessionaire** is someone to whom a concession has been granted.
48. **conscious** is being aware of one's own existence.
49. **consensus** is a majority of opinion.
50. **consomme** is a clear soup.
51. **cough** is to expel air through the lungs harshly, often violently.
52. **counsel** is advice.
53. **coyote** is a smaller, wolf-like animal.
54. **crescent** resembles a segment of a ring tapering to points at the ends.
55. **crochet** is needlework with a needle having a hook at one end.
56. **croquet** is a game played by knocking balls through metal wickets with a mallet.
57. **crouton** is a small piece of fried or toasted bread.
58. **crypt** is a subterranean chamber or vault.
59. **cuckoo** is a common European bird.
60. **cursor** is a movable symbol on a computer.
61. **cymbal** is a concave plate that produces a sharp, ringing sound when struck, played in pairs.
62. **debris** is the remains of things broken down or destroyed.
63. **deceive** is to mislead by a false appearance or statement.
64. **deductible** means capable of being deducted.
65. **defendant** is a person against whom a charge is brought against in court.
66. **descender** is the part of the letter that goes below the body.
67. **detached** means not attached or separated.
68. **deuce** is a card having two spots.
69. **dialogue** is conversation with two or more people.
70. **dictionary** is a book containing a selection of words or a language.
71. **diocese** is a district under the jurisdiction of a bishop.
72. **diphtheria** is an infectious disease.
73. **disappear** is to cease to be seen.
74. **discernible** means capable of being distinguished.
75. **distraught** means deeply agitated.

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76. **doubt** is to be uncertain about.
77. **dough** is flour or meal combined with water.
78. **drought** is a period of dry weather.
79. **ecstasy** is rapturous delight.
80. **eerie** is uncanny, weird.
81. **elite** is the choice or the best of anything.
82. **embarrass** is to cause confusion and shame to.
83. **ensign** is a flag or banner.
84. **entourage** is a group of attendants or associates.
85. **entrepreneur** is a person who organizes or manages an enterprise.
86. **enzyme** is one of various proteins.
87. **etiquette** is conventional requirements to social behavior.
88. **eulogy** is a speech in praise of a dead person.
89. **exacerbate** is to make something worse.
90. **exchequer** is a treasury.
91. **facade** is the front of a building.
92. **farce** is a light, humorous play.
93. **fatigue** is weariness from exertion.
94. **faucet** is a device to control the flow of liquid.
95. **feasible** is capable of being done.
96. **feign** is to represent fictitiously.
97. **feint** is a movement made to deceive an opponent.
98. **fiery** is containing fire or impetuous.
99. **fight** is a battle or combat.
100. **finesse** is extreme delicacy or skill in performance.
101. **finicky** means difficult to please.
102. **flaunt** means to display oneself conspicuously.
103. **fledgling** is a young bird or an inexperienced person.
104. **floe** is a sheet of floating ice.
105. **flour** is the finely ground meal of grain.
106. **flourish** means to thrive.
107. **flower** is the blossom of a plant.
108. **flue** is a passage for smoke in a chimney.
109. **foray** is a quick raid.
110. **forbear** is to refrain or abstain from.
111. **frappe** is a milkshake made with ice cream.
112. **freight** is goods or cargo transported for pay.
113. **fugue** is a composition in music.
114. **furlough** is a leave of absence granted to an enlisted person.
115. **galloping** is running or moving quickly.

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116. **gambol** means to skip about, as in dancing.
117. **gauge** is to determine the capacity of or to measure.
118. **geisha** is a Japanese woman trained as a singer or dancer.
119. **gerbil** is a small, burrowing rodent.
120. **gerund** is a verb functioning as a noun.
121. **geyser** is a hot spring that sends up jets of water and steam.
122. **gherkin** is the immature fruit of a cucumber, used in pickling.
123. **ghoul** is an evil demon, a grave-robber.
124. **giraffe** is a long-necked African animal.
125. **glitch** is a defect or malfunction in a plan or machine.
126. **glower** is to look or stare at with anger.
127. **gnarl** is a knotty protuberance on a tree.
128. **gnu or wildebeest** is a stocky, ox-like antelope.
129. **goad** is a stick with a pointed end.
130. **governor** is the chief executive of a state.
131. **gorgeous** means splendid or magnificent.
132. **gorilla** is the largest of the anthropoid apes.
133. **gourmet** is a connoisseur of fine food and drink.
134. **graffiti** are markings on walls.
135. **grammar** is the study of the way sentences are constructed.
136. **grotesque** is odd or unnatural in appearance or shape.
137. **gruel** is a light, thin, cooked cereal.
138. **guild** is an organization of people with related interests.
139. **gypsum** is a common mineral.
140. **hackney** is a carriage or coach for hire.
141. **haggard** is having a wasted appearance.
142. **hallow** means to make holy.
143. **hallucinogen** is a substance that produces hallucinations.
144. **halve** is to divide into two equal parts.
145. **hangar** is a shelter for airplanes.
146. **harangue** is a scolding or intense verbal attack.
147. **harass** is to disturb persistently.
148. **harbinger** is a herald, or one who goes before.
149. **harlequin** is a buffoon.
150. **hassle** is a disorderly dispute.
151. **havoc** is great destruction or devastation.
152. **hearken** is to pay attention or listen to.
153. **hearth** is the floor of a fireplace.
154. **heifer** is a cow over one year old that has not produced a calf.
155. **height** is the extent or distance upward.

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156. **helix** is a spiral.
157. **hemisphere** is half of the terrestrial globe.
158. **heresy** is opinion at odds with the accepted doctrine, esp. church.
159. **hiatus** is a break in the action.
160. **hideous** is horrible or frightful.
161. **hindrance** is an impeding or a stopping.
162. **hippopotamus** is called the river horse, from Africa.
163. **hoax** is something intended to deceive or defraud.
164. **hobnob** is to associate on friendly terms.
165. **hodgepodge** means a jumble.
166. **homily** is a sermon, usually on a biblical topic.
167. **honest** is honorable on intentions and principles.
168. **honeycomb** is a structure bees use to store honey, pollen and eggs.
169. **horizon** is the line that forms the apparent border between earth and sky.
170. **horrendous** is shockingly dreadful.
171. **humiliate** is to cause a loss of pride or dignity.
172. **humongous** means extraordinarily large.
173. **hurrah** is an exclamation of joy.
174. **hustle** is to proceed or work rapidly.
175. **hyacinth** is a plant of the lily family.
176. **hybrid** is the offspring of two different breeds or species.
177. **hygiene** is the science that deals with preservation of health.
178. **hymn** is a song in praise of god.
179. **hyperbole** is obvious exaggeration.
180. **hyphen** is a short line used to connect parts of compound word.
181. **hypocrisy** is pretending to something that one doesn't believe.
182. **icon** is a picture, image or other representation.
183. **illegible** is hard to read or decipher because of poor handwriting.
184. **illicit** is not legally permitted.
185. **illiteracy** is a lack of ability to read and write.
186. **imbecile** is a person having a mental age of seven or eight.
187. **impasse** is a deadlock.
188. **impede** is to retard in movement by means of obstacles.
189. **incense** is a substance producing sweet odor when burned, used in religious ceremonies to enhance a mood.
190. **incessant** means continuing without interruption.
191. **incite** is to stir, encourage or urge on.
192. **incognito** is to have one's identity concealed.
193. **indictment** is a formal accusation in a criminal case.
194. **inertia** is lack of motion, sluggishness.

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195. **inevitable** is something that can't be avoided.
196. **inflammable** is capable of being set on fire.
197. **influenza** is a viral, acute, sometimes epidemic disease.
198. **innate** is existing in one from birth.
199. **innocence** is without sin, the state of being innocent.
200. **inquisition** is an official investigation, especially political or religious, without regard for individual rights.
201. **instinct** is an inborn pattern of activity or tendency to action.
202. **intercede** is to act in behalf of someone in difficulty.
203. **intravenous** means within a vein.
204. **invincible** is incapable of being conquered or defeated.
205. **irritable** is easily irritated or annoyed.
206. **island** is land entirely surrounded by water.
207. **issue** is the act of sending out or putting forth.
208. **italicize** is to print in italic type.
209. **jackknife** is a large pocketknife.
210. **jaguar** is the largest cat in the western hemisphere.
211. **jamb** is a vertical side of a doorway.
212. **janitor** is a person employed to keep things clean.
213. **jaundice** is a yellow discoloration of the skin or eyes.
214. **jealous** is feeling resentment against someone because of success or advantages.
215. **jeer** is to scoff at someone.
216. **jeopardy** is risk to loss, harm, death or injury.
217. **jinx** is someone supposed to bring bad luck.
218. **jostle** is to brush against, to push or shove.
219. **journal** is a daily record.
220. **judgmental** is involving the use of judgment.
221. **judicious** is discreet or prudent.
222. **juice** is the fluid that can be extracted from something.
223. **junction** is a place where things are joined.
224. **karate** is a method of self-defense.
225. **katydid** is a large, American grasshopper.
226. **kayak** is an eskimo canoe.
227. **kerosene** is a mixture of hydrocarbons used as fuel, or cleaning material.
228. **kettle** is a metal container in which to cook foods.
229. **khaki** means dull yellowish brown.
230. **kidnapped** means being stolen, abducted or carried off by force.
231. **kiln** is an oven to fire pottery.
232. **kitchen** is a room or place equipped for cooking.
233. **kiwi** is a flightless bird of New Zealand.

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234. **knack** is a special skill or aptitude.
235. **knead** is to work dough into a uniform mixture.
236. **knight** is a mounted soldier in the middle ages.
237. **knowledge** is acquaintance with facts, as from study or investigation.
238. **knuckle** is a joint of the finger.
239. **labor** is productive activity for the sake of economic gain.
240. **lacquer** is a protective coating.
241. **ladle** is a long-handled utensil used for dipping.
242. **lamb** is a young sheep.
243. **language** is a body of words common to a people.
244. **larceny** is the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another with the intent to convert them to the taker's own use.
245. **laud** is to praise or extol.
246. **laugh** is to express pleasure audibly.
247. **league** is a unit of distance, usually about 3 miles.
248. **lectern** is a stand with a slanted top, used to hold a speech or book, etc.
249. **lecture** is a speech read or delivered before an audience.
250. **legible** is capable of being read or deciphered with ease.
251. **leisure** is freedom from the demands of work.
252. **length** is the longest extent of something from end to end.
253. **leopard** is a large, spotted cat of Asia or Africa.
254. **lesion** is an injury; hurt; wound.
255. **levy** is an imposing or collecting, as a tax, by force or authority.
256. **liaison** is the contact maintained between groups to insure concerted action or cooperation.
257. **libelous** is maliciously defamatory.
258. **lieutenant** is a military rank.
259. **lightning** is a brilliant electric spark discharge.
260. **limousine** is a large, luxurious car, especially one driven by a chauffeur.
261. **liquor** is a distilled or spirituous beverage.
262. **loge in a theater** is the front section of the lowest balcony.
263. **lubricant** is a substance for lessening friction.
264. **lucid** means easily understood; completely understandable.
265. **luminous** is radiating or reflecting light.
266. **lyricist** is a person who writes the lyrics for a song.
267. **macabre** is gruesome and horrifying.
268. **macaroni** is a small tubular pasta.
269. **machete** is a large, heavy knife used to cut underbrush or sugar cane.
270. **magnificent** is making a splendid appearance or show.
271. **mahogany** is a tree or a reddish-brown color.

