



SPELLING BEE WORD LIST

2026

Category 3

Grades 11 and 12



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| 1. abjuration | 33. antiseptic | 65. blackout |
| 2. abomasum | 34. aphasia | 66. blatherskite |
| 3. acacia | 35. apocryphal | 67. bobolink |
| 4. acclamation | 36. apotheosis | 68. boogie-woogie |
| 5. accountability | 37. apparently | 69. botryoidal |
| 6. acetone | 38. applicable | 70. boudin |
| 7. acidophilus | 39. apprehensive | 71. bouillon |
| 8. adieu | 40. arenaceous | 72. boulevardier |
| 9. adjudication | 41. arithmetic | 73. bouleversement |
| 10. ahimsa | 42. ascites | 74. breakthrough |
| 11. ailanthus | 43. aspidistra | 75. breathtaking |
| 12. aileron | 44. assiduous | 76. broadcast |
| 13. alacrity | 45. astaxanthin | 77. brume |
| 14. alate | 46. astilbe | 78. bruschetta |
| 15. allegation | 47. astounding | 79. buccal |
| 16. alliance | 48. asylum | 80. buffoonery |
| 17. altazimuth | 49. attenuation | 81. burgee |
| 18. altercation | 50. audacious | 82. buzzworthy |
| 19. amaryllis | 51. auditorium | 83. cabochon |
| 20. ambivalence | 52. autonomy | 84. cabotage |
| 21. ameliorate | 53. backgammon | 85. cachexia |
| 22. amnesty | 54. bailiwick | 86. cahiers |
| 23. anachronism | 55. balbriggan | 87. caique |
| 24. anaphylaxis | 56. baleen | 88. caisson |
| 25. anathema | 57. battue | 89. calabash |
| 26. andouille | 58. bauxite | 90. calamondin |
| 27. anemone | 59. becquerel | 91. calenture |
| 28. anfractuous | 60. belligerent | 92. caliche |
| 29. annexation | 61. berceuse | 93. calumny |
| 30. anniversary | 62. betony | 94. canaille |
| 31. antediluvian | 63. bhangra | 95. cantatrice |
| 32. anthropology | 64. bibelot | 96. capitalist |

97. capitulate	143. confluence	189. detestable
98. caprify	144. connoisseur	190. detritus
99. captivated	145. consanguine	191. diapason
100. caryatid	146. considerable	192. diaphanous
101. catachresis	147. consideration	193. didactic
102. cataphora	148. constraints	194. digression
103. catarrh	149. contemporary	195. dillydally
104. caterpillar	150. contraction	196. diplomacy
105. catharsis	151. contradictory	197. diplomatic
106. ceasefire	152. contretemps	198. discernible
107. celebratory	153. convention	199. disinformation
108. cephalopod	154. convocation	200. displacement
109. cermet	155. cookie-cutter	201. disposition
110. certiorari	156. copernicium	202. dissonance
111. chalaza	157. copperhead	203. distinctive
112. chalybeate	158. correspondent	204. distinguish
113. charitable	159. corrigenda	205. dramatization
114. charybdis	160. corroborate	206. dreadlocks
115. chasuble	161. corybantic	207. duxelles
116. chopine	162. coterie	208. dysphasia
117. cinderella	163. cotoneaster	209. ecchymosis
118. cioppino	164. coulisse	210. echelon
119. circumspect	165. coulrophobia	211. echinoderm
120. classified	166. courgette	212. edamame
121. clerihew	167. credulous	213. editorial
122. coalition	168. criticized**	214. effervescent
123. cobalamin	169. croquignole	215. effete
124. coccygeal	170. curtailment	216. effortless
125. cochineal	171. cyberattack	217. elaborative
126. cogent	172. daguerreotype	218. elasticity
127. colcannon	173. darmstadtium	219. eleemosynary
128. collaboration	174. de-escalation	220. elicitation
129. colubrine	175. deference	221. eligibility
130. combustible	176. definitely	222. eluate
131. commandeer	177. degauss	223. emancipatory
132. commensurate	178. delineate	224. embargo
133. commercial	179. demarcation	225. embezzlement
134. comparison	180. demitasse	226. emblazoned
135. compatriots	181. demonetize	227. embouchure
136. compelling	182. demurrage	228. emollient
137. complementary	183. dentifrice	229. emolument
138. concatenate	184. deployment	230. emphysema
139. concours	185. deprecate	231. enervating
140. condiments	186. desiccate	232. engagement
141. conference	187. despotism	233. entrepreneur
142. confirmation	188. deterrence	234. ephemeral

