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SPELLING BEE WORDS BANK

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## Spelling Bee List

| Week-1 7-10-12----11-10-12 |  |
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| Words | Meanings |
| A |  |
| Abscess | is a localized collection of pus in tissues of the body. |
| Accessible | means easy to approach |
| Accommodate | is to do a kindness or a favor to; oblige. |
| Accordion | is a musical instrument. |
| Annulment | is the declaration that annuls a marriage. |
| Appellate | is of or pertaining to appeals. |
| Assassin | is a murderer, especially in politics. |
| Atrium | is the central room of an ancient Roman house. |
| Automaton | is another word for a robot. |
|  | Week-2 14-10-12----18-10-12 |
| Words | Meanings |
| B |  |
| Baboon | is a large monkey found in Africa or Arabia. |
| Balloon | is an inflated bag. |
| Barbiturate | is used to medicine as a sedative. |
| Barrette | is a clasp used to hold a girl's hair in place. |
| Bassoon | is a large woodwind instrument. |
| Bazaar | is a marketplace, especially in the Middle East. |
| Beige | is a very light brown. |
| Benign | is having a kindly disposition. |
| Bizarre | is markedly unusual. |
| Bobbin | is a reel upon which yarn or thread is wound. |
| Bonsai | is a tree that has been dwarfed, as by pruning. |
| Bough | is a branch of a tree. |
| Bouillon | is a clear usually seasoned broth. |
| Bouquet | is a bunch of flowers. |
| Bursar | is a treasurer or business officer. |
| Butte | is an isolated hill or mountain rising abruptly. |


| Words | Week-3 21-10-12----25-10-12 |
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| C |  |
| Cache | is a hiding place. |
| Calendar | is a table of days and weeks in a year. |
| Camaraderie | is good fellowship. |
| Campaign | is a military operation for a specific objective. |
| Canvass | is to solicit votes. |
| Carafe | is a wide-mouthed bottle used to serve beverages. |
| Caribou | is a large, North American deer. |
| Cataclysm | is any violent upheaval. |
| Caterpillar | is the larva of a butterfly or moth. |
| Cellist | is a person who plays a cello. |
| Cemetery | is a place set apart for graves or tombs. |
| Censor | is an official who examines material to suppress all or part of it. |
| Census | is an official enumeration of the population. |
| Chameleon | is a lizard that can, as protection, change color. |
| Charisma | is a personal quality that gives one power over a group of people. |
| Chauffeur | is a person employed to drive an automobile. |
| Cliché | is a trite, stereotyped expression. |
| Codeine | is used as a sedative or analgesic. |
| Colloquy | is a conversational exchange, dialogue. |
| Colonel | is an officer in the Army or Air Force. |
| Conceit | is an excessively favorable opinion of oneself. |
| Concessionaire | is someone to whom a concession has been granted. |
| Conscious | is being aware of one's own existence. |
| Consensus | is a majority of opinion. |
| Consommé | is a clear soup. |
| Cough | is to expel air through the lungs harshly, often violently. |
| Counsel | is advice. |
| Coyote | is a smaller, wolf-like animal. |
| Crescent | resembles a segment of a ring tapering to points at the ends. |
| Crochet | is needlework with a needle having a hook at one end. |
| Croquet | is a game played by knocking balls through metal wickets with a <br> mallet. |
| Crouton | is a small piece of fried or toasted bread. |
| Crypt | is a subterranean chamber or vault. |
| Cuckoo | is a common European bird. |
| Cursor | is a movable symbol on a computer. |
| Cymbal | struck, played in pairs. |
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| Words | Week-4 28-10-12---- 1-11-12 |
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| D |  |
| Debris | is the remains of things broken down or destroyed. |
| Deceive | is to mislead by a false appearance or statement. |
| Deductible | means capable of being deducted. |
| Defendant | is a person against whom a charge is brought against in court. |
| Descended | is the part of the letter that goes below the body. |
| Detached | means not attached or separated |
| Deuce | is a card having two spots. |
| Dialogue | is conversation with two or more people. |
| Dictionary | is a book containing a selection of words or a language. |
| Diocese | is a district under the jurisdiction of a bishop. |
| Diphtheria | is an infectious disease. |
| Disappear | is to cease to be seen. |
| Discernible | means capable of being distinguished. |
| Distraught | means deeply agitated. |
| Doubt | is to be uncertain about. |
| Dough | is flour or meal combined with water. |
| Drought | is a period of dry weather. |


