

School Pronouncers Guide

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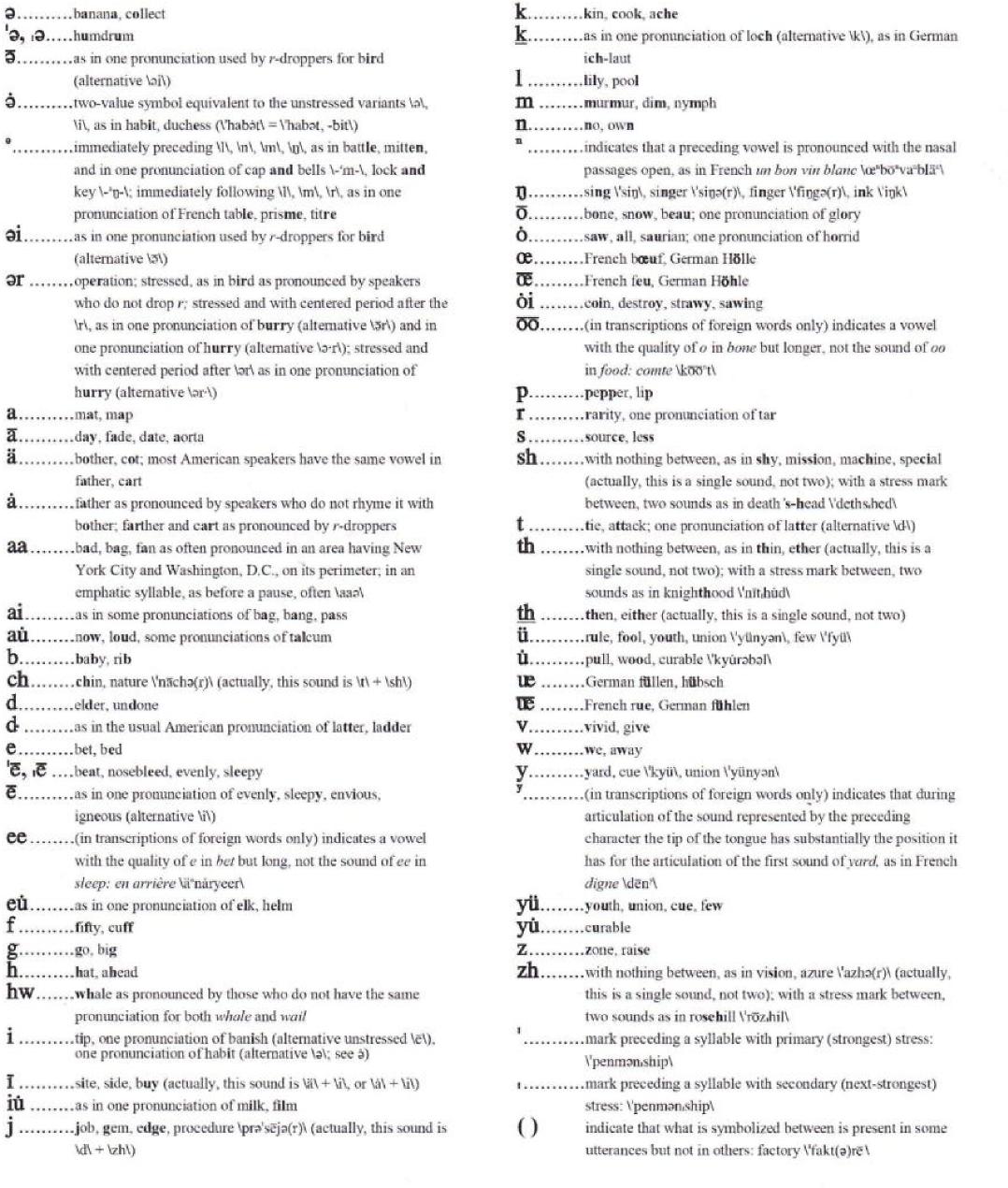
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**Guidelines Regarding Pronunciation and Language of Origin**

**Pronunciation**

For many words in *Webster's Third New International Dictionary*, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster (*Webster's Third*), more than one pronunciation is offered. In this school pronouncer guide, the chief pronunciation for a word is most often the first pronunciation given in this dictionary. Occasionally, however, the Bee has chosen to assign the dictionary's second or third pronunciation as the chief pronunciation. This decision has been made whenever the Bee has reason to think that a certain pronunciation has become the most prevalent one since this dictionary was first published.

Many of the variations in pronunciation listed in *Webster's Third* are included in this publication as alternate pronunciations and are listed in square brackets under the chief pronunciation. These alternate pronunciations are all the variants in the dictionary's pronunciation data that differ phonemically from the chief pronunciation. Minor phonetic variations that are described in the dictionary pages are not included here, however, such as pronunciations that differ only in the level of stress on given syllables. In addition, this publication has not included the voluminous treatment of *r*-dropping and vowel variations before /r/ such as those that are found in certain geographical dialects of

American English. Experience has shown that this information about nuances of phonetic variation in pronunciation can be the cause for confusion for spellers and pronouncers alike.

Nevertheless, every pronunciation in *Webster's Third* that can offer any clues about spelling is listed as an alternate pronunciation herein. The phrase *no alternate pronunciations* means simply that, while the dictionary entry may or may not contain further details about phonetic differences in different dialects, the word in question has no other pronunciations that differ phonemically from the chief pronunciation that is provided.

**Language of Origin**

Information in this guide regarding language of origin is a simplification of that provided in *Webster's Third*. For example, *Webster's Third* gives Old English, Middle English, and English, but we give only English.

With New Latin and International Scientific Vocabulary, however, we tend to provide information that supplements that provided in *Webster's Third*. Where *Webster's Third* lists New Latin as the language of origin, we attempt to list the origin of the roots used to form the new word. We list International Scientific Vocabulary only when it is difficult to determine instead the languages from which the International Scientific Vocabulary element came.

We do not always list all the languages a word passed through before it entered modern English. Only those languages that significantly altered the word are listed, with the earliest language listed first followed by the subsequent language(s). We give the separate etymologies of each word element regularly used in *Webster's Third*, with one exception: combining form(s). Combining forms are word elements regularly used in English or another language to make a new word, but they do not by themselves constitute words. Examples include *-ly, -ing, -ment, -en, -o-, en-, non-,* etc. Page 16a of *Webster's Third* contains more detailed information about etymological entries.

**Tips for Spelling Bee Officials**

1. **Acquaint yourself with the organization of this Guide**

1. Words 1-400:

* These words were selected from the School-Wide Spelling Bee Study List. The first words on the list are School-Wide Spelling Bee Study List words designated for first graders and progress through eighth grade.
* Words progress in difficulty by groups of 25 words.

1. **Acquaint yourself with the *Eastern Oklahoma 2024 State Spelling Bee Rules***
2. **Pronouncers, please note:**

* One pronunciation is listed alongside each word in this guide, and this pronunciation is usually the first given in *Webster's Third*. If the speller requests an alternate pronunciation, consult the additional pronunciation information provided in square brackets. Please refer to the guidelines regarding pronunciation provided on page 3.
* This guide provides language of origin information. Please refer to the guidelines regarding language of origin on page 4. Consult *Webster's Third* if you desire additional information or clarity regarding the word's language of origin.
* Although some words can be more than one part of speech, only on part of speech per word is provided in this guide. The part of speech provided matches that of the definition listed and coincides with the word’s use in the illustrative sentence.
* Several words have homonyms or near homonyms. If you think a word is a homonym and yet a homonym is not listed, check *Webster’s Third* or skip the word. It is possible that we did not note the fact that the word is a homonym. For the final word in handling homonyms, see the portions of Rules 5, 7, and 11 that refer to homonyms.
* Because during the spelling bee you may be asked to check for additional information in *Webster’s Third*, this guide provides the *Webster’s Third* page and column location of each word, designated in parentheses after the part of speech as follows: (*Webster’s Third* page number, column number).

**Words 1-50: First Grade Spelling Bee Words**

1. **bat** \ ˈbat  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a usually wooden implement used for hitting the ball in various games

*That is my baseball* ***bat****.*

1. **sock** \ ˈsäk  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a knitted or woven covering for the foot usually worn under shoes and extending above the ankle and sometimes to the knee

*I lost a green* ***sock****.*

1. **yam** \ ˈyam  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a moist usually orange-fleshed sweet potato

*The* ***yam*** *at the grocery store was orange.*

1. **pull** \ ˈpu̇l , ‘pəl  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to exert force upon so as to cause or tend to cause motion toward the force

*Grab the rope and* ***pull*** *as hard as you can.*

1. **sky** \ ˈ skī \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the upper atmosphere or expanse of space that constitutes an apparent great vault or arch over the earth

*The* ***sky*** *was clear today.*

1. **truck** \ ˈtrək  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a wheeled vehicle for moving heavy articles

*They used a* ***truck*** *to deliver to the stores.*

1. **good** \ ˈgu̇d  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] of a favorable character or tendency

*The girl came back with* ***good*** *news.*

1. **dress** \ ˈdres  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an outer garment (as for a woman or girl) usually consisting of a one-piece bodice and skirt

*She wore a* ***dress*** *to church.*

1. **way** \ ˈwā\ noun

a thoroughfare for travel or transportation from place to place

*This door is the only* ***way*** *out of the room.*

1. **thing** \ ˈthiŋ  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an object or entity not precisely designated or capable of being designated