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272. **maim** is to cripple.
273. **maintenance** is the act of keeping things in good order.
274. **malaria** is a disease characterized by chills or fever, caused by the bite of a mosquito.
275. **malice** is the desire to inflict harm on someone.
276. **malign** is to speak harmful untruths about.
277. **malleable** is capable of being shaped by hammering or pressure.
278. **manacle** is a shackle for the hand; handcuffs.
279. **mantel** is a construction framing the opening of a fireplace.
280. **margarine** is a butter-like product made from refined vegetable oils.
281. **marina** is a boat basin offering dockage and other service for small craft.
282. **maroon** is a dark brownish-red.
283. **marriage** is the social institution under which a man and woman decide to live as husband and wife by legal commitments, religious ceremonies.
284. **martial** is inclined or disposed to war.
285. **martyr** is a person who suffers death rather than give up religion.
286. **massacre** is the unnecessary killing of human beings, as in a war.
287. **mauve** is a pale bluish purple.
288. **mayonnaise** is a thick dressing of different ingredients.
289. **maze** is a confusing network of intercommunication paths or passages.
290. **meager** is deficient in quantity or quality.
291. **mechanical** is having to do with machinery.
292. **mediocre** is of only ordinary or moderate quality.
293. **melancholy** is a gloomy state of mind.
294. **memoir** is a record written by a person based on personal observation.
295. **metaphor** is a figure of speech in which a term is applied to something to which it isn't literally applicable, as in a mighty fortress is our god.
296. **militia** is a body of citizens enrolled for military service, and called out periodically for drill.
297. **mirth** is amusement or laughter.
298. **miscellaneous** is of mixed character.
299. **mischievous** is maliciously or playfully annoying.
300. **miscue** is a mistake.
301. **miserable** is very unhappy, uneasy or uncomfortable.
302. **mistletoe** is a plant used in Christmas decorations.
303. **moccasin** is a heelless shoe made entirely of soft leather.
304. **moderator** is a person who presides over a discussion.
305. **modify** is to alter partially, to amend.
306. **molasses** is a thick syrup produced during the refining of sugar.
307. **monarch** is a hereditary sovereign.
308. **monitor** is a student appointed to assisted in the conduct of a class.

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309. **monopoly** is exclusive control of a commodity of service in a particular market.
310. **morale** is emotional or mental condition with respect to confidence, especially in the face of hardship.
311. **mortgage** is a conveyance of an interest in property as security for the repayment of money borrowed.
312. **mosquito** is an insect that bites, some passing on certain diseases.
313. **mourn** is to feel or express sorrow or grief.
314. **muscle** is a tissue, the contraction of which produces movement.
315. **myriad** is a very great or indefinitely great number.
316. **myth** is a traditional or legendary story, usually concerning some being or hero, without a determinable basis of fact.
317. **naive** means unsophisticated or ingenuous.
318. **nasal** is of or pertaining to the nose.
319. **nausea** is sickness at the stomach, especially when loathing food.
320. **necessary** is being essential; indispensable.
321. **nectar** is the secretion of a plant, which attracts insects or birds that pollinate the flower.
322. **nephew** is a son of one's brother or sister.
323. **nestle** is to lie close and snug.
324. **nicotine** is an alkaloid found in tobacco and valued as an insecticide.
325. **noble** is distinguished by rank or title.
326. **nocturnal** is of or pertaining to the night.
327. **novice** is a person who is new to something.
328. **nurture** is to feed and protect.
329. **nutritious** is providing nourishment, especially to a high degree.
330. **obelisk** is a tapering, four-sided shaft of stone, with a pyramidal top.
331. **obese** means very fat or overweight.
332. **obituary** is the notice of the death of a person.
333. **obey** is to follow the directions of someone.
334. **oblique** means slanting; sloping.
335. **oblivious** means unaware of.
336. **obvious** is easily understood or recognizable.
337. **odious** is hateful or detestable.
338. **ogle** is to look at impertinently.
339. **omission** is the act of omitting.
340. **opaque** is not allowing light to pass through.
341. **operator** is a person who runs a machine, apparatus or the like.
342. **orator** is a public speaker.
343. **orchestra** is a group of performers on various musical instruments.
344. **orchid** is a flower of a plant of temperate and tropical regions.

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345. **ordinance** is a decree or command.
346. **outweigh** is to exceed in value or influence.
347. **pact** is an agreement, covenant or compact.
348. **pageant** is an elaborate public spectacle.
349. **palace** is the official residence of an exalted person.
350. **palate** is the roof of the mouth.
351. **pantry** is a room in which food is kept.
352. **papaya** is a large, yellow, melon like fruit.
353. **paprika** is a red, powdery condiment.
354. **paraffin** is a substance used in candles or to waterproof paper.
355. **parallel** is extending in the same direction, but never converging.
356. **parcel** is a small package, a bundle.
357. **parfait** is a dessert of ice cream and fruit, or ice cream and syrup.
358. **partial** means incomplete.
359. **particle** is a tine or very small bit.
360. **patience** is the quality of being patient.
361. **patio** is an area of a house used for outdoor lounging, dining, etc.
362. **paws** are the feet of an animal having claws.
363. **pedal** is a foot-operated lever used for various things.
364. **peddle** is to carry things from place to place for sale.
365. **pedestrian** is a person who goes on foot.
366. **peek** is to look or glance quickly or furtively.
367. **pension** is a fixed amount other than a salary paid to a person.
368. **perceive** is to become aware of.
369. **perceptive** is having or showing keenness of insight, understanding or intuition.
370. **perplex** is to cause to be puzzled over what is not understood.
371. **personnel** is a body of persons employed in an organization or place or work.
372. **perturb** is to disturb in mind; agitate.
373. **petite** means short or diminutive.
374. **phantom** is an apparition or specter.
375. **phase** is a stage in a process of change or development.
376. **phrase** is a series of words in grammatical construction and acting as a unit in a sentence.
377. **piccolo** is a small flute sounding an octave higher than an ordinary flute.
378. **pickle** is a cucumber that has been preserved in brine.
379. **piece** is a separate or limited quantity of something.
380. **pizza** is a flat, baked pie of Italian origin, with various ingredients and toppings.
381. **plague** is an epidemic disease that causes high mortality.
382. **plaque** is a tablet or plate of metal, intended for use as an ornament.

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383. **plateau** is a land area having a relatively level surface considerably raised above adjoining land.
384. **plural** pertains to more than one.
385. **poise** is composure.
386. **policy** is a definite course of action.
387. **pollute** is to make foul or unclear.
388. **populace** is the common people of a nation.
389. **possess** is to have as belonging to one; to own.
390. **posterior** is situated behind or at the rear of.
391. **potency** is power or authority.
392. **precede** is to go before.
393. **precinct** is a district marked out for governmental purposes, or police protection.
394. **precious** is of high price or great value.
395. **principal** is first or highest in rank or importance.
396. **python** is a big constricting snake.
397. **quartz** is one of the most common minerals.
398. **quash** is to put down or suppress.
399. **queer** is strange or odd.
400. **quirk** is a peculiarity.
401. **raccoon** is an animal with a mask-like stripe across the eyes.
402. **racquetball** is a game similar to handball, but played with a racquet.
403. **raise** is to move to a higher position.
404. **ramble** is to wander around in an aimless manner.
405. **rappro** is relation or connection.
406. **rapture** is ecstatic joy or delight.
407. **ravine** is a narrow, steep-sided valley.
408. **razor** is an instrument used for shaving.
409. **reactor** is an apparatus in which a nuclear chain-reaction can be obtained.
410. **receipt** is a written acknowledgment of having received something.
411. **receive** is to take something into one's possession.
412. **recess** is a temporary withdrawal from work or activity.
413. **recite** is to repeat words from memory.
414. **recommend** is to present as worthy of confidence or acceptance.
415. **reduce** is to bring down to a smaller amount.
416. **refrigerator** is a container in which items are kept cool or cold.
417. **refugee** is a person who flees his country in time of upheaval or war.
418. **regular** is usual or normal.
419. **relieve** is to ease or alleviate pain, distress or anxiety.
420. **reservoir** is a place where water is collected or stored.
421. **resign** is to give up an office or position.

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422. **review** is going over a subject.
423. **rhyme** is a word agreeing with another word in terminal sound.
424. **rhythm** is movement with uniform recurrence of a beat or accent.
425. **ritual** is a prescribed or established procedure.
426. **routine** is a customary or usual procedure.
427. **rumor** is a story without confirmation or certainty as to facts.
428. **scene** is the place where some action or event occurs.
429. **scent** is a distinctive color.
430. **schedule** is a plan of procedure.
431. **scheme** is an underhand plot, intrigue.
432. **scholar** is a learned person.
433. **science** is a branch of knowledge or study.
434. **scissors** is a cutting instrument.
435. **seize** is to take hold of forcibly.
436. **shear** is to cut something.
437. **sheer** is transparently thin.
438. **shepherd** is a person who tends or guards sheep.
439. **sheriff** is the law-enforcement officer of a county.
440. **shield** is a piece of armor worn on the arm of defensive purposes.
441. **siege** is the act of surrounding and attacking a fortified place in such a way as to isolate it from aid or supplies.
442. **sigh** is to let out one's breath audibly.
443. **sight** is the power or faculty of seeing.
444. **sign** is a token or indication.
445. **sincere** is free of deceit or falseness.
446. **site** is the position or location of something.
447. **soccer** is football as it is played around the world.
448. **source** is anything from which something comes or arises.
449. **souvenir** is a usually inexpensive reminder of a place visited.
450. **spaghetti** is a white, starchy pasta of Italian origin.
451. **stationary** means standing still, not moving.
452. **stature** is the height of a human or animal body.
453. **straight** is without a bend or angle, not curved.
454. **strength** is the quality or state of being strong.
455. **successor** is a person or thing that succeeds or follows.
456. **suede** is kid or other leather finished with a soft, nappy surface.
457. **superintendent** is a person who oversees or directs some work.
458. **supervisor** is a person who supervises the work done by others.
459. **sword** is a weapon consisting of a blade and a hilt.
460. **tablespoonful** is the amount a tablespoon can hold.