| Words |  |
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| Week-5 4-11-12----8-11-12 |  |
| E |  |
| Ecstasy | is rapturous delight. |
| Eerie | is uncanny, weird. |
| Elite | is the choice or the best of anything. |
| Embarrass | is to cause confusion and shame to. |
| Ensign | is a flag or banner. |
| Entourage | is a group of attendants or associates. |
| Entrepreneur | is a person who organizes or manages an enterprise. |
| Enzyme | is one of various proteins. |
| Etiquette | is conventional requirements to social behavior. |
| Eulogy | is a speech in praise of a dead person. |
| Exacerbate | is to make something worse. |
| Exchequer | is a treasury. |


| Words | Week-6 11-11-12----22-11-12 |
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| Facade | is the front of a building. |
| Farce | is a light, humorous play. |
| Fatigue | is weariness from exertion. |
| Faucet | is a device to control the flow of liquid. |
| Feasible | is capable of being done. |
| Feign | is to represent fictitiously. |
| Feint | is a movement made to deceive an opponent. |
| Fiery | is containing fire or impetuous. |
| Fight | is a battle or combat. |
| Finesse | is extreme delicacy or skill in performance. |
| Finicky | means difficult to please. |
| Flaunt | means to display oneself conspicuously. |
| Fledgling | is a young bird or an inexperienced person. |
| Floe | is a sheet of floating ice. |
| Flour | is the finely ground meal of grain. |
| Flourish | means to thrive. |
| Flower | is the blossom of a plant. |
| Flue | is a passage for smoke in a chimney. |
| Foray | is a quick raid. |
| Forbear | is to refrain or abstain from. |
| Frappe | is a milkshake made with ice cream. |
| Freight | is goods or cargo transported for pay. |
| Fugue | is a composition in music. |
| Furlough | is a leave of absence granted to an enlisted person. |

## List 1

1. Beleaguer is to surround with troubles.
2. Occurrence is the action, fact or instance of happening.
3. Ocelot is a spotted, leopard-like cat, ranging from Texas to South America.
4. Belligerence is a hostile attitude.
5. Extemporaneous is done without special preparation.
6. Facsimile is an exact copy.
7. Luscious is highly pleasing to the taste or smell.
8. Quiche is a dish with cheeses and other vegetables.
9. Quintessence is the pure and concentrated essence of a substance.
10. Rabble is a disorderly crowd; mob.
11. Vague is not clearly expressed or identified.
12. Vaudeville is a theatrical entertainment.
13. Raffle is a form of a lottery.
14. Lyre is a musical instrument of ancient Greece, harp-like.
15. Temblor is a tremor; earthquake.
16. Tempt means to entice or allure to do something often considered wrong.
17. Lymphatic is pertaining to, containing or conveying lymph.
18. Fallacious means logically unsound.
19. Tenor is the meaning that runs through something written or spoken.
20. Tense is stretched tight; high-strung or nervous.