*Use this* ***thing****.*

1. **five** \ ˈfīv  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a number that is one more than four

*The store is open until* ***five****.*

1. **tiger** \ ˈtī-gər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a large Asian carnivorous mammal of the cat family having a usually tawny coat transversely striped with black

*I saw a big* ***tiger*** *at the zoo.*

1. **down** \ ˈdau̇n  \adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]toward or in a lower physical position

*Don’t look* ***down****.*

1. **blue** \ ˈblü  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] of the color whose hue is that of the clear sky : of the color blue

*He was wearing a* ***blue*** *jacket.*

1. **chair** \ ˈˈcher  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a seat typically having four legs and a back for one person

*She was sitting in a* ***chair****.*

1. **forget** \ ‘fər-ˈget  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to lose the remembrance of : be unable to think of or recall

*Do not* ***forget*** *your lunch money.*

1. **brown** \ ˈbrau̇n  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] having the color of wood or chocolate

*The little girl saw a* ***brown*** *cow.*

1. **brick** \ ˈbrik  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a handy-sized unit of building or paving material typically being rectangular and about 2¹/₄ × 3³/₄ × 8 inches (57 × 95 × 203 millimeters) and made of moist clay hardened by heat

*They used red* ***brick*** *on the new house.*

1. **last** \ ˈlast  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the last person or thing; the one occurring, mentioned, or acting after all others

*The boy placed* ***last*** *in the race.*

1. **cold** \ ˈkōld \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] having a relatively low temperature or one lower than normal or expected

*The bath water has gotten* ***cold****.*

1. **crab** \ ˈkrab  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of numerous chiefly marine broadly built decapod crustaceans

*Danna ate* ***crab*** *at Red Lobster.*

1. **flag** \ ˈflag , ‘flāg\ noun

a usually rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol (as of a nation), as a signaling device, or as a decoration

*There is a* ***flag*** *hanging in every classroom.*

1. **glad** \ ˈglad  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] experiencing pleasure, joy, or delight : made happy

*The girl was* ***glad*** *she could help.*

1. **play** \ ˈplā  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to toy or fiddle around with something

*The little girl likes to* ***play*** *with her dolls.*

1. **plug** \ ˈpləg  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a piece used to fill a hole

*The man used a* ***plug*** *to patch his tire.*

1. **trust** \ ˈtrəst  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something

*She has a lot of* ***trust*** *in her dog.*

1. **skin** \ ˈskin  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the integument of an animal (such as a fur-bearing mammal or a bird) separated from the body usually with its hair or feathers

*The* ***skin*** *on the baby cat was very dry.*

1. **snack** \ ˈsnak  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a light meal : food eaten between regular meals *The little girl ate a* ***snack*** *before dinner.*

1. **star** \ ˈstär  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a natural luminous body visible in the sky especially at night

*The boy was looking at the* ***star****.*

1. **swim** \ ˈswim  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to propel oneself in water by natural means (such as movements of the limbs, fins, or tail)

*The fish* ***swim*** *down the creek.*

1. **thank** \ ˈthaŋk  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to express gratitude to

***Thank*** *you for your letter.*

1. **told** \ ˈtōld  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] past tense and past participle of tell

*She* ***told*** *the kids to lay down.*

1. **frost** \ ˈfrȯst  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a covering of minute ice crystals on a cold surface

*There was* ***frost*** *on the ground.*

1. **print** \ ˈprint  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a mark made by pressure

*There was a* ***print*** *from the cat.*

1. **stamp** \ ˈstamp  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to attach a stamp to *He put a* ***stamp*** *on his letter.*

1. **snap** \ ˈsnap \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to break suddenly with a sharp sound

*There was a loud* ***snap****.*

1. **hug** \ ˈhəg  \verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to press (someone) tightly in one's arms especially as a sign of affection

*The mom gave the girl a* ***hug*** *before she left.*

1. **hard** \ ˈhärd  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] not easily penetrated **:**not easily yielding to pressure

*The rock was very* ***hard****.*

1. **why** \ ˈ(h)wī  \ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] for what cause, reason, or purpose

***Why*** *did the dog do that?*

1. **back** \ ˈbak  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the rear part

*The* ***back*** *of the girls head.*

1. **more** \ ˈmȯr  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] greater

*He got* ***more*** *candy then the girl.*

1. **toss** \ *ˈtȯs , ‘ˈtäs*\ verb

to throw with a quick, light, or careless motion or with a sudden jerk

*The boy likes to* ***toss*** *the ball around.*

1. **chin** \ ˈchin  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the lower portion of the face lying below the lower lip and including the prominence of the lower jaw

*Look at the boy’s* ***chin****.*

1. **park** \ ˈpärk  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a piece of ground in or near a city or town kept for ornament and recreation

*They went to the* ***park****.*

1. **bike** \ ˈbīk  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] bicycle*The girl rides her* ***bike****.*

1. **nest** \ ˈnest  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a bed or receptacle prepared by an animal and especially a bird for its eggs and young

*The bird is sitting inside the* ***nest****.*

1. **store** \ ˈstȯr  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] purchased from a store as opposed to being natural or homemade

*We are going to the* ***store****.*

1. **vase** \ ˈvās , ‘ˈvāz , ‘ˈväz\ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a usually round vessel of greater depth than width used chiefly as an ornament or for holding flowers

*Her mom put her flowers in a* ***vase****.*

1. **tune** \ ˈtün , ‘ˈtyün\ noun

a pleasing succession of musical tones

*She was humming a beautiful* ***tune****.*

1. coat \ ˈkōt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] something resembling a coat

*Put on your* ***coat****.*

# Words 51-100: Second Grade Spelling Bee Words

1. **butter** \ ˈbə-tər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a solid emulsion of fat

globules, air, and water

made by churning milk or

cream and used as food

*She put* ***butter*** *on her*

*bread*.

1. **cord** \ ˈkȯrd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a small flexible insulated electrical cable having a plug at one or both ends used to connect a lamp or other appliance with a receptacle

*He used the* ***cord*** *to plug in his phone.*

1. **west** \ ˈwest  \ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to, toward, or in the west

*We are headed* ***west****.*

1. **team** \ ˈtēm  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a number of persons associated together in work or activity: such as *We are all on a* ***team****.*

1. **wink** \ ˈwiŋk  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to shut one eye briefly as a signal or in teasing

*He wanted to* ***wink*** *at the girl but she left.*

1. **oven** \ ˈə-vən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a chamber used for

baking, heating, or

drying

*Please take the pizza out*

*of the****oven****.*

1. **deck** \ ˈdek  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a platform in a ship serving usually as a structural element and forming the floor for its compartments

*We sat on the* ***deck*** *outside.*

1. **bead** \ ˈbēd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a small ball-shaped body

*The little girl made a bracelet with a* ***bead****.*

1. **foot** \ ˈfu̇t  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the terminal part of the vertebrate leg upon which an individual stands

*He stood on one* ***foot****.*

1. **bank** \ ˈbaŋk \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an establishment for the custody, loan, exchange, or issue of money, for the extension of credit, and for facilitating the transmission of funds

*He went to the* ***bank****.*

1. **happy** \ ˈha-pē  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] glad, pleased

*The little girl was* ***happy*** *with her gift.*

1. **lake** \ ˈlāk  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a considerable inland body of standing water

*They went to the* ***lake*** *after school.*

1. **king** \ ˈkiŋ \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a male monarch of a major territorial unit

*The* ***king*** *rules over his people.*

1. **house** \ ˈhau̇s  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a building that serves as living quarters for one or a few families *They all live in a* ***house*** *together.*

1. **best** \ ˈbest  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] excelling all others

*She is the* ***best*** *in the class.*

1. **frog** \ ˈfrȯg , ‘fräg\ noun

any of various largely aquatic leaping anuran amphibians (such as ranids) that have slender bodies with smooth moist skin and strong long hind legs with webbed feet

*The* ***frog*** *was hopping along the river.*

1. **walk** \ ˈwȯk  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to move along on foot : advance by steps

*They like to* ***walk*** *across the park.*

1. **winner** \ ˈwi-nər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] one that wins

*He was the* ***winner*** *of the math competition.*

1. **fresh**\ ˈfresh  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] having its original qualities unimpaired

*Those bananas look* ***fresh****.*

1. **roof** \ ˈrüf   , ˈru̇f \ noun

the cover of a building

*They have a blue* ***roof****.*

1. **mind** \ ˈmīnd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] recollection, memory *He had to use his* ***mind*** *to get out of his situation.*

1. **dirt** \ ˈdərt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a filthy or soiling substance (such as mud, dust, or grime)

*The little boy was playing in the* ***dirt****.*

1. **bird** \ ˈbərd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of a class (Aves) of warm-blooded vertebrates distinguished by having the body more or less completely covered with feathers and the forelimbs modified as wings

*The* ***bird*** *flew across the sky.*

1. **hurt** \ ˈhərt  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to inflict with physical pain

*The little boy* ***hurt*** *his knee.*

1. **leaf** \ ˈlēf  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a lateral outgrowth from a plant stem that is typically a flattened expanded variably shaped greenish organ, constitutes a unit of the foliage, and functions primarily in food manufacture by photosynthesis *A* ***leaf*** *fell off the tree.*