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461. **tabloid** is a newspaper whose pages are about half the size of a standard-sized newspaper.
462. **tackle** is equipment, apparatus or gear, especially for fishing.
463. **tailor** is a person who makes, mends or alters clothing.
464. **tale** is a narrative that relates details or some event or incident.
465. **talk** is to communicate by speaking.
466. **tantrum** is a violent demonstration of rage.
467. **tardy** means late.
468. **tattle** is to let out secrets.
469. **tattoo** is an indelible marking on the skin.
470. **tease** is to irritate or provoke.
471. **teethe** means to grow or cut teeth.
472. **telescope** is an instrument to make distant objects appear larger.
473. **tension** is the act of stretching or straining.
474. **terrace** is a raised level with a vertical or sloping front or sides.
475. **thaw** is to pass from a frozen to a liquid state.
476. **theme** is a subject of discourse or discussion.
477. **thief** is a person who steals.
478. **tight** is firmly or closely fixed in place.
479. **tissue** is as in tissue paper.
480. **toad** is an amphibian, a close relative of the frog.
481. **toast** is sliced bread that has been browned by heat.
482. **toboggan** is a long, narrow, flat-bottomed sled.
483. **tombstone** is a marker on a tomb or grave.
484. **tough** means strong and durable.
485. **trample** is to tread or stamp heavily.
486. **tricycle** is a three-wheeled vehicle for children.
487. **typewriter** is a machine to produce letters and characters on paper.
488. **ukulele** is a small, guitar-like instrument.
489. **unanswerable** is not capable of being answered.
490. **unconscious** means without awareness or cognition.
491. **vacuum** is a space entirely devoid of matter.
492. **vanilla** is as in the flavor.
493. **villain** is a cruelly malicious person.
494. **warranty** is assurance.
495. **weigh** is to determine the force of gravity on an object by using a scale.
496. **weird** is unearthly or uncanny.
497. **wield** is to exercise power or authority.
498. **yacht** is a private cruising vessel.
499. **yolk** is the yellow substance of an egg.

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### Intermediate Challenge Words – Grades 6-8 (List 1)

1. **aardwolf** is a hyena-like animal of southern and eastern Africa.
2. **aberration** is departing from the usual course.
3. **abridgment** is a shortened form of a book.
4. **abscission** is sudden termination.
5. **acerbate** is to make sour or bitter.
6. **aficionado** is a devotee of something.
7. **algorithm** is a set of rules for solving a problem.
8. **alignment** is arrangement in a straight line.
9. **allocution** is a formal speech.
10. **ancillary** is a subordinate or subsidiary.
11. **apocalypse** is widespread destruction or disaster.
12. **applique** is ornamentation applied to a material.
13. **archetype** (arkitype) is the original model.
14. **avenge** is to exact satisfaction for.
15. **babushka** is a woman's scarf.
16. **baccalaureate** is a religious service held before commencement day.
17. **balalaika** is a Russian musical instrument.
18. **baroque** pertains to architecture and art from 17th century Italy.
19. **barracuda** is a long, predaceous fish.
20. **bayou** is a marshy arm of a river, usually sluggish or stagnant.
21. **beleaguer** is to surround with troubles.
22. **belligerence** is a hostile attitude.
23. **beret** is a soft, visorless cap.
24. **bivouac** is a military encampment.
25. **blithe** is joyous, glad or cheerful.
26. **boatswain** is a warrant officer on a warship.
27. **bourgeois** is to be a member of the middle class.
28. **boutique** is a small shop within a larger store.
29. **boutonniere** is a flower worn by a man in his lapel.
30. **boysenberry** is a blackberry-like fruit.
31. **buoy** is a float used to mark a water channel.
32. **cabaret** is a restaurant providing food, drink and music.
33. **calisthenics** are gymnastic exercises.
34. **callous** is hard or indifferent.
35. **camouflage** is hiding oneself from one's enemy.
36. **cannoneer** is an artilleryman.
37. **cantankerous** is disagreeable to deal with.
38. **cardiopulmonary** pertaining to the heart and lungs.

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39. **carnivorous** means flesh-eating.
40. **catastrophe** is a sudden and widespread disaster.
41. **celerity** is swiftness, speed.
42. **censer** a container in which incense is burned.
43. **changeable** is liable to change or to be changed.
44. **chaparral** is a dense growth of shrubs or trees (southwest).
45. **commemorate** is to serve as a reminder of.
46. **committal** is an act or instance of committing.
47. **connoisseur** is a person competent to pass critical judgment.
48. **convalescence** is the gradual recovery to health after illness.
49. **cornucopia** is the horn of plenty in mythology.
50. **corruptible** is that which can be corrupted.
51. **crevasse** is a fissure in ice or the earth.
52. **croissant** is a rich, buttery crescent-shaped roll.
53. **curmudgeon** is a bad-tempered, cantankerous person.
54. **cynic** is a person who believes in selfishness as prime motivation.
55. **dachshund** is a long, German dog.
56. **decaffeinate** is to extract caffeine from.
57. **deliverance** is an act or instance of delivering.
58. **denouement** is the final resolution of the intricacies of a plot.
59. **diaphragm** is a part of the human body.
60. **dichotomy** is division into two parts.
61. **dietitian** is a person who is an expert on nutrition.
62. **diphthong** is an unsegmented gliding speech sound
63. **docile** is easily handled or manageable.
64. **echo** is a repetition of sound produced by reflection of sound waves.
65. **eclair** is a finger-shaped cream puff.
66. **eczema** is an inflammatory condition of the skin.
67. **effervescent** is bubbling, vivacious or gay.
68. **eloquence** is using language with fluency and aptness.
69. **encumbrance** is something burdensome.
70. **exquisite** is of special beauty or charm.
71. **extemporaneous** is done without special preparation.
72. **facsimile** is an exact copy.
73. **fallacious** means logically unsound.
74. **fascinate** is to attract and hold attentively.
75. **fauna** are the animals of a region considered as a whole.
76. **flocculent** is like a clump of wool.
77. **foliage** is the leaves of a plant.
78. **forage** is food for cattle or horses.

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79. **forsythia** is a shrub of the olive family.
80. **fraught** means full of or accompanied by.
81. **fuchsia** is a bright, purplish-red color.
82. **gauche** means lacking in social grace.
83. **genre** is a class of artistic endeavor having a particular form.
84. **germane** means relevant.
85. **gerrymander** is dividing election districts to suit one group or party.
86. **glockenspiel** is a musical instrument.
87. **gnash** is to grind or strike the teeth together.
88. **granary** is a storehouse for grain.
89. **grippe** is the former name for influenza.
90. **guillotine** a device for execution.
91. **hallelujah** means praise ye the lord.
92. **handwrought** is formed or shaped by hand, esp. metal objects.
93. **harebrained** means giddy or reckless.
94. **harpsichord** is a keyboard instrument, precursor of the piano.
95. **haughty** is disdainfully proud.
96. **heir** is a person who inherits.
97. **hemorrhage** is a profuse discharge of blood.
98. **heterogeneous** is different in kind, unlike.
99. **hoard** is a supply that is carefully guarded or hidden.
100. **holocaust** is a great or complete destruction.
101. **homogenize** is to form by blending unlike elements.
102. **homonym** is a word the same in spelling and sound, but different in meaning.
103. **horde** is a large group, a multitude.
104. **humoresque** is a musical composition of humorous character.
105. **hydraulic** is employing water or other liquids in motion.
106. **hydrolysis** is chemical decomposition by reacting with water.
107. **hypothesis** is a proposition set forth to explain some occurrence.
108. **hysterical** is of or pertaining to hysteria.
109. **idyll** is a composition, usually describing pastoral scenes or any appealing incident, or the like.
110. **iguana** is a large lizard native to central and south America.
111. **imperceptible** is very slight, gradual or subtle.
112. **impetuous** is characterized by sudden or rash action.
113. **impossible** means not possible or unable to be done.
114. **impromptu** means done without previous preparation.
115. **incidence** means the rate of change or occurrence.
116. **indicator** is a person or thing that indicates.
117. **infallible** is absolutely trustworthy or sure.

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118. **inferior** is lower in station, rank or degree.
119. **insurgence** is an act of rebellion.
120. **interfere** is to meddle in the affairs of others.
121. **invoice** is an itemized bill for goods or services.
122. **iridescent** is displaying a play of bright colors, like a rainbow.
123. **isle** is a small island.
124. **isthmus** is a narrow strip of land with water on both sides, connecting two larger strips of land.
125. **jackal** is a wild dog of Asia and Africa.
126. **Jacuzzi** is a trade name for a whirlpool bath and related products.
127. **joist** is a beam used to support ceilings or floors or the like.
128. **juxtaposition** is the act of placing close together.
129. **Kaiser** is a German or Austrian emperor.
130. **kaleidoscope** is a continually shifting pattern or scene.
131. **ketch** is a two-masted sailing vessel.
132. **knave** is an unprincipled or dishonest person.
133. **knell** is the sound made by a bell rung slowly, at a death.
134. **knoll** is a small, rounded hill.
135. **labyrinth** is an intricate combination of paths in which it is difficult to find the exit.
136. **laconic** is using few words, being concise.
137. **laggard** is a lingerer; loiterer.
138. **lagoon** is an area of shallow water separated from the sea by sandy dunes.
139. **laryngitis** is the inflammation of the larynx.
140. **larynx** is the structure in which the vocal cords are located.
141. **lavender** is a pale bluish purple.
142. **legionnaire** is a member of any legion.
143. **leprechaun** is a dwarf or sprite in Ireland.
144. **liege** is a feudal lord entitled to allegiance or service.
145. **luau** is a feast of Hawaiian food.
146. **luscious** is highly pleasing to the taste or smell.
147. **lyre** is a musical instrument of ancient Greece, harp-like.
148. **lymphatic** is pertaining to, containing or conveying lymph.
149. **mace** is a club-like, armor-breaking weapon, used in the middle ages.
150. **magnanimous** is generous in forgiving insult or injury.
151. **magnify** is to increase the apparent size of, as does a lens.
152. **malfeasance** is wrongdoing by a public official.
153. **maneuver** is a planned movement of troops or warships, etc.
154. **mantle** is a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape.
155. **marquee** is a projection above a theater entrance, usually containing the name of the feature at the theater.