## List 2

1. Ogre is a monster in fairy tales.
2. Vehemence meaning ardor or fervor.
3. Veneer is a thin layer of wood.
4. Onyx is black.
5. Psychology is the science of the mind or of mental states and processes.
6. Purge is to cleanse or to purify.
7. Quaff is to drink a beverage.
8. Quandary is a state of uncertainty.
9. Beret is a soft, visorless cap.
10. Bivouac is a military encampment.
11. Fauna are the animals of a region considered as a whole.
12. Marquee is a projection above a theater entrance, usually containing the name of the feature at the theater.
13. Terrain is a tract of land.
14. Terse is neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy.
15. Tetanus is a disease, commonly called lockjaw.
16. Thatch is a material used to cover roofs.
17. Masquerade is a party of people wearing masks and other disguises.
18. Flocculent is like a clump of wool.
19. Rhubarb is a plant of the buckwheat family.
20. Scarab is a beetle regarded as sacred by the ancient Egyptians.

## List 3

1. Blithe is joyous, glad or cheerful.
2. Magnify is to increase the apparent size of, as does a lens.
3. Nickelodeon is an early motion-picture theater.
4. Vengeance means violent revenge or getting back.
5. Vermicelli is a form of pasta.
6. Nuisance is an obnoxious or annoying person.
7. Thermometer is a device for measuring temperature.
8. Thesaurus is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms.
9. Thesis is a proposition put forth to be considered.
10. Thigh is between the hip and the knee.
11. Nuptial is of or pertaining to marriage or the ceremony.
12. Nylons are stockings worn by women.
13. Obnoxious is highly objectionable or offensive.
14. Oscillate is to swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum.
15. Malfeasance is wrongdoing by a public official.
16. Boatswain is a warrant officer on a warship.
17. Right is in accordance with what is good or just.
18. Rigor is strictness, severity or hardness.
19. Sauna is a bath that uses dry heat to induce perspiration.
20. Scandalous is disgraceful or shocking behavior.

## List 4

1. Bourgeois is to be a member of the middle class.
2. Obsolescent means passing out of use, as a word.
3. Orphan is a child who has lost both parents through death.
4. Maneuver is a planned movement of troops or warships, etc.
5. Mantle is a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape.
6. Hydrolysis is chemical decomposition by reacting with water.
7. Hypothesis is a proposition set forth to explain some occurrence.
8. Boutique is a small shop within a larger store.
9. Eclair is a finger-shaped creampuff.
10. Sleigh is a vehicle on runners, especially used over snow or ice.
11. Sleight is skill or dexterity.
12. Thimble is a small cap, worn over the fingertip to protect it when pushing a needle
through a cloth in sewing.
13. Third is next after the second.
14. Thistle is a prickly plant.
15. Sleuth is a detective.
16. Slough (sloo) is an area of soft, muddy ground.
17. Sojourn is a temporary stay.
18. Rotor is a rotating part of a machine.
19. Rouge is any of various red cosmetics for cheek and lips.
20. Sauerkraut is cabbage allowed to ferment until sour.

## List 5

1. Boutonniere is a flower worn by a man in his lapel.
2. Infallible is absolutely trustworthy or sure.
3. Inferior is lower in station, rank or degree.
4. Boysenberry is a blackberry-like fruit.
5. Humoresque is a musical composition of humorous character.
6. Vogue means something in fashion.
7. Vying is competing or contending.
8. Waive is to give up or to forgo.
9. Hydraulic is employing water or other liquids in motion.
10. Simultaneous is occurring or operating at the same time.
11. Singe is to burn slightly, to scorch.
12. Siphon is a tube bent into legs of unequal length, for getting liquid from one container to another.
13. Skeptic is a person who questions the validity of something.
14. Skew is to turn aside or swerve.
15. Thorough is executed without negligence or omissions.
16. Thumb is the short, thick inner digit of the human hand.
17. Tier is one of a series of rows rising one behind or above another.
18. Slaughter is the killing of cattle, etc., for food.
19. Roulette is a game of chance.
20. Rubella is a disease also called German measles.