1. **arm** \ ˈärm \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a human upper limb

*He hurt his* ***arm****.*

1. **sandbox** \ ˈsan(d)-ˌbäks  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a box or receptacle containing loose sand

*The kids were playing in the* ***sandbox****.*

1. **near** \ ˈnir  \ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] at, within, or to a short distance or time *The sunset was drawing* ***near****.*

1. **zone** \ ˈzōn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an area or stretch of land having a particular characteristic, purpose, or use, or subject to particular restrictions

*The school is a no-smoking* ***zone****.*

1. **fancy** \ ˈfan(t)-sē \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a liking formed by caprice rather than reason

*She took a* ***fancy*** *to the puppy.*

1. **garden** \ ˈgär-dᵊn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a plot of ground where herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables are cultivated

*She has roses planted in her* ***garden****.*

1. **next** \ ˈnekst \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] immediately adjacent (as in place, rank, or time)

*They called for the* ***next*** *in line.*

1. **click** \ ˈklik  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to strike, move, or produce with a click

*They needed to* ***click*** *the button.*

1. **glow**\ ˈglō  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to shine with or as if with an intense heat

*The candle was giving off a* ***glow****.*

1. **street** \ ˈstrēt \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a thoroughfare especially in a city, town, or village that is wider than an alley or lane and that usually includes sidewalks

*They walked across the* ***street****.*

1. **into** \ ˈin-(ˌ)tü   \ preposition

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] used as a function word to indicate entry, introduction, insertion, superposition, or inclusion *The little boy came* ***into*** *the house.*

1. **kind** \ ˈkīnd  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] of a sympathetic or helpful nature

*The boys got cookies from the* ***kind*** *neighbor.*

1. **stuck** \ ˈstuhk  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] past tense and past participle of stick

*They accidently got their truck* ***stuck*** *in the mud.*

1. **link** \ ˈliŋk  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a connecting structure

*That walkway is the* ***link*** *between those buildings.*

1. **yellow** \ ˈye-(ˌ)lō , ˈye-lər , ˈya-  \ adjective

of the color yellow

*His favorite color is* ***yellow****.*

1. **lower** \ ˈlau̇(-ə)r , ˈlō-ər , ˈlau̇(-ə)r \ verb

to move down

*Her suitcase was* ***lower*** *than his.*

1. **panda** \ ˈpan-də \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a large black-and-white mammal (Ailuropoda melanoleuca) of chiefly central China that feeds primarily on bamboo shoots and is now usually classified with the bears (family Ursidae)

*We went to see a* ***panda*** *in the zoo.*

1. **ring** \ ˈriŋ  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a circular band for holding, connecting, hanging, pulling, packing, or sealing *The* ***ring*** *is holding all the keys together.*

1. **paper** \ ˈpā-pər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a piece of paper

*He is writing on a piece of* ***paper****.*

1. **drive** \ ˈdrīv \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to operate the mechanism and controls and direct the course of (a vehicle)

*Their mom likes to* ***drive****.*

1. **branch** \ ˈbranch  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a secondary shoot or stem (such as a bough) arising from a main axis (as of a tree)

*The dad put up a swing on the lowest* ***branch****.*

1. **food** \ ˈfüd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] material consisting essentially of protein, carbohydrate, and fat used in the body of an organism to sustain growth, repair, and vital processes and to furnish energy

*They were eating* ***food****.*

1. **boxcar** \ ˈbäks-ˌkär  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a roofed freight car usually with sliding doors in the sides

*There was a* ***boxcar*** *connected to the train.*

1. **stack** \ ˈstak  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an orderly pile or heap

*The teacher has a* ***stack*** *of papers on his desk.*

1. **jacket** \ ˈja-kət \ noun

something worn or fastened around the body but not for use as clothing

*The little girl had to put on her* ***jacket****.*

**Words 101-150: Third Grade Spelling Bee Words**

1. **pamper** \ ˈpam-pər  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to treat with extreme or excessive care and attention

*They like to* ***pamper*** *their guests.*

1. **bedrock** \ ˈbed-ˌräk   \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the solid rock underlying unconsolidated surface materials (such as soil)

*If you dig too deep, you might hit* ***bedrock****.*

1. **satin** \ ˈsa-tᵊn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a fabric (as of silk) in satin weave with lustrous face and dull back

*There bed sheets are made of* ***satin****.*

1. **dizzy** \ ˌˈdi-zē  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] having a whirling sensation in the head with a tendency to fall

*They spun so fast that they got* ***dizzy****.*

1. **passport** \ ˈpas-ˌpȯrt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a formal document issued by an authorized official of a country to one of its citizens that is usually necessary for exit from and reentry into the country, that allows the citizen to travel in a foreign country in accordance with visa requirements, and that requests protection for the citizen while abroad

*They needed a* ***passport*** *for their trip.*

1. **cream** \ ˈkrēm  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the yellowish part of milk containing from 18 to about 40 percent butterfat *The woman likes* ***cream*** *in her coffee.*

1. **teacher** \ tē-chər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] one that teaches

*She is my English* ***teacher****.*

1. **attic** \ ˈa-tik  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a low story or wall above the main order of a facade in the classical styles *They had to go into their* ***attic****.*

1. **hallway** \ ˈhȯl-ˌwā  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an entrance hall

*Lots of students were trying to get to the* ***hallway****.*

1. **connect** \ kə-ˈnekt  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to become joined *They did not expect to* ***connect*** *so quickly.*

1. **husband** \ ˈhəz-bənd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a male partner in a marriage

*He will be the brides* ***husband****.*

1. **exam** \ ig-ˈzam \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] examination

*They had to take an* ***exam****.*

1. **reward** \ ri-ˈwȯrd  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] recompense *They got a* ***reward*** *for being good.*

1. **trademark**\ ˈtrād-ˌmärk  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a distinguishing characteristic or feature firmly associated with a person or thing

*He is wearing his* ***trademark*** *bow tie.*

1. **atlas** \ ˈat-ləs \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a bound collection of maps often including illustrations, informative tables, or textual matter

*They took an* ***atlas*** *on their trip.*

1. **motto** \ ˈmä-(ˌ)tō  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a sentence, phrase, or word inscribed on something as appropriate to or indicative of its character or use

*That is their* ***motto****.*

1. **puddle** \ ˈpə-dᵊl \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a very small pool of usually dirty or muddy water

*They are playing in the* ***puddle*** *outside the house.*

1. **length** \ ˈleŋ(k)th , ˈlen(t)th  \ noun

a measured distance or dimension

*Their front yard is 25 feet in* ***length****.*

1. **tractor** \ ˈtrak-tər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a 4-wheeled or tracklaying automotive vehicle used especially for drawing farm equipment

*The farmer owns a* ***tractor****.*

1. **hinge**  \ ˈhinj \ noun

 a jointed or flexible device on which a door, lid, or other swinging part turns

*The door is connected by a* ***hinge****.*

1. **people** \ ˈpē-pəl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] human beings, persons

*The mother talked to the group of* ***people****.*

1. **cough** \ ˈkȯf  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to expel air from the lungs suddenly with a sharp, short noise

*The dust from the books made the little boy* ***cough*** *repeatedly.*

1. **balm** \ ˈbäm , ˈbälm  \ noun

a fragrant healing or soothing preparation (as an ointment)

*The doctor applied the* ***balm*** *onto their patient.*

1. **gusto** \ ˈgə-(ˌ)stō  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] enthusiastic and vigorous enjoyment or appreciation

*She described her adventure with great* ***gusto****.*

1. **marlin** \ ˈmär-lən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of several large marine billfishes (genera Makaira and Kajikia) that are notable sport fishes

*The little boy caught a* ***marlin****.*

1. **upshot** \ ˈəp-ˌshät  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the final result

*The boy was waiting on his* ***upshot****.*

1. **hefty** \ ˈhef-tē  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] quite heavy

*Her wardrobe was* ***hefty****.*

1. **glimmer** \ ˈgli-mər \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to shine faintly or unsteadily

*The birthday card had a slight* ***glimmer*** *to it.*

1. **jackpot** \ ˈjak-ˌpät \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the top prize in a game or contest (such as a lottery) that is typically a large fund of money formed by the accumulation of unwon prizes

*He won the* ***jackpot*** *at the arcade.*

1. **sonar** \ ˈsō-ˌnär \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a device for detecting the presence of a vessel (such as a submarine) by the sound it emits in water

*They used a* ***sonar*** *to find the submarine underneath their boat.*

1. **native** \ ˈnā-tiv  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] belonging to or associated with one by birth

*He wishes he could speak Spanish like a* ***native****.*

1. **atomic** \ ə-ˈtä-mik  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] of, relating to, or concerned with atoms *Their dad teaches* ***atomic*** *physics.*

1. **random** \ ˈran-dəm  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] lacking a definite plan, purpose, or pattern

*They consents were picked at* ***random****.*

1. **splendid** \ ˈsplen-dəd  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] shining, brilliant

*She did* ***splendid*** *on her test.*

1. **glance** \ ˈglan(t)s  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to take a quick look at something

*The little girl took a quick* ***glance*** *at the candy store.*

1. **around** \ ə-ˈrau̇nd  \ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] in a circle or in circumference

*She walked* ***around*** *the pool.*

1. **domino** \ ˈdä-mə-ˌnō  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a flat rectangular block (as of wood or plastic) whose face is divided into two equal parts that are blank or bear usually from one to six dots arranged as on dice faces