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156. **masquerade** is a party of people wearing masks and other disguises.
157. **mature** is complete in natural growth or development.
158. **maul** is a heavy hammer.
159. **melee** is a confused, hand-to-hand fight among several people.
160. **memento** is a keepsake or souvenir.
161. **mercenary** is working or acting merely for money or reward.
162. **mesquite** is a spiny tree found in western north America.
163. **mettle** is courage or fortitude.
164. **minuscule** means very small.
165. **mirage** is something illusory, without substance or reality.
166. **momentous** is of great or far-reaching importance.
167. **monastery** is a house occupied by usually monks.
168. **monocle** is an eyeglass for one eye.
169. **morgue** is a place in which bodies are kept.
170. **morphine** is a narcotic used as a pain-killer or sedative.
171. **mosque** is a Muslim temple or place of public worship.
172. **motif** is a recurring subject, theme or idea.
173. **mousse** is a sweetened dessert with whipped cream as a base.
174. **mozzarella** is a mild, white, semi-soft Italian cheese.
175. **muenster** is a white cheese made from whole milk.
176. **municipal** is of or pertaining to a town or city or its government.
177. **mysterious** is full of or involving mystery.
178. **mystique** is an aura of mystery or mystical power surrounding a particular occupation or pursuit.
179. **naughty** means disobedient or mischievous.
180. **neuter** is gender that is neither masculine nor feminine.
181. **nickel** is a coin of the u.s., 20 of which make a dollar.
182. **nickelodeon** is an early motion-picture theater.
183. **nomenclature** are names or terms comprising a set or system.
184. **nonchalant** is coolly unconcerned, unexcited.
185. **nonpareil** is having no equal.
186. **noxious** is harmful or injurious to health.
187. **nuance** is a subtle difference in meaning.
188. **nucleus** is the core.
189. **nuisance** is an obnoxious or annoying person.
190. **nuptial** is of or pertaining to marriage or the ceremony.
191. **nylons** are stockings worn by women.
192. **obnoxious** is highly objectionable or offensive.
193. **obsolescent** means passing out of use, as a word.
194. **occurrence** is the action, fact or instance of happening.

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195. **ocelot** is a spotted, leopard-like cat, ranging from Texas to south America.
196. **ogre** is a monster in fairy tales.
197. **onyx** is black.
198. **ophthalmology** is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.
199. **ordnance** is cannon or artillery.
200. **orphan** is a child who has lost both parents through death.
201. **oscillate** is to swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum.
202. **overwrought** is extremely excited or agitated.
203. **oxygen** is the element constituting about one-fifth of the atmosphere.
204. **pacifist** is a person who is opposed to war or to violence of any kind.
205. **palette** is a board with a thumb hole, used by painters to mix colors.
206. **palomino** is a horse with a golden coat, and a white mane and tail.
207. **pamphlet** is a short essay, generally controversial, on some subject of contemporary interest.
208. **pantomime** is the art of conveying things through gestures, without speech.
209. **papacy** is the office, dignity or jurisdiction of the pope.
210. **parable** is a short story designed to illustrate some truth.
211. **paralysis** is a loss of movement in a body part, caused by disease or injury.
212. **paraphernalia** is apparatus necessary for a particular activity.
213. **parishioner** is one of the inhabitants of a parish.
214. **parochial** is of or pertaining to a parish or parishes.
215. **parody** is a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature.
216. **parquet** is a floor composed of strips or blocks of wood forming a pattern.
217. **partition** is a division into portions or shares.
218. **pasture** is grass used to feed livestock.
219. **patriarch** is the male head of a family or tribal line.
220. **patrician** is a person of noble rank; an aristocrat.
221. **paunchy** is having a large and protruding belly.
222. **pause** is a temporary stop or rest.
223. **pavilion** is a building used for shelter, concerts, or exhibits.
224. **peak** is the pointed top of a mountain.
225. **penchant** is a strong inclination or liking for something.
226. **penguin** is a flightless bird of the southern hemisphere.
227. **penicillin** is an antibiotic of low toxicity.
228. **penitentiary** is a prison maintained for serious offenders.
229. **perennial** is lasting for a long time; enduring.
230. **periphery** is the external boundary of any area.
231. **perjury** is lying under oath.
232. **perseverance** is doggedness, steadfastness.

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233. **persuade** is to prevail on a person to do something.
234. **peruse** is to read through with care.
235. **pesticide** is a chemical preparation to destroy pests.
236. **petition** is a formally drawn request.
237. **phalanx** is a body of troops in close array.
238. **phenomenon** is a fact or occurrence observed or observable.
239. **philosopher** is one who offers views on profound subjects.
240. **phoenix** is a mythical bird able to rise from its own ashes.
241. **physics** is the science that deals with matter, energy, motion and force.
242. **picturesque** is visually charming or quaint.
243. **peace** is a country's condition when not involved in war.
244. **pinnacle** is a lofty peak.
245. **pinafore** is a child's apron.
246. **pixie** is a fairy or sprite, especially a mischievous one.
247. **placard** is a paperboard sign or notice.
248. **placebo** is a pill with no medicine but used to soothe a patient.
249. **plaid** is any fabric woven of differently colored yarns in a cross-barred pattern.
250. **plight** is a condition or situation especially an unfavorable one.
251. **plumber** is a person who installs and repairs piping, fixtures, etc.
252. **pneumonia** is inflammation of the lungs with congestion.
253. **poignant** is keenly distressing to the feelings.
254. **poinsettia** is sometimes called the Christmas flower.
255. **politicize** is to bring a political flavor to.
256. **populous** means heavily populated.
257. **porridge** is a food made of cereal, boiled to a thick consistency in water or milk.
258. **posse** is a force armed with legal authority.
259. **posthumous** is arising, occurring, or continuing after one's death.
260. **potpourri** is any mixture of unrelated objects, subjects, etc.
261. **practitioner** is a person engaged in the practice of a profession or occupation.
262. **prairie** is a tract of grassland; a meadow.
263. **precise** is definitely or strictly stated.
264. **prerogative** is an exclusive right or privilege.
265. **prestigious** is having a high reputation.
266. **prey** is an animal hunted or seized for food.
267. **principle** is an accepted or professed rule of action or conduct.
268. **pronunciation** is an accepted standard of the sound and stress patterns of a syllable or word.
269. **psalm** is a sacred song or hymn.
270. **psychology** is the science of the mind or of mental states and processes.
271. **purge** is to cleanse or to purify.

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272. **quaff** is to drink a beverage.
273. **quandary** is a state of uncertainty.
274. **quarantine** is a strict isolation.
275. **questionnaire** is a list of questions submitted for replies.
276. **queue** is a braid of hair or a line of people.
277. **quiche** is a dish with cheeses and other vegetables.
278. **quintessence** is the pure and concentrated essence of a substance.
279. **rabble** is a disorderly crowd; mob.
280. **raffle** is a form of a lottery.
281. **rambunctious** is difficult to control or handle.
282. **rancid** is having an unpleasant smell or taste.
283. **raspberry** is the fruit of a shrub.
284. **ratchet** is a tool.
285. **rationale** is the fundamental reason serving to account for something.
286. **recede** means to go or move away.
287. **recluse** is a person who lives apart or in seclusion.
288. **reconnaissance** is the act of reconnoitering.
289. **rectify** is to make or set right.
290. **recurrence** is an act of something happening again.
291. **reggae** is a style of Jamaican popular music.
292. **rehearse** is to practice.
293. **reign** is the period during which a sovereign sits on a throne.
294. **rein** is the leather strap used to control a horse.
295. **remembrance** is a memory.
296. **reminiscence** is the process of recalling experiences.
297. **requisition** is the act of requiring or demanding.
298. **rescind** is to annul or repeal.
299. **respondent** is a person who responds or makes replies.
300. **resume** is a summing up, a summary.
301. **resurrection** is the act of rising from the dead.
302. **revise** is to amend or alter.
303. **rhapsodic** is ecstatic or extravagantly enthusiastic.
304. **rhetoric** is bombast or the undue use of exaggeration or display.
305. **rhubarb** is a plant of the buckwheat family.
306. **right** is in accordance with what is good or just.
307. **rigor** is strictness, severity or hardness.
308. **rotor** is a rotating part of a machine.
309. **rouge** is any of various red cosmetics for cheek and lips.
310. **roulette** is a game of chance.
311. **rubella** is a disease also called German measles.

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312. **sable** is an old world weasel-like animal.
313. **sachet** is a small bag containing perfuming powder or the like.
314. **sacrilegious** is pertaining to the violation of anything sacred.
315. **saffron** is a crocus having showy, purple flowers.
316. **salutatorian** is the person ranking second in the graduating class.
317. **sanctimonious** is making a hypocritical show of religious devotion.
318. **sapphire** is a gem with a blue color.
319. **sarcasm** is harsh or bitter derision or irony.
320. **satellite** is a body that revolves around a planet, a moon.
321. **sauerkraut** is cabbage allowed to ferment until sour.
322. **sauna** is a bath that uses dry heat to induce perspiration.
323. **scandalous** is disgraceful or shocking behavior.
324. **scarab** is a beetle regarded as sacred by the ancient Egyptians.
325. **scenario** is the outline of a plot of a dramatic work.
326. **scepter** is a rod held as an emblem of regal or imperial power.
327. **schizophrenia** is a severe mental disorder.
328. **schнауzer** is a German breed of medium-sized dogs.
329. **sciatic** is pertaining to the back of the hip.
330. **scour** is to remove dirt by hard scrubbing.
331. **scourge** is a cause of affliction or calamity.
332. **scrod** is a young Atlantic codfish or haddock.
333. **scruple** is a moral standard that acts as a restraining force.
334. **sculptor** is a person who practices the art of sculpture.
335. **seance** is a meeting in which people try to communicate with spirits.
336. **seclude** is to withdraw into solitude.
337. **seine** is a fishing net.
338. **semaphore** is an apparatus for conveying visual signals.
339. **sensuous** means pertaining to or affecting the senses.
340. **separate** means to keep apart or divide.
341. **sepulcher** is a tomb, grave or burial place.
342. **sequoia** is a large tree, aka redwood.
343. **sergeant** is a noncommissioned officer above the rank of corporal.
344. **serial** is anything published in short installments at regular intervals.
345. **sew** is to join or attach by stitches.
346. **shackle** is something used to secure the wrist, leg, etc.
347. **sheathe** is to put a sword into a sheath.
348. **sheen** is luster, brightness, radiance.
349. **shrew** is a woman of violent temper and speech.
350. **shroud** is a cloth or sheet in which a corpse is wrapped for burial.
351. **sierra** is a chain of hills or mountains, the peaks of which suggest the teeth of a saw.

