



# SPELLING BEE WORD LIST



The following spelling bee word list has been created for students to start practicing for the competition that will be celebrated on November.

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**Abattoir** is a slaughterhouse.

**Abeyant** means temporarily suspended.

**Aerogramme** is a pre-stamped, lightweight paper that folds into its own envelope.

**Affenpinscher** is a breed of dog with wiry hair.

**Afrikaans** is an official language of South Africa.

**Amethyst** is a purple quartz, used as a gem.

**Amphitheater** is an oval or round building with an open central area.

**Androgynous** means being both male and female.

**Anopheles** is a malaria-causing mosquito.

**Appaloosa** is a hardy breed of riding horse.

**Arrhythmia** is any interruption in the heartbeat.

**Ascetic** is a person who practices self-denial for religious reasons.

**Autocephalous** is a bishop subordinate to no superior authority.

**Bacciferous** means bearing or producing berries.

**Bagatelle** is something of little value.

**Bagheera** is a velvet used to make evening wear and wraps.

**Banquette** is a long bench with an upholstered seat.

**Bassarisk** is a carnivorous mammal.

**Bellwether** is someone who assumes leadership.

**Beneficence** is the doing of good.

**Beryllium** is a hard, light metallic element.

**Bumbershoot** is a name for an umbrella.

**Cacophony** is a harsh discordance of sound.

**Carrefour** (*carrefour*) is a crossroads, a road junction.

**Cauterize** is to burn for curative purposes.

**Chancre** is the initial lesion of infectious diseases.

**Chlorofluorocarbon** is a substance blamed for the hole in the ozone layer.

**Cirrhosis** is a disease of the liver.

**Contemn** means to treat with disdain or scorn.

**Corporeity** is materiality.

**Cuirass** (*kwirass*) is defensive armor for the torso.

**Daguerreotype** is an obsolete photographic process.

**Deign** to think fit or to condescend.

**Demagoguery** are methods or practices of a demagogue.

**Demitasse** is a small cup for serving strong black coffee.

**Desiccate** is to dry thoroughly.

**Diaphanous** means very sheer and light.

**Edelweiss** is a small plant growing in the Alps.

**Egregious** is extraordinary in some bad way.

**Emphysema** is an irreversible disease of the lungs.

**Ephemeral** is lasting a very short time.

**Epiphany** is a Christian festival.

**Equestrienne** is a woman who rides horses.

**Exsiccate** is to remove the moisture from.

**Fasciation** is the act of bandaging.

**Flaccid** means soft and limp.

**Frankincense** is an aromatic gum resin used as incense.

**Fricassee** is meat browned, stewed and served in its own sauce.

**Gabardine** is a firm, tightly woven fabric.

**Gnome** is a small being that guards the interior treasures of earth.

**Gnosis** is knowledge of spiritual matters.

**Grandiloquence** is a speed that is lofty, often to being pompous.

**Halophyte** is a plant that thrives in saline soil.

**Hegemony** is leadership or predominant influence by one nation.

**Hieroglyphic** is the pictograph type of script used by Egypt.

**Histrionic** is of or pertaining to actors or acting.

**Horripilation** is also known as goose flesh or goose bumps.

**Hydrofluoric** is of or derived from hydrofluoric acid.

**Hyperpyrexia** is an abnormally high fever.

**Hypnotize** is to put into the hypnotic state.

**Hypotenuse** is the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.

**Ichthyophagist** is a person who subsists on fish.

**Idiosyncrasy** is a characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual, incident, or the like.

**Ingurgitate** is to swallow greedily.

**Inscrutable** is incapable of being investigated or analyzed.

**Intransigent** is refusing to agree or compromise.

**Irascible** is easily provoked to anger.

**Jalousie** is a window made of glass slats.

**Jambalaya** is a dish of Creole origin.

**Juvenescence** is being youthful; young.



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**Kinkajou** is an arboreal animal of Central and South America.  
**Kowtow** is to show servile deference.  
**Lacerate** is to tear roughly; mangle.  
**Lachrymal** is of or pertaining to tears.  
**Limn** is to represent in drawing or painting.  
**Loquacious** is talking or tending to talk too freely.  
**Lucent** means shining.  
**Lynx** is a wildcat of Canada and the northern U.S.  
**Macaque** is a monkey, characterized by cheek pouches and short tail.  
**Matriarch** is the female head of a tribal or family line.  
**Mesmerize** is to hypnotize.  
**Metamorphose** is to change the form or nature of, to transform.  
**Meticulous** is taking extreme care about tiny details.  
**Munificent** means one who is very generous.  
**Myrrh** is an aromatic resinous exudation from certain plants.  