*She found the missing* ***domino****.*

1. **plaza** \ ˈplä-zə , ˈpla-  \ noun

a public square in a city or town

*The dad bought his daughter cotton candy in the* ***plaza****.*

1. **forum** \ ˈfȯr-əm  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the marketplace or public place of an ancient Roman city forming the center of judicial and public business

*The town has scheduled a public* ***forum*** *to discuss the proposal*

1. **garlic** \ ˈgär-lik  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a European allium (Allium sativum) widely cultivated for its pungent compound bulbs much used in cookery

*She uses* ***garlic*** *every time she cooks.*

1. **watching** \ ˈwächiŋ  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to keep someone or something under close observation

*The kids are* ***watching*** *the cat very closely.*

1. **clutch** \ ˈkləch \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to grasp or hold with or as if with the hand or claws usually strongly, tightly, or suddenly

*He had to* ***clutch*** *his candy bag to keep it from his sister.*

1. **field** \ ˈfēld  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an open land area free of woods and buildings

*She was laying on the ground in a* ***field*** *full of sunflowers.*

1. **ocean** \ ˈō-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the whole body of salt water that covers nearly three fourths of the surface of the earth

*They went to the* ***ocean*** *for their vacation.*

1. **parade** \ pə-ˈrād  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a public procession usually to mark a holiday or event

*They were in the Christmas* ***parade****.*

1. **coward** \ ˈkau̇(-ə)rd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] one who shows disgraceful fear or timidity

*The hero turned out to be a* ***coward*** *since he ran away.*

1. **beagle \ ‘ˈbē-gəl \ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of a breed of small short-legged smooth-coated often black, white, and tan hounds

*They had a beautiful* ***beagle*** *named Lilly.*

1. **corner** \ ˈkȯr-nər \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the point where converging lines, edges, or sides meet

*Their mom warned them not to hit their heads on the* ***corner*** *of the table.*

1. **edge \ ˈej  \** noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the cutting side of a blade

*The father was showing his daughter how to sharpen the* ***edge*** *of her new switch blade.*

1. **music** \ ˈmyü-zik  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] vocal, instrumental, or mechanical sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony *Everyone has their own taste in* ***music****.*

**Words 151-200: Fourth Grade Spelling Bee Words**

1. **medley** \ ˈmed-lē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a musical composition made up of a series of songs or short piece *They played a* ***medley*** *of show tunes.*

1. **difficult** \ ˈdi-fi-(ˌ)kəlt  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] hard to do, make, or carry out *They gave the girl a very* ***difficult*** *task.*

1. **flattery** \ ˈfla-tə-rē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] insincere or excessive praise

*He tried to win his teacher’s favor with* ***flattery****.*

1. **drench** \ ˈdrench  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to wet thoroughly (as by soaking or immersing in liquid)

*The woman decided to* ***drench*** *her salad in dressing.*

1. **seldom** \ ˈsel-dəm  \ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] in few instances

*He had a* ***seldom*** *get away weekend.*

1. **mustang** \ ˈmə-ˌstaŋ  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a small hardy naturalized horse of U.S. western plains directly descended from horses brought in by the Spaniards *The farmer had a beautiful* ***mustang****.*

1. **fringe** \  ˈfrinj  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an ornamental border consisting of short straight or twisted threads or strips hanging from cut or raveled edges or from a separate band *The woman was wearing a* ***fringe*** *in public.*

1. **calico** \ ˈka-li-ˌkō  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a blotched or spotted animal *She has a* ***calico*** *cat.*

1. **mutiny** \ ˈmyü-tə-nē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] forcible or passive resistance to lawful authority

*The crew were on the verge of* ***mutiny****.*

1. **blossom** \ ˈblä-səm  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the flower of a flowering plant

*The flowers normally* ***blossom*** *during the spring.*

1. **magma** \ ˈmag-mə  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] molten rock material within the earth from which igneous rock results by cooling *The volcano threw new showers of* ***magma*** *and ash into the air.*

1. **mineral** \ ˈmi-nə-  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] ore

*I always carry* ***mineral*** *water when we go hiking.*

1. **scarlet** \ ˈskär-lət  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of various bright reds

*She was wearing a* ***scarlet*** *dress to the dance.*

1. **granola** \ grə-ˈnō-lə  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a mixture typically of rolled oats and various added ingredients (such as brown sugar, raisins, coconut, and nuts) that is eaten especially for breakfast or as a snack

*The girl was eating a* ***granola*** *bar for breakfast.*

1. **umpire** \ ˈəm-ˌpī(-ə)r  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an official in a sport who rules on plays *There was an* ***umpire*** *at the basketball game.*

1. **nimble** \ ˈnim-bəl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] quick and light in motion

*The acrobat was very* ***nimble****.*

1. **trinket** \ ˈtriŋ-kət \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a small ornament (such as a jewel or ring)

*She was wearing a beautiful* ***trinket*** *on her finger.*

1. **shoehorn** \ ˈshü-ˌhȯrn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a curved piece (as of horn, wood, or metal) used in putting on a shoe

*They used a* ***shoehorn*** *to help put their shoes on.*

1. **aloha** \ ə-ˈlō-ˌ(h)ä  \ interjection

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] used as a greeting or farewell

*They greeted us by saying* ***aloha****.*

1. **several** \ ˈse-və-rəl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] separate or distinct from one another

*There are* ***several*** *people waiting in line.*

1. **galaxy** \ ˈga-lək-sē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of the very large groups of stars and associated matter that are found throughout the universe

*Our planets are a part of the Milky Way* ***galaxy****.*

1. **announcer** \ ə-ˈnau̇n(t)-sər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person who introduces television or radio programs, makes commercial announcements, or gives station identification

*The* ***announcer*** *started announcing the horses at the race.*

1. **beverage** \ ˈbev-rij \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a drinkable liquid

*They ordered a* ***beverage*** *at the restaurant.*

1. **waist** \ ˈwāst  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the typically narrowed part of the body between the hips and chest or upper back *He put his hands on her* ***waist*** *so they could slow dance.*

1. **summary** \ ˈsə-mə-rē  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] covering the main points succinctly

*The boy wrote a* ***summary*** *of his professors work.*

1. **truce** \ ˈtrüs  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a suspension of fighting especially of considerable duration by agreement of opposing forces

*They made a* ***truce*** *so they could have Thanksgiving.*

1. **masterpiece** \ ˈma-stər-ˌpēs  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a work done with extraordinary skill

*That piece of art is a* ***masterpiece****.*

1. **nonfiction** \ ˌnän-ˈfik-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] writing or cinema that is about facts and real events

*He was reading a* ***nonfiction*** *book.*

1. **platoon** \ plə-ˈtün  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a subdivision of a company-sized military unit normally consisting of two or more squads or sections

*Her father is from that* ***platoon****.*

1. **kangaroo**\ ˌkaŋ-gə-ˈrü \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of various herbivorous leaping marsupial mammals (family Macropodidae) of Australia, New Guinea, and adjacent islands with a small head, large ears, long powerful hind legs, a long thick tail used as a support and in balancing, and rather small forelegs not used in locomotion

*They went to the zoo to see a* ***kangaroo****.*

1. **bronze** \ ˈbränz \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements

*Her jewelry was made of* ***bronze****.*

1. **amused** \ ə-ˈmyüzd  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] pleasantly entertained or diverted (as by something funny)

*She was* ***amused*** *by the conversation.*

1. **expressway** \ ik-ˈspres-ˌwā \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a high-speed divided highway for through traffic with access partially or fully controlled

*She is driving on the* ***expressway*** *to get to work.*

1. **valley** \ ˈva-lē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an elongate depression of the earth's surface usually between ranges of hills or mountains

*They drove through a* ***valley*** *on their trip.*

1. **thousand** \ ˈthau̇-zᵊn(d)  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a number equal to 10 times 100

*That boy can count to a* ***thousand****.*

1. **howdy** \ ˈhau̇-dē  \ interjection

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] used to express greeting

*The cowboy greeted us by saying* ***howdy****.*

1. **antlers** \ ˈant-lər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] one of the paired deciduous solid bony processes that arise from the frontal bone on the head of an animal of the deer family

*That deer has beautiful* ***antlers****.*

1. **buckeye** \ ˈbək-ˌī  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of various shrubs or trees (genus Aesculus) of the horse-chestnut family

*She had a few* ***buckeye*** *plants in their yard.*

1. **astronaut** \ ˈa-strə-ˌnȯt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person whose profession is to travel beyond the earth's atmosphere

*Her mother is an* ***astronaut*** *for NASA.*

1. **excuse** \ ik-ˈskyüz  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to make apology for

*She tried to make an* ***excuse*** *for missing the event.*

1. **cereal** \ ˈsir-ē-əl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a prepared foodstuff of grain (such as oatmeal or cornflakes)

*The children went into the cabinet to get the* ***cereal f****or breakfast.*

1. **important** \ im-ˈpȯr-tᵊnt  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] marked by or indicative of significant worth or consequence **:**valuable in content or relationship

*He had to take a very* ***important*** *exam.*

1. **dessert** \ di-ˈzərt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a usually sweet course or dish (as of pastry or ice cream) usually served at the end of a meal