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352. **silhouette** is a two-dimensional representation of the outline of an object.
353. **simile** is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, as in she is like a rose.
354. **simultaneous** is occurring or operating at the same time.
355. **singe** is to burn slightly, to scorch.
356. **siphon** is a tube bent into legs of unequal length, for getting liquid from one container to another.
357. **skeptic** is a person who questions the validity of something.
358. **skew** is to turn aside or swerve.
359. **slaughter** is the killing of cattle, etc., for food.
360. **sleigh** is a vehicle on runners, especially used over snow or ice.
361. **sleight** is skill or dexterity.
362. **sleuth** is a detective.
363. **slough (sloo)** is an area of soft, muddy ground.
364. **sojourn** is a temporary stay.
365. **solder** is an alloy fused and applied to the joint between metal objects to unite them.
366. **solemn** is grave or sober or mirthless.
367. **sovereign** is a monarch or a king.
368. **spasm** is a sudden involuntary muscular contraction.
369. **specter** is a ghost, phantom or apparition.
370. **sponsor** is a person who vouches for or is responsible for a person.
371. **squabble** is to engage in a petty quarrel.
372. **squeak** is a short, sharp, shrill cry.
373. **squint** is to look with the eyes partly closed.
374. **stationery** is writing paper.
375. **stimulus** is something that incites to action or exertion.
376. **strait** is a narrow passage of water between 2 larger bodies of water.
377. **straitjacket** is a garment made of strong material and designed to bind the arms.
378. **stroganoff** is a dish of meet sauteed with onions and cooked in a sauce of sour cream.
379. **suave** is smoothly agreeable or polite.
380. **subpoena** is the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses.
381. **subtle** is thin, tenuous or delicate in meaning.
382. **succinct** means expressed in few words, concise, terse.
383. **sufficiency** is adequacy.
384. **suite** is a number of things forming a set.
385. **supersede** is to replace in power, or acceptance.
386. **supposition** is something that is supposed; assumption.
387. **surety** is security against loss or damage.
388. **surrey** is a light carriage for four persons.
389. **surrogate** is a person appointed to act for another; a deputy.

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390. **surveillance** is a watch kept over a person or group.
391. **swerve** is to turn aside abruptly.
392. **symposium** is a meeting to discuss some subject.
393. **synod** is an assembly of church delegates.
394. **synonym** is a word having nearly the same meaning as another.
395. **syntax** is the study of the rules for the formation of grammatical sentences in a language.
396. **tabernacle** is a place or house of worship.
397. **tableau** is a picture of a scene.
398. **tabular** means arranged into a table.
399. **tachometer** is a machine to measure velocity or speed.
400. **tacky** is not tasteful or fashionable.
401. **tact** is a sense of what to say without raising offense.
402. **taffy** is a chewy candy.
403. **tail** is the hindmost part of an animal.
404. **taint** is a trace of something bad or harmful.
405. **tally** is an account or reckoning.
406. **tambourine** is a small drum consisting of a circular frame with skin stretched over it and several pairs of metal jingles attached.
407. **tandem** is one following or behind the other.
408. **tangible** is capable of being touched.
409. **tantalize** means to torment with.
410. **tapestry** is a fabric used for wall hangings or furniture coverings.
411. **tassel** is an ornament consisting of a bunch of threads hanging from a round knob, used on clothing or jewelry.
412. **taught** is the past participle of teach.
413. **taunt** means to mock.
414. **tawdry** means showy or cheap.
415. **tea** is something to drink.
416. **tee** is a golfer's aid.
417. **technique** is the manner in which the technical skills of a particular art or field of endeavor are used.
418. **tedious** means long and tiresome.
419. **teeter** means to move unsteadily.
420. **telegraph** is an apparatus to send messages to a distant place.
421. **telepathy** is communication between minds.
422. **telephone** is an apparatus to send sound to distances.
423. **temblor** is a tremor; earthquake.
424. **tempt** means to entice or allure to do something often considered wrong.
425. **tenor** is the meaning that runs through something written or spoken.

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426. **tense** is stretched tight; high-strung or nervous.
427. **terrain** is a tract of land.
428. **terse** is neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy.
429. **tetanus** is a disease, commonly called lockjaw.
430. **thatch** is a material used to cover roofs.
431. **thermometer** is a device for measuring temperature.
432. **thesaurus** is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms.
433. **thesis** is a proposition put forth to be considered.
434. **thigh** is between the hip and the knee.
435. **thimble** is a small cap, worn over the fingertip to protect it when pushing a needle through a cloth in sewing.
436. **third** is next after the second.
437. **thistle** is a prickly plant.
438. **thorough** is executed without negligence or omissions.
439. **thumb** is the short, thick inner digit of the human hand.
440. **tier** is one of a series of rows rising one behind or above another.
441. **tinsel** is a glittering, metallic substance, usually in strips.
442. **titanic** meaning gigantic.
443. **titlist** is a titleholder, champion.
444. **tobacco** is the plant used in making cigarettes.
445. **tongue** is the movable organ in the mouth of humans.
446. **tonsillectomy** is the operation removing one or both tonsils.
447. **topaz** is a mineral used as a gem.
448. **torque** is something that produces rotation.
449. **tout** is to solicit business.
450. **toxicity** is the degree of being poisonous.
451. **traceable** is capable of being traced.
452. **trachea** is the windpipe.
453. **trait** is a distinguishing characteristic or quality.
454. **tranquil** is calm or peaceful.
455. **transcend** is to rise above or go beyond.
456. **transient** means not lasting or enduring.
457. **translucent** is letting pass through, but not clearly.
458. **trapeze** is an apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar attached to two suspending ropes.
459. **trauma** is a body wound or shock produced by sudden physical injury.
460. **trestle** is a type of frame, used in railroad spans.
461. **trichotomy** means divided into three parts.
462. **trivial** means of little significance or importance.
463. **trough** is a receptacle, usually for drinking from.

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464. **troupe** is a group of actors or performers, esp. travelers.
465. **truancy** is the act of being truant or late.
466. **tyrannize** is to exercise absolute control or power.
467. **ulcer** is a sore on the skin.
468. **uncollectible** means it can't be collected.
469. **unkempt** is disheveled or messy.
470. **vaccinal** pertaining to vaccine or vaccination.
471. **vague** is not clearly expressed or identified.
472. **vaudeville** is a theatrical entertainment.
473. **vehemence** meaning ardor or fervor.
474. **veneer** is a thin layer of wood.
475. **vengeance** means violent revenge or getting back.
476. **vermicelli** is a form of pasta.
477. **victuals** are food supplies.
478. **viscount** is a nobleman just below an earl or count.
479. **vogue** means something in fashion.
480. **vying** is competing or contending.
481. **waive** is to give up or to forgo.
482. **whack** is to strike with a sharp blow or blows.
483. **wheelwright** is a person whose trade is to make wheels.
484. **wherever** is in, at or to whatever place.
485. **wince** is to draw back or tense the body.
486. **wrack** is wreck or wreckage.
487. **wreak** to inflict or execute as punishment or vengeance.
488. **wren** is a small, active songbird.
489. **yeoman** is a petty officer in a navy.
490. **zeppelin** is a rigid airship or dirigible.
491. **zoological** is of or pertaining to zoology.
492. **zucchini** is a variety of summer squash.

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<b>Advanced Challenge Words – Grades 6-8 (List 2)</b>
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1. **abaciscus** is a small abacus.
2. **abatjour** is a device, as a skylight, for diverting light into buildings.
3. **abattoir** is a slaughterhouse.
4. **abecedarian** is a person who is learning the letters of the alphabet.
5. **abeyant** means temporarily suspended.
6. **absorbefacient** means causing absorption.
7. **acaulescent** means either stemless or without a visible stem.
8. **accoucheur** is a person who assists during childbirth.
9. **acquiesce** means to comply or submit.
10. **aerogramme** is a pre-stamped, lightweight paper that folds into its own envelope.
11. **affenpinscher** is a breed of dog with wiry hair.
12. **Afrikaans** is an official language of south Africa.
13. **ageusia** is the loss of the sense of taste.
14. **albescent** means to become whitish.
15. **alette** (*ahleet*) is a small wing of a building.
16. **amethyst** is a purple quartz, used as a gem.
17. **amphitheater** is an oval or round building with an open central area.
18. **ampullaceous** means bottle-shaped.
19. **anathematize** means to denounce or to curse.
20. **androgynous** means being both male and female.
21. **ankh** is an Egyptian cross used as a symbol of enduring life.
22. **anopheles** is a malaria-causing mosquito.
23. **apartheid** a rigid policy of segregation in south Africa.
24. **appaloosa** is a hardy breed of riding horse.
25. **aqueous** is of or pertaining to water, watery.
26. **armoire** is a large wardrobe or movable cupboard.
27. **arrhythmia** is any interruption in the heartbeat.
28. **ascetic** is a person who practices self-denial for religious reasons.
29. **aurochs** is a black European wild ox, extinct since 1627.
30. **autocephalous** is a bishop subordinate to no superior authority.
31. **avuncular** pertains to an uncle.
32. **azimuth** is the angle of horizontal deviation of a bearing from a standard direction.
33. **babiche** is a thong used in making snowshoes.
34. **bacchanal** is a drunken revelry.
35. **bacciferous** means bearing or producing berries.
36. **badinage** is light, playful banter.
37. **bagatelle** is something of little value.

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38. **bagheera** is a velvet used to make evening wear and wraps.
39. **baize** is a felt used on tops of billiard tables.
40. **baksheesh** is a tip or gratuity \_ used in the middle east.
41. **banquette** is a long bench with an upholstered seat.
42. **bassarisk** is a carnivorous mammal.
43. **bdellium** is a resin obtained from plants (dellium).
44. **bellwether** is someone who assumes leadership.
45. **beneficence** is the doing of good.
46. **beriberi** is a disease caused by a vitamin b1 deficiency.
47. **beryllium** is a hard, light metallic element.
48. **bight** is the middle part of a rope.
49. **bludgeon** is a short, heavy club with one heavier end.
50. **boudoir** is a woman's private sitting room.
51. **bouffant** means puffed out, as in a teased hairdo.
52. **brooch** is a clasp or ornament.
53. **bucolic** is of or pertaining to shepherds.
54. **bumbershoot** is a name for an umbrella.
55. **cacophony** is a harsh discordance of sound.
56. **caique** is a single-masted sailing vessel (Mediterranean).
57. **caliph** is a spiritual leader of Islam.
58. **cantle** is the hind part of a saddle.
59. **carillon** is a set of bells sounded by manual or pedal action.
60. **Carrefour** (*carrefour*) is a crossroads, a road junction.
61. **cartouche** a surface for receiving a painted decoration.
62. **casque** is an open conical helmet with a nose guard (medieval).
63. **catfalque** is a raised structure on which the body of a dead person lies.
64. **catarrh** an inflammation of a mucous membrane.
65. **caterwaul** is to utter long wailing cries, as a cat.
66. **cauterize** is to burn for curative purposes.
67. **cayuse** is an Indian pony.
68. **ceraceous** is waxlike or waxy.
69. **chancre** is the initial lesion of infectious diseases.
70. **chattel** is a movable item of personal property.
71. **chlorofluorocarbon** is a substance blamed for the hole in the ozone layer.
72. **cirrhosis** is a disease of the liver.
73. **claque** a group of people hired to applaud an act or performer.
74. **colonnade** a series of regularly spaced columns.
75. **contemn** means to treat with disdain or scorn.
76. **continuum** is a continuous extent, series or whole.
77. **convivial** means friendly or agreeable.