235. epiphany	281. gaillardia	327. injunction
236. epistemology	282. galatea	328. insouciance
237. equivocate	283. gallivat	329. installation
238. erythroblast	284. gambol	330. insurgency
239. escalation	285. gauntlet	331. integument
240. escarole	286. generalization**	332. intellectual
241. espadrille	287. genet	333. intermission
242. espalier	288. geopolitics	334. internecine
243. espial	289. glabella	335. interregnum
244. establishment	290. glaxis	336. intertidal
245. ethylene	291. glengarry	337. intervention
246. eudiometer	292. grandiloquent	338. irrigation
247. evacuation	293. gratifying	339. kaleidoscope
248. exacerbate	294. gypsophila	340. katakana
249. exaggerate	295. halcyon	341. kingfisher
250. exasperate	296. hangul	342. krewe
251. exceedingly	297. harbinger	343. labradoodle
252. exchequer	298. hebdomadal	344. laccolith
253. exigency	299. heightened	345. lanceolate
254. exonerate	300. hellebore	346. legerdemain
255. expedition	301. hemorrhage**	347. legitimacy
256. extinguish	302. henotheism	348. legitimately
257. extracurricular	303. hepatectomy	349. libidinous
258. extradition	304. hirsute	350. linguistics
259. extraordinaire	305. Hollywoodize	351. lugubrious
260. facetious	306. homesteader	352. mackinaw
261. farouche	307. horseradish	353. maidenhair
262. farrago	308. humanitarian	354. malfeasance
263. fastidious	309. hypaethral	355. malnutrition
264. felicitous	310. hysteresis	356. mangonel
265. fellowship	311. ichthyology	357. manuscript
266. ferruginous	312. icosahedron	358. meaningful
267. fibromyalgia	313. ignominious	359. medulla
268. fiendishly	314. illustrator	360. meiosis
269. flabbergast	315. immutable	361. membership
270. flehmen	316. impetuous	362. memorandum
271. flexitarian	317. implementation	363. mendacious
272. fluctuation	318. impugn	364. merchandise
273. fomentation	319. inadvertent	365. meretricious
274. fortification	320. incursion	366. meringue
275. fortuitous	321. indefatigable	367. micellar
276. fracas	322. individual	368. microfiche
277. freakishly	323. infiltrate	369. millionaire
278. fundamental	324. inflation	370. miraculous
279. furuncle	325. influential	371. miscible
280. gabbro	326. inglorious	372. misogyny

373. mittimus	419. purification	465. stagestruck
374. mobilization	420. pylorus	466. standoff
375. moiety	421. quasar	467. stereotypical
376. monopolize**	422. quokka	468. stevedore
377. muesli	423. ramification	469. stewardship
378. muliebrity	424. ransomware	470. stricture
379. multilateral	425. rapprochement	471. struthious
380. myeloma	426. ratification	472. substitute
381. negotiation	427. ratiocination	473. supercargo
382. neophyte	428. recamier	474. supercilious
383. nimiety	429. recollections	475. surfeit
384. nodosity	430. reconsider	476. surreptitious
385. nonconformist	431. reconstruction	477. surveillance
386. obeisant	432. redemption	478. sweepstakes
387. obliterate	433. redingote	479. sweltering
388. obloquy	434. referendum	480. sybaritic
389. olecranon	435. refugee	481. sycophant
390. onomatopoeia	436. rejuvenate	482. tachycardia
391. opprobrium	437. relocation	483. tachyon
392. overweening	438. remorseful	484. taciturn
393. oviparous	439. renovating	485. tarpaulin
394. oxyacetylene	440. repercussion	486. tearjerker
395. pallid	441. reprisal	487. temerity
396. parallax	442. reprobate	488. tenebrous
397. peninsular	443. rescissible	489. terminator
398. perfidious	444. retaliation	490. Teutonic
399. performance	445. reveille	491. thimerosal
400. photogenic	446. revelation	492. throughout
401. photovoltaic	447. rhododendron	493. toastmaster
402. physicists	448. rhyton	494. tonsillitis
403. pneumatocyst	449. rupicolous	495. toreutics
404. polemical	450. saccharide	496. torpid
405. polyandry	451. Sagittarius	497. transference
406. predicament	452. sanctions	498. trichinosis
407. premonition	453. sansculotte	499. truculent
408. prevaricate	454. scholarship	500. tryptophan
409. principality	455. sciatica	501. turpitude
410. probity	456. scornfully	502. ubiquinone
411. procrastinate	457. semaphore	503. ubiquitous
412. promulgation	458. sesquipedalian	504. unabridged
413. propitiate	459. shutdown	505. unbeknownst
414. propulsion	460. solipsism	506. unctuous
415. prosperous	461. sophistry	507. undercroft
416. pruritus	462. sovereignty	508. underwhelmed
417. psoriasis	463. specificity	509. university
418. punctuation	464. spreadsheet	510. vacillate

- 511. vainglorious
- 512. venal
- 513. veracity
- 514. verisimilitude
- 515. vexillologist
- 516. vicissitudes
- 517. vignette
- 518. vinaceous
- 519. vindictive
- 520. virulent
- 521. visibility
- 522. vitiate
- 523. vituperation
- 524. vituperative
- 525. vociferous
- 526. wanderlust
- 527. wanton
- 528. welter
- 529. welterweight
- 530. winsome
- 531. wither
- 532. xanthic
- 533. yeoman
- 534. Zamboni
- 535. zealous
- 536. zeitgeist

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