*The kids had to wait until after dinner for* ***dessert****.*

1. **pouch** \ ˈpau̇ch  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a bag of small or moderate size for storing or transporting goods

*The mother put her kids tablet in a* ***pouch****.*

1. **transform** \ tran(t)s-ˈfȯrm  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to change in composition or structure

*They had to* ***transform*** *their garage into a man cave for their dad.*

1. **gallon** \ ˈga-lən \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a unit of liquid capacity equal to 231 cubic inches or four quarts

*Dad went to the store to get a* ***gallon*** *of milk.*

1. **sudsy** \ ˈsəd-zē  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] full of suds

*The little boy was all* ***sudsy*** *when he tried to get out of the shower the first time.*

1. **yesterday** \ ˈye-stər-(ˌ)dā \ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]on the day last past

*They went to the park* ***yesterday****.*

1. **ignore** \ ig-ˈnȯr  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to refuse to take notice of

*She was mad so she decided to* ***ignore*** *her sister.*

1. **internet** \ ˈin-tər-ˌnet \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an electronic communications network that connects computer networks and organizational computer facilities around the world

*The little girl wanted her laptop connected to the* ***internet****.*

# Words 201-250: Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Words

1. **cyberspace** \ ˈsī-bər-ˌspās  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the online world of computer networks and especially the Internet

*The teenage boy spends a lot of his time in* ***cyberspace****.*

1. **autumn** \ ˈȯ-təm \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]the season between summer and winter comprising in the northern hemisphere usually the months of September, October, and November or as reckoned astronomically extending from the September equinox to the December solstice

*Her favorite season is* ***autumn****.*

1. **parable** \ ˈper-ə-bəl \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a usually short fictitious story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle *She told the class a* ***parable*** *story.*

1. **hodgepodge** \ ˈhäj-ˌpäj  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a heterogeneous mixture

*The kitchen is a* ***hodgepodge*** *of spices, pots, knickknacks and fresh fruit.*

1. **swollen** \ ˈswō-lən  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] past participle of swell *Her hand was* ***swollen*** *after the bee sting.*

1. **diagonal** \ dī-ˈa-gə-nᵊl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] joining two vertices of a rectilinear figure that are nonadjacent or two vertices of a polyhedral figure that are not in the same face

*The blanket is covered in* ***diagonal*** *stripes.*

1. **fulfilling** \ fu̇(l)-ˈfi-liŋ \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s) providing happiness or satisfaction

*After she helped the school board, she felt a sense that she was* ***fulfilling*** *her duty.*

1. **hammock** \ ˈha-mək  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a swinging couch or bed usually made of netting or canvas and slung by cords from supports at each end

*The dad hung up a* ***hammock*** *for his kids.*

1. **whiff** \ ˈ(h)wif  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a quick puff or slight gust especially of air, odor, gas, smoke, or spray

*He got a* ***whiff*** *of the apple pie his mother made.*

1. **lavender** \ ˈla-vən-dər \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a Mediterranean mint (Lavandula angustifolia synonym L. officinalis) widely cultivated for its narrow aromatic leaves and spikes of lilac-purple flowers which are dried and used in sachets and from which is extracted an aromatic oil used chiefly in perfumery

*The girl was wearing a* ***lavender*** *scented perfume.*

1. **dispel** \ di-ˈspel  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to drive away or cause to vanish by or as if by scattering

*She got tired of the rumor she had to* ***dispel*** *it.*

1. **coffee** \ ˈkȯ-fē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a beverage made by percolation, infusion, or decoction from the roasted and ground seeds of a coffee plant

*Our teacher went to get* ***coffee*** *after class.*

1. **median** \ ˈmē-dē-ən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a value in an ordered set of values below and above which there is an equal number of values or which is the arithmetic mean of the two middle values if there is no one middle number

*She had to find the* ***median*** *for her math homework.*

1. **tropical** \ ˈträ-pi-kəl \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] of, relating to, occurring in, or suitable for use in the tropics

*They went to visit the* ***tropical*** *forest for their vacation.*

1. **smidge \ ˈsmi-jən  \ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a small amount

*He put a* ***smidge*** *of sugar in his coffee.*

1. **tarnish** \ ˈtär-nish  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to dull or destroy the luster of by or as if by air, dust, or dirt

vi*The judge did not want to* ***tarnish*** *his reputation.*

1. **vision** \ ˈvi-zhən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act or power of seeing

*She does not have the best* ***vision*** *so she had to get glasses.*

1. **diamond** \ ˈdī-(ə-)mənd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] native crystalline carbon that is the hardest known mineral, that is usually nearly colorless, that when transparent and free from flaws is highly valued as a precious stone, and that is used industrially especially as an abrasive

*The jewel on her ring was a* ***diamond****.*

1. **insulation** \*ˌin(t)-sə-ˈlā-shən*  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]material used in insulating

*They used* ***insulation*** *to insulate their house.*

1. **furniture** \ ˈfər-ni-chər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] movable articles used in readying an area (such as a room or patio) for occupancy or use *She decorated the living room with some* ***furniture****.*

1. **wisdom** \ ˈwiz-dəm  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] good sense

*He was old but he had a lot of* ***wisdom.***

1. **ourselves** \ är-ˈselvz  \ plural pronoun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] those identical ones that are we

*We are improving our room solely for* ***ourselves****.*

1. **completely** \ kəmˈplētlē\ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]Entirely or totally

*I* ***completely*** *forgot you were coming.*

1. **forearm** \ ˈfȯr-ˌärm  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]the part of the human arm between the elbow and the wrist

*Her shirt hit right above her* ***forearm****.*

1. **gratitude** \ ˈgra-tə-ˌtüd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the state of being grateful *Our coworker showed her* ***gratitude*** *by bringing donuts.*

1. **inventory** \ ˈin-vən-ˌtȯr-ē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an itemized list of current assets

*The employee had to check their* ***inventory****.*

1. **replace** \ ri-ˈplās  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to restore to a former place or position *He had to* ***replace*** *the teachers cards after he used them.*

1. **fragrant** \ ˈfrā-grənt  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] having a sweet or pleasant smell

*Her new perfume has a beautiful* ***fragrant*** *smell.*

1. **responsible** \ ri-ˈspän(t)-sə-bəl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] able to choose for oneself between right and wrong

*Although she is only six, that little girl is very* ***responsible****.*

1. **tuneful** \ ˈtün-fəl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] melodious, musical

*Their musical was very* ***tuneful****.*

1. **beneath** \ bi-ˈnēth \ adverb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] in or to a lower position

*Her bag is* ***beneath*** *mine.*

1. **warped** \ ˈwȯrpt \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] twisted out of a natural or normal shape

*The wood was* ***warped*** *around the building.*

1. **monopoly** \ mə-ˈnä-p(ə-)lē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] exclusive ownership through legal privilege, command of supply, or concerted action

*He owns a* ***monopoly*** *of businesses.*

1. **knelt** \ ˈnelt \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]to position the body so that one or both knees rest on the floor

*She* ***knelt*** *on the ground to water her roses.*

1. **citizen** \ ˈsi-tə-zən,-sən \ noun

an inhabitant of a city or

town

*She was a United States*

***citizen****but lived most of*

*her life abroad.*

1. **axis** \ ˈak-səs \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a straight line about which a body or a geometric figure rotates or may be supposed to rotate

*There is an* ***axis*** *around the Earth.*

1. **construction** \ kən-ˈstrək-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the process, art, or

manner of constructing

something.

***Construction****of the new*

*bridge will begin in the*

*spring.*

1. **thirst** \ ˈthərst \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a sensation of dryness in the mouth and throat associated with a desire for liquids

*He needed water to quench his* ***thirst****.*

1. **discomfort** \ dis-ˈkəm(p)-fərt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] mental or physical

uneasiness

*The patient is still*

*experiencing*

*some****discomfort****.*

1. **mulch** \ ˈməlch   \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a protective covering (as of sawdust, compost, or paper) spread or left on the ground to reduce evaporation, maintain even soil temperature, prevent erosion, control weeds, enrich the soil, or keep fruit (such as strawberries) clean *He went to the store to get* ***mulch****.*

1. **mountain** \ ˈmau̇n-tᵊn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a landmass that projects conspicuously above its surroundings and is higher than a hill

*The sun set behind the* ***mountain****.*

1. **anthem** \ ˈan(t)-thəm  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a song or hymn of praise or gladness

*Here in America, we have the National* ***Anthem****.*

1. **narration** \ na-ˈrā-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act or process or an instance of narrating

*The author really likes* ***narration****.*

1. **scrimmage** \ ˈskri-mij  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] practice play (as in football or basketball) between two squads

*Our school is having a* ***scrimmage*** *with another school.*

1. **penalty** \ ˈpe-nᵊl-tē \noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]the suffering in person, rights, or property that is annexed by law or judicial decision to the commission of a crime or public offense

*There is a* ***penalty*** *for breaking the law.*

1. **dismissal** \ dis-ˈmi-səl \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act of dismissing

The woman waved her hand in **dismissal** at the claim.