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78. **copacetic** means fine, completely satisfactory.
79. **corporeity** is materiality.
80. **cuirass** (*kwirass*) is defensive armor for the torso.
81. **culottes** are women's trousers, usually knee or calf-length.
82. **dahlia** is a flower.
83. **daguerreotype** is an obsolete photographic process.
84. **deign** to think fit or to condescend.
85. **demagoguery** are methods or practices of a demagogue.
86. **demesne** is possession of land as one's own.
87. **demitasse** is a small cup for serving strong black coffee.
88. **desiccate** is to dry thoroughly.
89. **dhow** is a sailing vessel used by Arabs.
90. **diaphanous** means very sheer and light.
91. **dilettante** is a person who takes up an occupation as an amusement.
92. **dinghy** is a small boat designed as a lifeboat.
93. **dispossess** is to put a person out of a possession, esp. property.
94. **dormouse** is a small rodent resembling a small squirrel.
95. **doubloon** is a former gold coin of Spain.
96. **dysentery** is an infectious disease.
97. **ecru** is a very light brown.
98. **edelweiss** is a small plant growing in the alps.
99. **egregious** is extraordinary in some bad way.
100. **emphysema** is an irreversible disease of the lungs.
101. **ephemeral** is lasting a very short time.
102. **epiphany** is a Christian festival.
103. **equestrienne** is a woman who rides horses.
104. **ersatz** means serving as a substitute.
105. **escutcheon** is a shield on which a coat of arms is depicted.
106. **euchre** is a game of cards.
107. **eviscerate** is to disembowel.
108. **exsiccate** is to remove the moisture from.
109. **facetious** means not to be taken seriously.
110. **fasciation** is the act of bandaging.
111. **fiefdom** is the estate of a feudal lord.
112. **finagle** is to cheat or swindle someone.
113. **fizgig** is a firework that makes a hissing sound.
114. **flaccid** means soft and limp.
115. **fluxion** is an act of flowing.
116. **formaldehyde** is a colorless, toxic gas.
117. **frankincense** is an aromatic gum resin used as incense.

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118. **fricassee** is meat browned, stewed and served in its own sauce.
119. **frieze** is a decorative band on an outside wall.
120. **fulsome** means offensive to good taste.
121. **fusillade** is a simultaneous discharge of firearms.
122. **gabardine** is a firm, tightly woven fabric.
123. **gallimaufry** is a hodgepodge, a jumble.
124. **garrote** is a method of capital punishment.
125. **gesundheit** is used to wish good health after a sneeze.
126. **gewgaw** is a trinket or bauble.
127. **ghillie** is a low-cut, tongueless shoe.
128. **glaucous** means becoming a light bluish-green.
129. **glyph** is a pictograph or hieroglyph.
130. **gneiss** is a metamorphic rock.
131. **gnome** is a small being that guards the interior treasures of earth.
132. **gnosis** is knowledge of spiritual matters.
133. **godet** is a triangular piece of fabric inserted to give fullness.
134. **golliwogg** is a grotesque person.
135. **grandiloquence** is a speed that is lofty, often to being pompous.
136. **guillemot** is a seabird of northern waters.
137. **gyve** is a shackle for the leg.
138. **habiliments** is clothing.
139. **hackamore** is a simple, looped bridle for a horse.
140. **halcyon** means calm or peaceful.
141. **halophyte** is a plant that thrives in saline soil.
142. **handbreadth** is a unit of linear measure.
143. **hartebeest** is a large African antelope.
144. **hegemony** is leadership or predominant influence by one nation.
145. **hematozoon** is a parasitic protozoan that lives in the blood.
146. **herbage** (*erbij*) nonwoody vegetation.
147. **hierarchy** is a system of things ranked above each other.
148. **hieroglyphic** is the pictograph type of script used by Egypt.
149. **hirsute** is hairy or shaggy.
150. **histrionic** is of or pertaining to actors or acting.
151. **hoatzin** is a blue-faced bird of the amazon forests.
152. **hootenanny** is a social gathering featuring folk singing.
153. **horripilation** is also known as goose flesh or goose bumps.
154. **howdah** is a seat placed on the back of an elephant.
155. **hoyden** is another name for a tomboy.
156. **hydrangea** is a plant with showy flower clusters.
157. **hydrofluoric** is of or derived from hydrofluoric acid.

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158. **hyena** is a doglike carnivore of Africa.
159. **hyperpyrexia** is an abnormally high fever.
160. **hypnotize** is to put into the hypnotic state.
161. **hypotenuse** is the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.
162. **ichneumon** (*iknoomen*) is also called the African mongoose.
163. **ichthyophagist** is a person who subsists on fish.
164. **idiosyncrasy** is a characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual, incident, or the like.
165. **impeccable** is faultless or flawless.
166. **imprecise** means not precise or exact.
167. **incise** (*insize*) means to cut into.
168. **indubitable** is something that can't be doubted.
169. **inexorable** is unyielding or unalterable.
170. **ingurgitate** is to swallow greedily.
171. **iniquitous** is wicked, sinful.
172. **innuendo** is an indirect intimation about a person or thing, usually of a derogatory nature.
173. **inscrutable** is incapable of being investigated or analyzed.
174. **insomnolence** is sleeplessness.
175. **intermezzo** is a short musical entertainment, between the acts of a drama or opera.
176. **interregnum** is the time between the close of reign and the beginning of the next.
177. **intransigent** is refusing to agree or compromise.
178. **inveigle** is to entice by flattery or artful talk.
179. **inveigh** is to protest strongly or attack vehemently with words.
180. **irascible** is easily provoked to anger.
181. **jalousie** is a window made of glass slats.
182. **jambalaya** is a dish of creole origin.
183. **jocose** is given to joking or jesting.
184. **juvenescent** is being youthful; young.
185. **kepi** is a French military cap.
186. **kinkajou** is an arboreal animal of central and south America.
187. **klaxon** is a loud, electric horn.
188. **klieg** is a powerful type of arc light once used in the movies.
189. **kowtow** is to show servile deference.
190. **lacerate** is to tear roughly; mangle.
191. **lachrymal** is of or pertaining to tears.
192. **languid** is lacking in vigor or vitality.
193. **layette** is an outfit of clothing or bedding for a newborn baby.
194. **legerdemain** is sleight of hand or trickery.
195. **licit** is legal or lawful.
196. **limn** is to represent in drawing or painting.

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197. **locus** is a place or a locality.
198. **loquacious** is talking or tending to talk too freely.
199. **lucent** means shining.
200. **lynx** is a wildcat of Canada and the northern u.s.
201. **macaque** is a monkey, characterized by cheek pouches and short tail.
202. **maelstrom** is a large, powerful, or violent whirlpool.
203. **manatee** is an aquatic mammal of coastal waters, with 2 front flippers and a broad, spoon-shaped tail.
204. **maraud** is to make a raid for booty.
205. **marionette** is a puppet manipulated from above by strings.
206. **marten** is an animal of northern forests.
207. **mastiff** is a large, powerful, short-haired dog.
208. **matriarch** is the female head of a tribal or family line.
209. **mellifluous** is sweetly or smoothly flowing.
210. **menace** is something that threatens to cause harm or evil.
211. **mendacious** is telling lies, especially habitually.
212. **meringue** is a topping for pies, pastry, etc.
213. **mesmerize** is to hypnotize.
214. **metamorphose** is to change the form or nature of, to transform.
215. **meticulous** is taking extreme care about tiny details.
216. **mezzanine** is the lowest balcony in a theater.
217. **microcosm** is a world in miniature.
218. **millennium** is a period of 1,000 years.
219. **mnemonic** is assisting or intended to assist the memory.
220. **mocha** is a choice variety of coffee.
221. **monocoque** is a type of aircraft in which the shell carries most of the stresses.
222. **morass** is a tract or low, soft, wet ground.
223. **morose** is gloomy or sullenly ill-humored.
224. **mote** is a small particle, as in dust.
225. **mottle** is a diversifying spot or blotch of color.
226. **mufti** are civilian clothes.
227. **multiplicand** is a number to be multiplied by another.
228. **munificent** means one who is very generous.
229. **myrrh** is an aromatic resinous exudation from certain plants.
230. **naphtha** (*naftha*) is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate.
231. **narcissism** is excessive self-love; vanity.
232. **nascent** is beginning to exist or develop.
233. **nebulous** is hazy, vague or indistinct.
234. **neigh** is to utter the cry of a horse; to whinny.
235. **nemesis** is something a person can't conquer.

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236. **newt** is a brilliantly colored salamander.
237. **nexus** is a means of connection; a tie; a link.
238. **niche** is an ornamental recess in a wall.
239. **nigh** means near in space, time or relation.
240. **nihilism** is total rejection of established laws and institutions.
241. **nonce** is the present, or immediate, occasion or purpose.
242. **nouveau** is newly or recently created, developed, or come to prominence.
243. **obeisance** is a bow or a curtsy.
244. **objurgate** is to denounce vehemently; to upbraid sharply.
245. **obloquy** is abusive language aimed at a person.
246. **obsequious** showing servile deference; fawning on someone.
247. **obstreperous** means unruly.
248. **occlude** is to close, shut, or stop up.
249. **oleaginous** means having the nature or qualities of oil.
250. **omniscience** is infinite knowledge.
251. **onerous** is burdensome or troublesome.
252. **opalesce** is to exhibit a play of colors like that of the opal.
253. **opprobrious** is outrageously disgraceful or shameful.
254. **ostracism** is exclusion from social acceptance.
255. **oxymoron** is a seemingly contradictory figure of speech, like cruel kindness.
256. **pachyderm** is an elephant.
257. **paean** is a song of praise, joy or triumph.
258. **panacea** is a remedy for all disease or ills.
259. **panache** is a grand or flamboyant manner.
260. **panegyric** is a lofty oration in praise of a person or thing.
261. **panoply** is a wide-ranging and impressive array or display.
262. **papyrus** is a tall, aquatic plant, native to the Nile valley.
263. **pariah** is an outcast.
264. **parlance** is a way or manner of speaking.
265. **parry** is to ward off a thrust, as in fencing.
266. **parsec** is a unit of distance equal to 3.26 light-years.
267. **patella** is the kneecap.
268. **peccadillo** is a very minor or slight sin or offense.
269. **peccary** is a piglike hoofed animal of north and south America.
270. **peignoir** is a woman's dressing gown.
271. **pendulous** is hanging down loosely.
272. **penultimate** the next to the last.
273. **penury** is extreme poverty.
274. **perfidy** is a deliberate breach of trust; treachery.
275. **perihelion** is the point at which a planet is closest to the sun.