**Naphtha** (*nafta*) is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate.  
**Narcissism** is excessive self-love; vanity.  
**Nebulous** is hazy, vague or indistinct.  
**Newt** is a brilliantly colored salamander.  
**Objugate** is to denounce vehemently; to upbraid sharply.  
**Obloquy** is abusive language aimed at a person.  
**Omniscience** is infinite knowledge.  
**Ostracism** is exclusion from social acceptance.  
**Oxymoron** is a seemingly contradictory figure of speech, like cruel kindness.  
**Pachyderm** is an elephant.  
**Parsec** is a unit of distance equal to 3.26 light-years.  
**Peccadillo** is a very minor or slight sin or offense.  
**Perfidy** is a deliberate breach of trust; treachery.  
**Phlegmatic** is not easily excited to action.  
**Piranha** is a small South American fish that eat fish, animals and sometimes attack humans.  
**Pirouette** is a whirling about on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing.  
**Plagiarize** is to take ideas and works of another and pass it off as one's own.  
**Plebeian** is belonging or pertaining to the common people.

**Plebiscite** is a direct vote of the voters of a state in regard to some important public question.  
**Polychrome** is being of many or various colors.  
**Prescience** is knowledge of things before they exist or happen.  
**Propitious** means favorable.  
**Psoriasis** is a common skin disease.  
**Pulchritude** is physical beauty; comeliness.  
**Quadriceps** is a large muscle in front of the thigh.  
**Quadrille** is a square dance for four couples.  
**Quiescent** is being at rest; quiet; inactive.  
**Quirt** is a riding whip.  
**Rapier** is a small sword, used for thrusting.  
**Recalcitrant** means resisting authority.  
**Regurgitate** is to surge or rush back.  
**Rheumatism** is a disorder of the extremities or back, characterized by stiffness.  
**Rococo** is a style of architecture and decoration.  
**Roseate** is tinged with rose; rosy.  
**Sacroiliac** is the joint where the sacrum and ilium meet.  
**Sanguinary** means full of bloodshed, bloody.  
**Satyr** is a mythological character, half human and half goat or horse.  
**Schuss** is a straight downhill run at high speed, skiing.  
**Scimitar** is a curved, single-edged sword.  
**Scrivener** is a scribe.  
**Serendipity** means good fortune or luck.  
**Sibyl** is a female prophet or witch.  
**Sleazy** means contemptibly low or disreputable.  
**Sloe** is the small, sour fruit of the blackthorn.  
**Sluice** is an artificial channel for conducting water.  
**Sphinx** is a figure of a creature having the head of a man or animal and the body of a lion.  
**Strychnine** is a colorless, crystalline poison.  
**Sturgeon** is a large fish, valued as a source of caviar.  
**Subcutaneous** means lying under the skin, as tissue.  
**Suzerain** is a state exercising political control over a dependent state.  
**Tachymeter** is an instrument to rapidly determine distances.  
**Taciturn** means inclined to silence.  
**Tarantula** is a large, hairy spider.  
**Taw** is a fancy marble used as a shooter.



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**Taxable** means capable of being taxed.

**Tempestuous** means tumultuous or turbulent.

**Tern** is an aquatic bird.

**Terrarium** is a container for land animals.

**Tertiary** is of the third order.

**Theocracy** is a form of government in which a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler.

**Therapeutics** is the branch of medicine concerned with the remedial treatment of disease.

**Thrall** is one who is in bondage; slave.

**Tizzy** is a nervous or agitated state.

**Toupee** is a man's wig.

**Tourniquet** is a device for arresting bleeding.

**Travois** is a transporting device pulled by an animal.

**Triskaidekaphobia** is a fear of the number 13.

**Troglodyte** is a prehistoric cave dweller.

**Tryst** is an appointment to meet at a certain time and place.

**Tumescence** means swelling.

**Unconscionable** means unscrupulous or not guided by conscience.

**Unrequited** is not returned or reciprocated.

**Unwonted** is not customary or usual or rare.

**Vacuous** means empty.

**Ventriloquism** means throwing the voice.

**Verisimilitude** means the appearance of truth.

**Vertebrae** are bones composing the spinal column.

**Vertiginous** means whirling or spinning.

**Vicissitude** means a change in the course of things.

**Viscid** means sticky.

**Vociferous** is crying out noisily.

**Waterborne** is floating or moving on water.

**Whippoorwill** is a nocturnal North American bird.

**Widgeon** is a common, freshwater duck.

**Xenophobe** is a person who fears or hates foreigners.

**Zephyr** is a gentle breeze.

**Zoanthropy** (zoo) is a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.

**Zoopraxiscope** is an early motion projector.