1. **perish** \ ˈper-ish   \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to become destroyed or ruined

*The fire made all the photos* ***perish****.*

1. **compartment** \ kəm-ˈpärt-mənt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a separate division or section

*He put his phone in the* ***compartment****.*

1. **volley** \ ˈvä-lē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the flight of the ball (as in volleyball or tennis) or its course before striking the ground

*The ball had a* ***volley*** *of a flight before hitting the ground.*

1. **leopard \ ˈle-pərd  \ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a large strong cat (Panthera pardus) of southern Asia and Africa that is adept at climbing and is usually tawny or buff with black spots arranged in rosettes

*They went to the zoo so they could see a* ***leopard****.*

# Words 251-300: Sixth Grade Spelling Bee Words

1. **evaporation** \ i-ˌva-pə-ˈrā-shən \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]the act or process of evaporating

*The water off the ground is gone because of* ***evaporation****.*

1. **boycott** \ ˈbȯi-ˌkät \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]to engage in a concerted refusal to have dealings with (a person, a store, an organization, etc.) usually to express disapproval or to force acceptance of certain conditions

*They decided to* ***boycott*** *the coffee brand they used to like.*

1. **alternate** \ ˈȯl-tər-nət  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] occurring or succeeding by turns

*A day of* ***alternate*** *sunshine and rain.*

1. **ottoman** \ ˈä-tə-mən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a member of a Turkish dynasty founded by Osman I that ruled the Ottoman Empire

*He was a known* ***ottoman*** *in the Turkish dynasty.*

1. **entertain** \ ˌen-tər-ˈtān  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to provide entertainment for *Hosts normally* ***entertain*** *their guests.*

1. **sympathy** \ ˈsim-pə-thē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] unity or harmony in action or effect

*The art was like a* ***sympathy*** *when it all came together.*

1. **tonsils** \ ˈtän(t)-səl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] either of a pair of prominent masses of lymphoid tissue that lie one on each side of the throat between two folds of soft tissue that bound the fauces

*His mother had to check his* ***tonsils*** *for strep throat.*

1. **marathon** \ ˈmer-ə-ˌthän \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a footrace run on an open course usually of 26 miles 385 yards (42.2 kilometers)

*The girl decided to sign up for a* ***marathon****.*

1. **cyclone** \ ˈsī-ˌklōn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a storm or system of winds that rotates about a center of low atmospheric pressure, advances at a speed of 20 to 30 miles (about 30 to 50 kilometers) an hour, and often brings heavy rain

*The teacher was explaining that a* ***cyclone*** *was another word for a tornado in class today.*

1. **personnel** \ ˌpər-sə-ˈnel  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a body of persons usually employed (as in a factory or organization)

*The teacher decided the project had to many people on it so she removed some* ***personnel****.*

1. **tapioca** \ ˌta-pē-ˈō-kə \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a usually granular preparation of cassava starch used especially in puddings and as a thickening in liquid food

*Some people put* ***tapioca*** *in their drinks.*

1. **modular** \ ˈmä-jə-lər  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] constructed with standardized units or dimensions for flexibility and variety in use

*In many offices, desks are separated by* ***modular*** *walls that can be moved around.*

1. **advanced** \ əd-ˈvan(t)st  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] being beyond others in progress or ideas

*Technology has really* ***advanced*** *over the years.*

1. **refined** \ ri-ˈfīnd  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] free from impurities

*She had to* ***refine*** *her coworkers work.*

1. **accompany** \ ə-ˈkəmp-nē   \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to go with as an associate or companion

*Stacy wanted to* ***accompany*** *me to the store.*

1. **siesta** \ sē-ˈe-stə  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an afternoon nap or rest

*She took a* ***siesta*** *when she got home from school.*

1. **paramedic** \ ˌper-ə-ˈme-dik  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a specially trained medical technician licensed to provide a wide range of emergency services (such as defibrillation and the intravenous administration of drugs) before or during transportation to a hospital

*Her husband is a* ***paramedic****.*

1. **rebuked** \ ri-ˈbyük  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to criticize sharply

*They* ***rebuked*** *the claims.*

1. **alabaster** \ ˈa-lə-ˌba-stər \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a compact fine-textured usually white and translucent gypsum often carved into vases and ornaments

*The ornament on their tree had a* ***alabaster*** *carved into it.*

1. **pronto** \ ˈprän-ˌtō  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] without delay *His dad said we need to leave for our flight* ***pronto****.*

1. **banquet** \ ˈbaŋ-kwət \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a sumptuous feast

*They had a* ***banquet*** *in her honor.*

1. **territory** \ ˈter-ə-ˌtȯr-ē \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a geographic area belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a governmental authority

*That is a* ***territory*** *they own.*

1. **fundamental** \ ˌfən-də-ˈmen-tᵊl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] serving as a basis supporting existence or determining essential structure or function

*Responsibility is* ***fundamental*** *to her personality.*

1. **badger** \ ˈba-jər \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of various burrowing mammals (especially Taxidea taxus and Meles meles) of the weasel family that are widely distributed in the northern hemisphere

*They had a* ***badger*** *living under their garden.*

1. **legislature** \ ˈle-jə-ˌslā-chər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a body of persons having the power to legislate

*He is in the* ***legislature****.*

1. **snorkel** \ ˈsnȯr-kəl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a plastic tube that allows a swimmer to breathe while keeping the head or face under the surface of the water

*He was using a* ***snorkel*** *to swim under the surface of the water.*

1. **binary** \ ˈbī-nə-rē , -ˌner-ē \ noun

something made of two things or parts

*We are not going back to that system of* ***binary*** *education.*

1. **proverb** \ ˈprä-ˌvərb \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a brief popular epigram or maxim

*My grandma always told me a wise* ***proverb*** *to teach me something new.*

1. **mantle** \ ˈman-tᵊl \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(sa loose sleeveless garment worn over other clothes

*Before she left the house, she put on a* ***mantle****.*

1. **garish \ ˈger-ish  \ adjective**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] clothed in vivid colors

*That man was wearing a* ***garish*** *of different colors.*

1. **swerve \ ˈswərv \ verb**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to turn aside abruptly from a straight line or course

*The driver decided to* ***swerve*** *all over the road.*

1. **lullaby** \ ˈlə-lə-ˌbī  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a song to quiet children or lull them to sleep

*She sung a beautiful* ***lullaby*** *for her baby.*

1. **expression \ ik-ˈspre-shən  \ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an act, process, or instance of representing in a medium

*She did not say anything mean but her* ***expression*** *showed it all.*

1. **treble \ ˈtre-bəl  \ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the highest voice part in harmonic music

*He was given the* ***treble*** *part in the band.*

1. **detergent** \ di-ˈtər-jənt  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a cleansing agent

*She poured some* ***detergent*** *into the washing machine.*

1. **president** \ ˈpre-zə-dənt \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an appointed governor of a subordinate political unit

*He was elected* ***president*** *of his graduating class.*

1. **purpose** \ ˈpər-pəs  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]something set up as an object or end to be attained

*The* ***purpose*** *of the mission was to find the target.*

1. **violin** \ ˌvī-ə-ˈlin  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a bowed stringed instrument having four strings tuned at intervals of a fifth and a usual range from G below middle C upward for more than 4¹/₂ octaves and having a shallow body, shoulders at right angles to the neck, a fingerboard without frets, and a curved bridge

*The girl played the* ***violin*** *for the school.*

1. **dynasty \ ˈdī-nə-stē  \ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a succession of rulers of the same line of descent

*He left his* ***dynasty*** *in his sons hands.*

1. **horticulture \ ˈhȯr-tə-ˌkəl-chər  \ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants

*His dad studies in the art of* ***horticulture****.*

1. **uncanny** \ ˌən-ˈka-nē  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] seeming to have a supernatural character or origin

*There was an* ***uncanny*** *event at the abandoned school.*

1. **dilute** \ dī-ˈlüt \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to make thinner or more liquid by admixture

*She decided to* ***dilute*** *the bleach with water.*

1. **nitrogen** \ ˈnī-trə-jən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a nonmetallic chemical element with atomic number 7 that under standard conditions is a colorless, odorless, inert gas, that constitutes 78 percent of the Earth's atmosphere, and that is used especially in the industrial synthesis of ammonia, as a component of inert atmospheres, and in liquid form as a refrigerant

*He uses* ***nitrogen*** *fertilizer.*

1. **attorney** \ ə-ˈtər-nē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] one who is legally appointed to transact business on another's behalf

*The defense was appointed an* ***attorney****.*

1. **jeopardy** \ ˈje-pər-dē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]exposure to or imminence of loss or injury

*Cops put their lives in* ***jeopardy*** *every day.*

1. **aspirin** \ ˈa-sp(ə-)rən \ noun

a white crystalline derivative C9H8O4 of salicylic acid used for relief of pain and fever

*She had a headache so she took some* ***aspirin.***

1. **Matterhorn** \ ˌˈma-tər-ˌhȯrn  \ geographical name

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] mountain 14,691 feet (4478 meters) high in the Pennine Alps on the border between Switzerland and Italy

*We took a trip to see the mountain* ***Matterhorn****.*

1. **pixel** \ ˈpik-səl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of the small discrete elements that together constitute an image (as on a television or digital screen)

*The reason the picture is not clear is because it is made of* ***pixels****.*

1. **occupy** \ ˈä-kyə-ˌpī  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to take up (a place or extent in space)

*The fireplace she wants will* ***occupy*** *this corner of the room.*

1. **recital** \ ri-ˈsī-tᵊl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a detailed account

*They asked the student to* ***recital*** *everything that happened.*

**Words 301-350: Seventh Grade Spelling Bee Words**

1. **spectacles** \ ˈspek-ti-kəlz  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a device used to correct defects of vision