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276. **perniciou** means ruinous; injurious; hurtful.
277. **perquisite** is a gratuity or tip.
278. **perspicuous** is clearly expressed or presented.
279. **pestle** is a tool to grind substances in a mortar.
280. **pharmaceutical** pertains to pharmacy or pharmacists.
281. **phlegmatic** is not easily excited to action.
282. **pique** is to affect with sharp irritation.
283. **piranha** is a small south American fish that eat fish, animals and sometimes attack humans.
284. **pirogue** is an American boat, a dugout.
285. **pirouette** is a whirling about on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing.
286. **plagiarize** is to take ideas and works of another and pass it off as one's own.
287. **platypus** is a small, egg-laying animal of Australia.
288. **plebeian** is belonging or pertaining to the common people.
289. **plebiscite** is a direct vote of the voters of a state in regard to some important public question.
290. **polychrome** is being of many or various colors.
291. **posit** is to place, put or set.
292. **precocious** is prematurely developed.
293. **precursor** is a person or thing that precedes.
294. **prescience** is knowledge of things before they exist or happen.
295. **propitious** means favorable.
296. **psilosis** means a falling out of the hair.
297. **psoriasis** is a common skin disease.
298. **ptosis** is a drooping of the upper eyelid.
299. **pulchritude** is physical beauty; comeliness.
300. **pyrrhic** is consisting of two short or unaccented syllables.
301. **quadriceps** is a large muscle in front of the thigh.
302. **quadrille** is a square dance for four couples.
303. **quay** is a landing place along a body of water.
304. **querulous** means full of complaints.
305. **quiescent** is being at rest; quiet; inactive.
306. **quinella** is a type of bet on horse races.
307. **quirt** is a riding whip.
308. **quoin** is the external solid angle of a wall.
309. **quotidian** means daily.
310. **rapier** is a small sword, used for thrusting.
311. **rappel** is the way to move down a surface in mountaineering.
312. **rarefy** is to make rare or rarer.

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313. **raucous** is harsh or strident.
314. **ravenous** means extremely hungry.
315. **recalcitrant** means resisting authority.
316. **redoubtable** is that that is to be feared; formidable.
317. **regurgitate** is to surge or rush back.
318. **reparable** is capable of being repaired.
319. **repartee** is a quick, witty reply.
320. **repugn** is to oppose or refute.
321. **reticent** is someone disposed to be silent or not to speak freely.
322. **veille** is a signal to alert military personal to arise.
323. **rheumatism** is a disorder of the extremities or back, characterized by stiffness.
324. **rhinoceros** is a large African animal.
325. **ricochet** is the motion of an object after deflecting from another object.
326. **riposte** is a quick, sharp return in speech or action.
327. **rococo** is a style of architecture and decoration.
328. **rogue** is a dishonest person, a scoundrel.
329. **roil** is to disturb or disquiet.
330. **roseate** is tinged with rose; rosy.
331. **rough** is having a coarse or uneven surface.
332. **rouse** is to bring out of a state of sleep.
333. **ruse** is a trick.
334. **saboteur** is a person who commits sabotage.
335. **saccharin** is a sweetener.
336. **sacroiliac** is the joint where the sacrum and ilium meet.
337. **sacrosanct** is extremely sacred or inviolable.
338. **sagacious** showing acute mental discernment, or being shrewd.
339. **saguaro** is a tall, horizontally branched cactus.
340. **salaam** is a salutation meaning peace, especially in Islamic countries.
341. **sanguinary** means full of bloodshed, bloody.
342. **sarsaparilla** is a soft drink made from the extract of a root.
343. **satiate** is to supply something to excess.
344. **satyr** is a mythological character, half human and half goat or horse.
345. **schiffli** is a large, loomlike machine for working patterns in lace.
346. **schism** is division or disunion.
347. **schlock** means cheap or trashy.
348. **schuss** is a straight downhill run at high speed, skiing.
349. **scimitar** is a curved, single-edged sword.
350. **scintillate** is to emit sparks.
351. **scorpioid** is resembling a scorpion.
352. **scrimshaw** is a carved article, especially of whale ivory.

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353. **scrivener** is a scribe.
354. **scythe** is an implement used to cut grass or grain by hand.
355. **sebaceous** means fatty.
356. **secede** is to withdraw formally from an alliance.
357. **sedulous** means persevering.
358. **segue** (*segway*) means to continue at once with the next musical composition.
359. **seismicity** is the frequency of earthquakes in a given area.
360. **seneschal** is an officer having full charge of domestic arrangements.
361. **sentient** means conscious.
362. **septuagenarian** is between 70 and 80 years of age.
363. **sequacious** means following with smooth or logical regularity.
364. **sequester** is to remove or withdraw into solitude or retirement.
365. **serendipity** means good fortune or luck.
366. **serge** is a twilled fabric used for clothing.
367. **serrate** is notched on the edge like a saw.
368. **setaceous** is bristlelike.
369. **severance** is the act of severing or the state of being severed.
370. **sexton** is a church official charged with taking care of the edifice and its contents.
371. **sheaf** is a bundle of wheat, rye, etc.
372. **shoal** is a place where a body of water is shallow.
373. **sibyl** is a female prophet or witch.
374. **sieve** is an instrument with a meshed bottom, used to separate materials.
375. **skein** is a length of yarn wound on a reel for use in manufacturing
376. **skink** is a lizard common in both the old and new worlds.
377. **sleazy** means contemptibly low or disreputable.
378. **sloe** is the small, sour fruit of the blackthorn.
379. **sluice** is an artificial channel for conducting water.
380. **solecism** is a nonstandard or ungrammatical usage.
381. **soliloquy** is a discourse by a person who is talking to himself.
382. **sorcerer** is a person who practices black magic.
383. **sorghum** is a cereal grass.
384. **speciesism** is discrimination in favor of one species over another.
385. **specious** is apparently good or right though lacking real merit.
386. **sphinx** is a figure of a creature having the head of a man or animal and the body of a lion.
387. **spinnet** is a small upright piano.
388. **squalor** is filth or misery.
389. **squeegee** is an implement edged with rubber to remove water from windows or floors.
390. **staid** means of settled character, not flighty.

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391. **stanchion** is an upright bar as in a window or stall.
392. **stiletto** is a short dagger with a thick blade.
393. **strafe** is to attack by airplanes with machine-gun fire.
394. **strontium** is a strong, metallic element.
395. **strychnine** is a colorless, crystalline poison.
396. **sturgeon** is a large fish, valued as a source of caviar.
397. **subcutaneous** means lying under the skin, as tissue.
398. **submersible** is that which is capable of being submerged.
399. **suffrutescent** is partially or slightly woody.
400. **surcease** is to cease from some action; desist.
401. **surfeit** means excess; an excessive amount.
402. **suzerain** is a state exercising political control over a dependent state.
403. **svelte** is gracefully slender; lithe.
404. **sycamore** is a north American tree.
405. **sycophancy** is self-seeking or servile flattery.
406. **sylph** is a slender, graceful woman or girl.
407. **syncopate** is to place accents on beats in music normally not accented.
408. **tabasco** is a trademark name for a condiment sauce.
409. **tachymeter** is an instrument to rapidly determine distances.
410. **taciturn** means inclined to silence.
411. **tactician** is a person who is adept at planning tactics.
412. **taffeta** is a medium- or light-weight fabric.
413. **talisman** is an object that is supposed to possess powers.
414. **tallow** is the fatty tissue of animals.
415. **talon** is the claw of a bird of prey.
416. **tamarind** is the pod of a large tropical tree.
417. **tamburitza** is a mandolinlike instrument of southern Slavic regions.
418. **tanager** is a songbird found in north America.
419. **tankard** is a large drinking cup.
420. **tapir** is a three-toed animal resembling a pig in central and south America.
421. **tarantella** is a rapid, whirling Italian dance.
422. **tarantula** is a large, hairy spider.
423. **tariff** is a list showing duties imposed on imports or exports.
424. **tarot** is a card used for fortunetelling.
425. **tarry** is to remain or stay awhile.
426. **taupe** (*tohp*) is a brownish gray.
427. **taut** means tightly drawn.
428. **taw** is a fancy marble used as a shooter.
429. **tawny** is a shade of brown tinged with yellow.
430. **taxable** means capable of being taxed.

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431. **teak** is a large east Indian tree.
432. **tempestuous** means tumultuous or turbulent.
433. **tenacious** means holding fast.
434. **tenement** is a rundown, often overcrowded apartment house.
435. **tenet** is a principle, doctrine or dogma.
436. **tequila** is a strong liquor from Mexico.
437. **termagant** is a violent or brawling woman.
438. **tern** is an aquatic bird.
439. **terrarium** is a container for land animals.
440. **tertiary** is of the third order.
441. **testatrix** is a woman who makes a will.
442. **tetrabrach** is a word of four short syllables.
443. **thalassic** is of or pertaining to seas or oceans.
444. **thence** means from that place.
445. **theocracy** is a form of government in which a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler.
446. **therapeutics** is the branch of medicine concerned with the remedial treatment of disease.
447. **thoracic** is of or pertaining to the thorax.
448. **thought** is the product of mental activity.
449. **thrall** is one who is in bondage; slave.
450. **threshold** is the sill of a doorway.
451. **tiara** is a jeweled coronet worn by women.
452. **timbre** is the characteristic quality of a sound.
453. **tinct** is to tinge or tint, as with color.
454. **titillate** is to excite agreeably.
455. **tizzy** is a nervous or agitated state.
456. **tofu** is a bland, cheeselike food, high in protein content.
457. **tome** is a large, heavy book.
458. **toque** is a brimless and close-fitting hat for women.
459. **tortoise** is a turtle, especially a land turtle.
460. **tortuous** means full of twists or turns.
461. **toucan** is a large-billed, brightly colored bird.
462. **toupee** is a man's wig.
463. **tourniquet** is a device for arresting bleeding.
464. **traduce** means to slander or defame.
465. **traipse** is to walk or go aimlessly or idly.
466. **travois** is a transporting device pulled by an animal.
467. **treacle** is contrived sentimentality.
468. **triskaidekaphobia** is a fear of the number 13.