## List 6

1. Cardiopulmonary is pertaining to the heart and lungs.
2. Horde is a large group, a multitude.
3. Hysterical is of or pertaining to hysteria.
4. Idyll is a composition, usually describing pastoral scenes or any appealing incident, or the like.
5. Iguana is a large lizard native to Central and South America.
6. Carnivorous means flesh-eating.
7. Symposium is a meeting to discuss some subject.
8. Synod is an assembly of church delegates.
9. Catastrophe is a sudden and widespread disaster.
10. Sew is to join or attach by stitches.
11. Shackle is something used to secure the wrist, leg, etc.
12. Sheathe is to put a sword into a sheath.
13. Tinsel is a glittering, metallic substance, usually in strips.
14. Titanic meaning gigantic.
15. Sable is an Old World weasel-like animal.
16. Sachet is a small bag containing perfuming powder or the like.
17. Sacrilegious is pertaining to the violation of anything sacred.
18. Pavilion is a building used for shelter, concerts, or exhibits.
19. Peak is the pointed top of a mountain.
20. Penchant is a strong inclination or liking for something.

## List 7

1. Buoy is a float used to mark a water channel.
2. Cabaret is a restaurant providing food, drink and music.
3. Mercenary is working or acting merely for money or reward.
4. Mesquite is a spiny tree found in western North America.
5. Cantankerous is disagreeable to deal with.
6. Forage is food for cattle or horses.
7. Pronunciation is an accepted standard of the sound and stress patterns of a syllable or word.
8. Psalm is a sacred song or hymn.
9. Quarantine is a strict isolation.
10. Forsythia is a shrub of the olive family.
11. Incidence means the rate of change or occurrence.
12. Indicator is a person or thing that indicates.
13. Ophthalmology is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.
14. Ordnance is cannon or artillery.
15. Nonpareil is having no equal.
16. Noxious is harmful or injurious to health.
17. Sheen is luster, brightness, radiance.
18. Shrew is a woman of violent temper and speech.
19. Shroud is a cloth or sheet in which a corpse is wrapped for burial.
20. Sierra is a chain of hills or mountains, the peaks of which suggest the teeth of a saw.

## List 8

1. Camouflage is hiding oneself from one's enemy.
2. Insurgence is an act of rebellion.
3. Melee is a confused, hand-to-hand fight among several people.
4. Memento is a keepsake or souvenir.
5. Interfere is to meddle in the affairs of others.
6. Cannoneer is an artilleryman.
7. Taint is a trace of something bad or harmful.
8. Surveillance is a watch kept over a person or group.
9. Swerve is to turn aside abruptly.
10. Tally is an account or reckoning.
11. Fraught means full of or accompanied by.
12. Fuchsia is a bright, purplish-red color.
13. Silhouette is a two-dimensional representation of the outline of an object.
14. Simile is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, as in she is like a rose.
15. Penguin is a flightless bird of the Southern Hemisphere.
16. Penicillin is an antibiotic of low toxicity.
17. Penitentiary is a prison maintained for serious offenders.
18. Perennial is lasting for a long time; enduring.
19. Periphery is the external boundary of any area.
20. Perjury is lying under oath.

## List 9

1. Calisthenics are gymnastic exercises.
2. Invoice is an itemized bill for goods or services.
3. Iridescent is displaying a play of bright colors, like a rainbow.
4. Callous is hard or indifferent.
5. Eczema is an inflammatory condition of the skin.
6. Effervescent is bubbling, vivacious or gay.
7. Eloquence is using language with fluency and aptness.
8. Taffy is a chewy candy.
9. Surrey is a light carriage for four persons.
10. Surrogate is a person appointed to act for another; a deputy.
11. Tail is the hindmost part of an animal.
12. Encumbrance is something burdensome.
13. Tyrannize is to exercise absolute control or power.
14. Ulcer is a sore on the skin.
15. Saffron is a crocus having showy, purple flowers.
16. Salutatorian is the person ranking second in the graduating class.
17. Sanctimonious is making a hypocritical show of religious devotion.
18. Sapphire is a gem with a blue color.
19. Sarcasm is harsh or bitter derision or irony.
20. Satellite is a body that revolves around a planet, a moon.