*People who have defective vison need* ***spectacles*** *to see properly.*

1. **migraine** \ ˈmī-ˌgrān \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a condition marked by recurring moderate to severe headache with throbbing pain that usually lasts from four hours to three days, typically begins on one side of the head but may spread to both sides, is often accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light or sound, and is sometimes preceded by an aura and is often followed by fatigue

*The teacher had a* ***migraine*** *after her class.*

1. **indifference** \ in-ˈdi-f(ə-)rən(t)s  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the quality, state, or fact of being indifferent

*He had no* ***indifference*** *in the situation.*

1. **serpentine** \ ˈsər-pən-ˌtēn \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]of or resembling a serpent

*The country inn lies at the end of a rather* ***serpentine*** *road, but it's worth the trip.*

1. **jurisdiction** \ ˌju̇r-əs-ˈdik-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the power, right, or authority to interpret and apply the law

*This matter falls within the teachers* ***jurisdiction****.*

1. **acetone** \ ˈa-sə-ˌtōn \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a volatile fragrant flammable liquid ketone C3H6O used chiefly as a solvent and in organic synthesis and found in abnormal quantities in diabetic urine

*Some police investigations use* ***acetone****.*

1. **laceration** \ ˌla-sə-ˈrā-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act of lacerating

*After falling off her bike, Sarah had a small* ***laceration*** *on her knee, but the nurse bandaged it up and she felt much better.*

1. **inclement** \ (ˌ)in-ˈkle-mənt   \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] physically severe

*We had to take shelter because of the* ***inclement*** *weather.*

1. **generosity** \ ˌje-nə-ˈrä-sə-tē \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a generous act

*She gives her* ***generosity*** *to the unfortunate.*

1. **tarantula**\ tə-ˈran-chə-lə , -tə-lə \ noun

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

*The teacher has a pet* ***tarantula*** *in her classroom.*

1. **smorgasbord** \ ˈsmȯr-gəs-ˌbȯrd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes

*Her father took them to a* ***smorgasbord****.*

1. **phoenix** \ ˈfē-niks  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a legendary bird which according to one account lived 500 years, burned itself to ashes on a pyre, and rose alive from the ashes to live another period*There was a* ***phoenix*** *in the book he was reading.*

1. **buoyancy** \ ˈbȯi-ən(t)-sē \ noun

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

*In science class we were testing an object’s* ***buoyancy****.*

1. **cherished** \ ˈcher-isht  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to hold dear: feel or show affection for

*She had always* ***cherished*** *her friends and family.*

1. **vocational** \ vō-ˈkā-sh(ə-)nəl \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]of, relating to, or undergoing training in a skill or trade to be pursued as a career

*In* ***vocational*** *class, the students learned about geology and even built a model volcano to see how eruptions work*

1. **reprimand** \ ˈre-prə-ˌmand  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a severe or formal reproof *She claimed she could* ***reprimand*** *the mans claims.*

1. **cologne** \ kə-ˈlōn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a perfumed liquid composed of alcohol and fragrant oils

*I saw an ad for a popular* ***cologne*** *on TV.*

1. **consonants** \ ˈkän(t)-s(ə-)nənts \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]being in agreement or harmony

*After the meeting, they were all in* ***consonants****.*

1. **velveteen**\ ˌvel-və-ˈtēn  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a clothing fabric usually of cotton in twill or plain weaves made with a short close weft pile in imitation of velvet

*I thought I seen velvet in the store but it turned out to be* ***velveteen****.*

1. **buzzard** \ ˈbə-zərd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of various usually large birds of prey *There was a* ***buzzard*** *in the sky.*

1. **bountiful** \ ˈbau̇n-ti-fəl \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]liberal or generous in bestowing gifts or favors

*She got a* ***bountiful*** *number of gifts since it was her birthday.*

1. **forbidden** \ fər-ˈbi-dᵊn \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]not permitted or allowed

*Going into her mother’s room was* ***forbidden****.*

1. **turmoil** \ ˈtər-ˌmȯi(-ə)l  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a state or condition of extreme confusion, agitation, or commotion

*Ever since she failed the test, Beth has been in some* ***turmoil****.*

1. **disarray** \ ˌdis-ə-ˈrā  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a lack of order or sequence

*The teenagers room was in* ***disarray****.*

1. **morale** \ mə-ˈral  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]moral principles, teachings, or conduct *She did not want to play basketball because she did not like their* ***morale****.*

1. **incentive** \ in-ˈsen-tiv  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] something that incites or has a tendency to incite to determination or action

*The teacher gave out bonus points as an* ***incentive*** *for students to finish their test scores up.*

1. **freight** \ ˈfrāt \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the compensation paid for the transportation of goods

*The store had to pay for the* ***freight*** *before they could get their items shipped.*

1. **corduroy**\ ˈkȯr-də-ˌrȯi  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a durable usually cotton pile fabric with vertical ribs or wales

*That fabric is made of* ***corduroy****.*

1. **tangible** \ ˈtan-jə-bəl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] capable of being perceived especially by the sense of touch

*The blind man relies on how* ***tangible*** *items are to tell what they are.*

1. **catastrophic** \ ˌka-tə-ˈsträ-fik  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a momentous tragic event ranging from extreme misfortune to utter overthrow or ruin

*The hurricane caused* ***catastrophic*** *damage to the coastal town, leaving thousands of homes destroyed and many families displaced.*

1. **maximum** \ ˈmak-s(ə-)məm \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]the greatest quantity or value attainable or attained

*They loved the chips so much that they ordered the* ***maximum*** *amount.*

1. **obscure** \ äb-ˈskyu̇r \*,* noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] dark, dim

*The* ***obscure*** *dusk of the shuttered room scared a few people.*

1. **tarmac** \ ˈtär-ˌmak \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a tarmacadam road, apron, or runway

*The airplane landed smoothly on the* ***tarmac****, and we were excited to start our vacation.*

1. **pathogen** \ ˈpa-thə-jən  noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a specific causative agent (such as a bacterium or virus) of disease

*Washing our hands often helps protect us from* ***pathogens*** *that can make us sick.*

1. **braille** \ ˈbrāl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a system of writing for the blind that uses characters made up of raised dots

*Blind people often read by using* ***braille****.*

1. **fugitive** \ ˈfyü-jə-tiv \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] running away or intending flight

*The* ***fugitive*** *ran from the cops.*

1. **beautifully**\ ˈbyü-ti-f(ə-)lē  \ adverb

 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] in a beautiful manner

*Their house was decorated* ***beautifully*** *for the party.*

1. **flamboyant** \ flam-ˈbȯi-ənt  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] marked by or given to strikingly elaborate or colorful display or behavior

*He had a* ***flamboyant*** *personality.*

1. **efficiency** \ i-ˈfi-shən-sē \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]the quality or degree of being efficient

*The office is known for their great* ***efficiency****.*

1. **liberation** \ ˌli-bə-ˈrā-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act of liberating : the state of being liberated

*We as a country had an act of* ***liberation*** *when we separated from Great Britian.*

1. **caravan** \ ˈker-ə-ˌvan  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a group of vehicles traveling together (as in a file)

*The traveling circus arrived in town with a colorful* ***caravan*** *of wagons and performers.*

1. **compress** \ kəm-ˈpres \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to press or squeeze together

*Diamonds are made when carbon atoms* ***compress*** *against each other with great pressure.*

1. **embezzlement** \ im-ˈbe-zəl  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to appropriate (something, such as property entrusted to one's care) fraudulently to one's own use

*Two people were arrested for* ***embezzlement*** *of company funds.*

1. **fortitude** \ ˈfȯr-tə-ˌtüd  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage *She has been through a lot so she must have a great* ***fortitude****.*

1. **globalization**\ ˌglō-bə-lə-ˈzā-shən \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act or process of globalizing

***Globalization*** *helps us enjoy foods, clothes, and toys from different countries all around the world.*

1. **anniversary** \ ˌa-nə-ˈvərs-rē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event

*They are fixing to celebrate their 30th* ***anniversary****.*

1. **renewal** \ ri-ˈnü-əl \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the quality or state of being renewed

*They just got back from their car tag* ***renewal****.*

1. **turquoise** \ ˈtər-ˌkȯiz , -ˌkwȯiz  \ noun

a mineral that is a blue, bluish-green, or greenish-gray hydrous basic phosphate of copper and aluminum, takes a high polish, and is valued as a gem when sky blue

*The jewel in her necklace is* ***turquoise****.*

1. **villa** \ ˈvi-lə \ noun

[no alternate pronouciation(s)] a country estate

*We spent the summer at our parent’s* ***villa****.*

1. **aerodynamic** \ ˌer-ō-dī-ˈna-mik \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the qualities of an object that affect how easily it is able to move through the air

*Cars are made to be* ***aerodynamic.***

**Words 350-400: Eighth Grade Spelling Bee Words**

1. **pentameter** \ pen-ˈta-mə-tər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet

*We had to use a* ***pentameter*** *in school today.*

1. **defibrillator** \ (ˌ)dē-ˈfi-brə-ˌlā-tər  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an electronic device that applies an electric shock to restore the rhythm of a fibrillating heart

*Sadly, her grandpa is hooked up to a* ***defibrillator****.*

1. **physician** \ fə-ˈzi-shən  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person trained in the art of healing