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469. **troglydte** is a prehistoric cave dweller.
470. **troika** is a team of 3 horses driven abreast.
471. **trousseau** is clothing, linen, especially for a bride.
472. **truculent** is fierce or savagely brutal.
473. **truncheon** is a club carried by a police officer.
474. **tryst** is an appointment to meet at a certain time and place.
475. **tumescent** means swelling.
476. **ubiquitous** means omnipresent or being everywhere at the same time.
477. **umlaut** is a mark used over a vowel.
478. **unconscionable** means unscrupulous or not guided by conscience.
479. **unrequited** is not returned or reciprocated.
480. **unwonted** is not customary or usual or rare.
481. **vacillate** means to waver in opinion.
482. **vacuous** means empty.
483. **variscite** is a secondary mineral.
484. **ventriloquism** means throwing the voice.
485. **verisimilitude** means the appearance of truth.
486. **vertebrae** are bones composing the spinal column.
487. **vertiginous** means whirling or spinning.
488. **vexillology** means the study of flags.
489. **vicissitude** means a change in the course of things.
490. **villein** was an almost free person in the middle ages.
491. **virescent** means turning green.
492. **viscera** are the organs in the abdominal cavity.
493. **viscid** means sticky.
494. **vociferous** is crying out noisily.
495. **vorticity** is a measure of the circulation of a fluid.
496. **waterborne** is floating or moving on water.
497. **whet** is to sharpen by grinding or friction.
498. **whippoorwill** is a nocturnal north American bird.
499. **widgeon** is a common, freshwater duck.
500. **wildebeest** is a gnu.
501. **wok** is a pan used in cooking Chinese food.
502. **wraith** is a visible spirit.
503. **xenophobe** is a person who fears or hates foreigners.
504. **xyster** is a surgical instrument for scraping bones.
505. **xylose** is a colorless crystalline sugar.
506. **ytrium** is a rare metallic element.
507. **yurt** is a tentlike dwelling of the Mongols.
508. **zephyr** is a gentle breeze.

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- 509. **zinciferous** means yielding or containing zinc.
- 510. **zoanthropy** (zoo) is a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.
- 511. **zoopraxiscope** is an early motion projector.
- 512. **zucchetto** is a skullcap worn by roman catholic ecclesiastics.

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### Spelling Bee Instructions

1. Line up all the students in front of the room.
2. Ask one student at a time to spell a word.
3. If the student spells it correctly, then he/she remains in the line. If he/she doesn't spell the word correctly, then he/she will be out and asked to sit down.
4. At the end of the CLASS Spelling Bee, the top 3 students go onto the school Spelling Bee. No "Anticipated Championship word" is required. (Make sure that all students get a chance to finish each round. If in the last round, there are 5 students left and the first 2 students spell incorrectly, the next 3 DO NOT automatically make the School Spelling Bee. They must correctly spell the word in the round first. If only 2 out of the 5 students spell their word correctly, then they qualify for the School Spelling Bee. The remaining 3 must continue until only 1 student remains and then he/she will join the other 2.)
5. Each class list has 50 words. The grade 8 list has 50 words plus 50 challenge words.
6. School Spelling Bee and the Inter-Islamic School Bee will be divided in the following divisions:
  - a. Grade 1
  - b. Grades 2-3
  - c. Grades 4-5
  - d. Grades 6-8
7. For the in class bee, you will start the words according to your grade level and if all the words have been used then move on to the next grade level – or if the judges feel that enough words in a particular grade have been covered, that fairly represent the difficulty of that grade, the pronouncer may begin the words from the next grade.
8. In each division, the words will start off with the lowest grade. So, in the grades 2-3 group, the pronouncer will start with the grade 2 words, in grades 4-5, the words will

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start with grade 4, and in the grades 6-8, the words will begin from the grade 6 list. Therefore, please encourage your students to practice not only the words in their grade but also the words from higher grades and if you teach grades 3, 5 or 7-8, then they should study the words from the lower grades as well in case they make it to the school competition.

9. There are 3 lists of OGS challenge words. If all the words up to the grade 8 challenge list are used (or if the judges feel that enough words in all grades have been covered), the pronouncer may begin the words from the "OGS challenge words". Beginner list for grades 4-5 and starting with the intermediate list for grades 6-8.
10. If parents ask how many words/lists their child should know – potentially all. It's better not to tell them to stop at a certain list because you never know how a competition will turn out.
11. Even though there might be multiple correct spellings of a word (example: parlor and parlour), only the spelling in the lists provided will be used to determine whether the word has been spelled correctly or not.
12. There will be TWO winners from each class who will participate in the School Spelling Bee.
13. After the School Spelling Bee, there will be TWO winners in each division who will participate in the Inter-Islamic School Spelling Bee.
14. At the Inter-Islamic School Spelling Bee, the rounds will take place at a fast speed. Each division will start with the words from the lowest grade of the division and after each round the words will move onto the next grade level until they reach the OGS Challenge Words. (I.e. grade 6 for the 6-8 division, but after the first round move to 7, then 8, and so on...)
15. All students participating in the School and the Inter-Islamic School Spelling Bees must have a waiver form signed by their parents.

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### Spelling Bee Order

#### In Class

Grade	Word Order
1	Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
2	Grade 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
3	Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
4	Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
5	Grade 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words , Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
6	Grade 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced
7	Grade 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words , Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced
8	Grade 8, 8 Challenge Words , Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced

#### School Wide and Inter-Islamic Competitions

Division	Word Order
Grade 1	Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
Grades 2-3	Grade 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
Grades 4-5	Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
Grades 6-8	Grade 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced

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### Spelling Bee Rules & Regulations

The rules have been copied and modified from Canwest CanSpell Spelling Bee.

#### **SPELLER'S ROLE:**

After the Pronouncer gives the Speller a word, the Speller shall be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it.

However, no Speller shall be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word before or after spelling it.

The Speller shall make an effort to face the Judges (defined below) and pronounce the word for the Judges before spelling it and after spelling it.

The Speller while facing the judges makes an effort to utter each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the Judges.

The Speller may ask the Pronouncer to pronounce the word again, define it, and use it in a sentence. The Pronouncer shall grant all such requests as long as they are in accordance with applicable time constraints.

If the word starts with a capital, has a hyphen, an apostrophe, a space etc., the speller must clearly indicate that while spelling. Example: Amazon, "capital A-m-a-z-o-n."

Having started to spell a word, a Speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. However, if a Speller in the process of retracing a spelling alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered, he/she will be disqualified.

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Upon incorrectly spelling a word, the Speller is immediately eliminated from the respective spelling bee. The next word on the Pronouncer's list is given to the next Speller.

**Misunderstandings:** The Speller is responsible for any misunderstanding of the word unless: (1) the Pronouncer never provided a correct pronunciation; (2) the Pronouncer provided incorrect information regarding the definition, or sentence.

**Pronunciation:** For the words in the higher grades and the challenge words, dictionary.com will be used for pronunciation by the Pronouncer. Spellers should visit the website if they are unsure of how a word is pronounced.

### **ROLE OF JUDGES:**

The individuals act as judges shall uphold the rules and determine whether or not words are spelled correctly. The Judges will also render final decisions in accordance with the Spelling Bee Rules. The decisions of the Judges shall be final and binding and may not be challenged in any way.

The role of the Judges is to determine whether the Speller has spelled the word correctly. The Judges may not disqualify a Speller for asking a question.

**Disqualification for reasons other than clear misspelling:** The Judges will disqualify a Speller who: (1) refuses a request to start spelling; (2) does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive a word; (3) engages in unsportsmanlike conduct; (4) in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; and/or (5) in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

**Misunderstandings:** The Judges may participate in the exchange of information between the Speller and Pronouncer if they feel that clarification is needed. Also, the Judges listen carefully to the Speller's pronunciation of the word; and, if they sense that the Speller has

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misunderstood the word, the Judges work with the Speller and Pronouncer until they are satisfied that reasonable attempts have been made to assist the Speller in understanding the word. While the Judges are responsible for attempting to detect a Speller's misunderstanding, it is sometimes impossible to detect a misunderstanding until a spelling error has been made: The Judges are not responsible for the Speller's misunderstanding.

**Speller activities that do not merit disqualification:** The Judges may not disqualify a Speller for: (1) failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it, (2) asking a question

### **TIME CONSTRAINTS:**

A Speller is expected to spell familiar words without delay and to refrain from routines that employ unnecessary or repetitive questioning. Consequently, the Speller's time at the microphone shall be subject to the prescripts associated with two time phases: Regular Time, and Finish Time.

**Regular Time:** Regular Time is a two-minute time period that begins when the Pronouncer first pronounces the word. If the Speller has not begun to spell the word at the end of Regular Time, the Judges shall orally notify the Speller of the imminent start of Finish Time. This notification shall occur regardless of the nature of discourse occurring between the Speller and Spelling Bee Officials prior to the conclusion of Regular Time. If the Speller has begun to spell the word at the end of Regular Time, the Judges shall permit the Speller to complete the spelling provided that the spelling proceeds at an even, reasonable pace. If the Speller has begun to spell the word at the end of Regular Time and the spelling is marked by an unreasonable pace, a question, or retracing of letters, the Judges shall orally inform the Speller of the imminent start of Finish Time.

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**Finish Time:** Finish Time is a 30-second time period that shall begin immediately after the Judges provide oral notification of its imminent start. The Judges and Pronouncer shall not communicate with the Speller during Finish Time. The Judges shall disqualify any Speller who does not provide a complete spelling during Finish Time.

### **END OF SPELLING BEE PROCEDURE:**

**If only one Speller in a round spells correctly:** If only one (1) Speller spells correctly in any round, a new one-word round begins and the Speller is given an opportunity to spell the next word on the Pronouncer's list (**the "Anticipated Championship Word"**). If the Speller succeeds in correctly spelling the Anticipated Championship Word in this one-word round, the Speller is declared the Winner. If the Speller misspells the Anticipated Championship Word in a one-word round, a new round begins with ALL Spellers who spelled (correctly or incorrectly) in the previous round. These Spellers spell in their original order. **I.E. a speller must spell 2 words correctly in a row to be declared the winner.**

**If all Spellers in a round misspell:** If none of the Spellers remaining in the Spelling Bee at the start of a round spell a word correctly during that round, all Spellers remain in the competition and a new round begins.

**Correction of a misspelling:** The Pronouncer and the Judges will not ask the Speller to correct another Speller's misspelling, even in end-of-bee circumstances.

**Declaring a Tie:** A tie will be declared if two spellers (whether competing for first, second or third place) correctly spell the words given to them in ten consecutive rounds.