*We had to see the* ***physician*** *today.*

1. **consensus** \ kən-ˈsen(t)-səs  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] general agreement

*They were not sure who got what but they came to a* ***consensus****.*

1. **acquaintance** \ ə-ˈkwān-tᵊn(t)s  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person whom one knows but who is not a particularly close friend

*They have a casual* ***acquaintance****.*

1. **residential** \ ˌre-zə-ˈden(t)-shəl   \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]used as a residence or by residents

*They have a* ***residential*** *pool.*

1. **eulogy** \ ˈyü-lə-jē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a commendatory oration or writing especially in honor of one deceased

*She had to deliver the* ***eulogy*** *at his funeral.*

1. **skiff** \ ˈskif \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of various small boats

*I went on the water in a* ***skiff****.*

1. **perpetrate** \ ˈpər-pə-ˌtrāt  \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to bring about or carry out

*In the storybook, the mischievous raccoon was always trying to* ***perpetrate*** *little pranks in the forest.*

1. **respiratory** \ ˈre-sp(ə-)rə-ˌtȯr-ē  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] relating to or affecting respiration or the organs of respiration

*Exercising helps keep our* ***respiratory*** *system strong so we can breathe easily and feel healthy.*

1. **deposition** \ ˌde-pə-ˈzi-shən \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a testifying especially before a court

*He had to give his* ***deposition*** *in court today.*

1. **foyer** \ ˈfȯi(-ə)r , ˈfȯi-ˌ(y)ā  \ noun

an anteroom or lobby especially of a theater

*She had to wait in the* ***foyer*** *for her friend to arrive.*

1. **gondolas** \ ˈgän-də-lə , gän-ˈdō-  \ noun

a long narrow flat-bottomed boat with a high prow and stern used on the canals of Venice

*When we went on our vacation, they offered they made a few* ***gondolas*** *for us to ride.*

1. **sphinx** \ ˈsfiŋ(k)s  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an ancient Egyptian

image in the form of a

recumbent lion having a

man's head, a ram's head,

or a hawk's head

*They came across a*

*statue of a* ***sphinx***

*while visiting the*

*museum.*

1. **artificial** \ ˌär-tə-ˈfi-shᵊl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] made, produced, or done by humans especially to seem like something natural

*That reef is an* ***artificial*** *reef.*

1. **lieutenant** \ lü-ˈte-nənt  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an official empowered to act for a higher official

*The king's* ***lieutenant*** *handled the problem.*

1. **hydraulics** \ hī-ˈdrȯ-liks \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a branch of science that deals with practical applications (such as the transmission of energy or the effects of flow) of liquid (such as water) in motion

*He used* ***hydraulics*** *in his car.*

1. **taupe** \ˈtōp \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a brownish gray

*She got her nails* ***taupe*** *color.*

1. **osmosis** \ äz-ˈmō-səs \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] movement of a solvent (such as water) through a semipermeable membrane (as of a living cell) into a solution of higher solute concentration that tends to equalize the concentrations of solute on the two sides of the membrane

*In science class, we learned how plants absorb water through* ***osmosis*** *to stay healthy and grow.*

1. **souvenir** \ ˈsü-və-ˌnir  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] something kept as a reminder *We got a* ***souvenir*** *when we went on vacation.*

1. **magnification** \ ˌmag-nə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]the act of magnifying

*We used the microscopes because we needed the* ***magnification****.*

1. **fiasco** \ fē-ˈa-(ˌ)skō \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a complete failure

*It was a complete* ***fiasco*** *when she tried to bake.*

1. **uranium** \ yu̇-ˈrā-nē-əm \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a silvery heavy radioactive polyvalent metallic element that is found especially in uraninite and exists naturally as a mixture of mostly non fissionable isotopes

*Scientists study* ***uranium*** *to understand how it can be used to create energy in nuclear power plants.*

1. **chiropractic** \ ˈkī-rə-ˌprak-tik  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a system of noninvasive therapy which holds that certain musculoskeletal disorders result from nervous system dysfunction arising from misalignment of the spine and joints and that focuses treatment especially on the manual adjustment or manipulation of the spinal vertebrae

*Lots of people need* ***chiropractic*** *that is why they go to a chiropractor.*

1. **intercessor \ˌ**in-tər-ˈse-sər**\ noun**

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another

*In times of need, the community often turned to their local priest as an* ***intercessor****, believing his prayers could bring divine intervention.*

1. **license** \ ˈlī-sᵊn(t)s  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] permission to act

*She got her* ***license*** *so now she can drive without an adult.*

1. **pastrami** \ pə-ˈsträ-mē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a highly seasoned smoked beef prepared especially from shoulder cuts

*Her sandwich had* ***pastrami*** *on it.*

1. **divot** \ ˈdi-vət  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a small dent : a small depression or hollow

*When we played soccer, I accidentally kicked the ground and made a small* ***divot*** *in the grass.*

1. **antonyms** \ ˈan-tə-ˌnim  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a word of opposite meaning

*We learned about* ***antonyms*** *in class today.*

1. **amethyst** \ ˈa-mə-thəst  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a clear purple or bluish-violet variety of crystallized quartz that is often used as a jeweler's stone

*She has an* ***amethyst*** *sitting on her bedside table.*

1. **aptitude** \ ˈap-tə-ˌtüd \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] inclination, tendency

*Thar boy has an* ***aptitude*** *for hard work.*

1. **incited** \ in-ˈsītd \ verb

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to move to action

*The excitement of the game* ***incited*** *the crowd to cheer louder and louder for their team.*

1. **sauna** \ ˈsȯ-nə , ˈsau̇-nə  \ noun

a Finnish steam bath in which the steam is provided by water thrown on hot stones

*There was a* ***sauna*** *at the hotel.*

1. **thyroid** \ˈthī-ˌrȯid \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]a large bilobed endocrine gland of vertebrates lying at the anterior base of the neck and producing especially the hormones thyroxine and triiodothyronine

*He went to the doctor because he hurt his* ***thyroid****.*

1. **consideration** \ kən-ˌsi-də-ˈrā-shən \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] continuous and careful thought

*After a long* ***consideration*** *he agreed to her request.*

1. **hoagies** \ ˈhō-gē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a large sandwich on a long split roll with any of a variety of fillings *She got a few* ***hoagies*** *when we ran to the sandwich place.*

1. **endearing** \ in-ˈdir-iŋ  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] arousing feelings of affection or admiration

*He had an* ***endearing*** *habit.*

1. **serenade** \ ˌser-ə-ˈnād  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a complimentary vocal or instrumental performance

*Every night, the cricket would* ***serenade*** *the moon with its gentle chirping sound.*

1. **editorial** \ ˌe-də-ˈtȯr-ē-əl  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] of or relating to an editor or editing

*He works in an* ***editorial*** *office.*

1. **millet** \ ˈmi-lət \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]any of various small-seeded annual cereal and forage grasses

*For breakfast, we enjoyed a warm bowl of* ***millet*** *porridge with honey and berries.*

1. **proxy** \ ˈpräk-sē  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the agency, function, or of a deputy who acts as a substitute for another

*When Tim couldn't go to the student council meeting, he asked his friend to attend as his* ***proxy*** *and take notes for him.*

1. **sorbet** \ sȯr-ˈbā noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a usually fruit-flavored ice served as a dessert or between courses as a palate refresher

*She ordered a orange* ***sorbet*** *at the ice cream shop.*

1. **periodontist**\ ˌper-ē-ō-ˈdän-tist  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a branch of dentistry that deals with diseases of the supporting and investing structures of the teeth including the gums, cementum, periodontal membranes, and alveolar bone

*During the dental check-up, the* ***periodontist*** *taught us how to keep our gums healthy and strong.*

1. **zugzwang** \ ˈtsükˌtsfäŋ \  noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the necessity of moving in chess when it is to one's disadvantage

*In the chess game, Sam realized he was in* ***zugzwang****, where any move he made would put him at a disadvantage.*

1. **stroganoff** \ ˈstrō-gə-ˌnȯf \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]sliced thin and cooked in a sauce of broth, sour cream, mustard, and onion and often other ingredients

*Her dad really enjoys beef* ***stroganoff*** *for dinner.*

1. **mackerel** \ ˈma-k(ə-)rəl  \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a scombroid fish (Scomber scombrus of the family Scombridae) of the North Atlantic that is green above with dark blue bars and silvery below and is a commercially important food fish

*He caught a* ***mackerel*** *on a fishing trip.*

1. **adhesion** \ ad-ˈhē-zhən \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] steady or firm attachment

*When we used glue, the* ***adhesion*** *was strong enough to keep the paper pieces stuck together.*

1. **fungible** \ ˈfən-jə-bəl \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] being something (such as money or a commodity) of such a nature that one part or quantity may be replaced by another equal part or quantity in paying a debt or settling an account

*My dad told me that oil, wheat, and lumber are* ***fungible*** *commodities.*

1. **mahogany** \ mə-ˈhä-gə-nē \ noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the wood of any of various chiefly tropical trees (family Meliaceae, the mahogany family)

*Their cabinet was made of* ***mahogany****.*

1. **miscellaneous** \ ˌmi-sə-ˈlā-nē-əs  \ adjective

[no alternate pronunciation(s)] dealing with or interested in diverse subjects

*My friend is a little* ***miscellaneous*** *when it comes to his writing.*