



School Pronouncers Guide

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əbanana, collect	kkin, cook, ache
'ə, əhumdrum	kas in one pronunciation of loch (alternative łk), as in German ich-laut
ɔas in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for bird (alternative ɔł)	llily, pool
ɔ̄two-value symbol equivalent to the unstressed variants ɔ , ɔł , as in habit, duchess (habət = habət , -bit)	mmurmur, dim, nymph
øimmediately preceding łł , łłł , łłłł , łłłłł , as in battle , mittén , and in one pronunciation of cap and bells ł'-m-ł , lock and key ł'-p-ł ; immediately following łł , łłł , łłłł , as in one pronunciation of French table , prisme , titre	nno, own
øias in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for bird (alternative ɔł)	øindicates that a preceding vowel is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French un bon vin blanc øn'bo'va'bł̄n
øroperation; stressed, as in bird as pronounced by speakers who do not drop <i>r</i> ; stressed and with centered period after the łł , as in one pronunciation of burry (alternative ɔłr) and in one pronunciation of hurry (alternative ɔłr); stressed and with centered period after łł as in one pronunciation of hurry (alternative ɔłr)	ŋsing łsŋł , singer łsŋɔ(r) , finger łfingə(r) , ink łinkł
amat, map	ɔbone, snow, beau ; one pronunciation of glory
əday, fade, date, aorta	ɔ̄saw, all, saurian; one pronunciation of horrid
ăbother, cot; most American speakers have the same vowel in father, cart	œFrench bœuf , German Höhle
ă̄father as pronounced by speakers who do not rhyme it with bother; farther and cart as pronounced by <i>r</i> -droppers	œ̄French feu , German Höhle
aabad, bag, fan as often pronounced in an area having New York City and Washington, D.C., on its perimeter; in an emphatic syllable, as before a pause, often aaəł	ɔicoin, destroy, strawy, sawing
aias in some pronunciations of bag , bang , pass	oo(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of <i>o</i> in bone but longer, not the sound of <i>oo</i> in food ; comte łk'ɒt̄ə
aunow, loud , some pronunciations of talcum	ppepper, lip
bbaby, rib	rrarity, one pronunciation of tar
chchin, nature łnăčo(r) (actually, this sound is łł + ʃł)	ssource, less
delder, undone	shwith nothing between, as in shy , mission , machine , special (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in death's-head łdeth'shedł
d̄as in the usual American pronunciation of latter , ladder	ttie, attack; one pronunciation of latter (alternative łł)
ebet, bed	thwith nothing between, as in thin , ether (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in knighthood łnɪt̄hoodł
ɛ, ēbeat, nosebleed, evenly, sleepy	th̄then, either (actually, this is a single sound, not two)
ɛ̄as in one pronunciation of evenly, sleepy, envious, igneous (alternative łł)	ürule, fool, youth, union łyünyanł , few łfyłł
ee(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of <i>e</i> in bet but long, not the sound of <i>ee</i> in sleep ; <i>en arrière</i> łn'är'yēr	ūpull, wood, curable łkyūłobəł
euas in one pronunciation of elk , helm	ueGerman füllen , hübsch
ffifty, cuff	œFrench rue , German fühlen
ggo, big	vvivid, give
hhat, ahead	wwe, away
hwwhale as pronounced by those who do not have the same pronunciation for both whale and wall	yyard, cue łkyūł , union łyünyanł
itip, one pronunciation of banish (alternative unstressed əł), one pronunciation of habit (alternative əł ; see ə)	ÿ(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates that during articulation of the sound represented by the preceding character the tip of the tongue has substantially the position it has for the articulation of the first sound of yard , as in French digne łdēnł
Isite, side, buy (actually, this sound is łłł + ɿł , or łłł + ɿłł)	ÿüyouth, union, cue, few
iuas in one pronunciation of milk , film	ÿúcurable
jjob, gem, edge , procedure łpr'sējə(r) (actually, this sound is łłł + ɿzhł)	zzone, raise
	zhwith nothing between, as in vision , azure łazha(r) (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in rosehill łrōzħilł
	†mark preceding a syllable with primary (strongest) stress: łpenmənship
	‡mark preceding a syllable with secondary (next-strongest) stress: łpenmənship
	()indicate that what is symbolized between is present in some utterances but not in others: factory łfakt(ə)rē

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.
- Each of the word list contain 50 words

2. Acquaint yourself with the *Eastern Oklahoma 2026 State Spelling Bee Rules*

3. 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 one 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.	fun	\ 'fən \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	what provides amusement or enjoyment <i>A picnic would be fun.</i>
2.	run	\ 'rən \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to go faster than a walk <i>Run upstairs and get your jacket.</i>
3.	hill	\ 'hil \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a usually rounded natural elevation of land lower than a mountain <i>She climbed the hill.</i>
4.	see	\ 'sē \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to perceive by the eye <i>I'm glad to see you.</i>
5.	best	\ 'best \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	excelling all others <i>What is the best thing to do?</i>
6.	keep	\ 'kēp \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to retain in one's possession or power <i>We must keep at least one cart.</i>

7.	fish	\ 'fish \\\n[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an aquatic animal <i>The fish was cold.</i>
8.	pay	\ 'pā \\\n[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to give in return for goods or service <i>We went to pay for the food.</i>
9.	path	\ 'path, 'päth\	noun a trodden way <i>The path was long.</i>
10.	rain	\ 'rān \\\n[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun water falling in drops condensed from vapor in the atmosphere <i>We had a light rain this afternoon.</i>
11.	away	\ ə- 'wā \\\n[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective absent from a place <i>She went away for the weekend.</i>
12.	happy	\ 'ha-pē \\\n[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective enjoying or characterized by well-being and contentment <i>He was a happy child.</i>
13.	date	\ 'dāt \\\n[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the time at which an event occurs <i>She asked for the date.</i>

14. king	\ 'kiŋ \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a male monarch of a major territorial unit <i>He was the king of the country.</i>
15. sold	\ 'sōld \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to give up (property) to another for something of value <i>They sold their house.</i>
16. just	\ 'jəst \	adverb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	Exactly, precisely <i>The food's temperature was just right.</i>
17. tent	\ 'tent \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a collapsible shelter of fabric (such as nylon or canvas) stretched and sustained by poles and used for camping outdoors or as a temporary building <i>We slept in a tent.</i>
18. lake	\ 'lāk \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a considerable inland body of standing water <i>The lake was deep.</i>

19.	boat	\ 'bōt \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a small vessel for travel on water <i>She took a boat to the island.</i>
20.	carry	\ 'ker-ē, 'ka-rē\	adjective
			to move while supporting <i>Mike managed to carry the suitcase by himself.</i>
21.	yard	\ 'yärd \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a small usually walled and often paved area open to the sky and adjacent to a building <i>The grass in the yard was tall.</i>
22.	maze	\ 'māz \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a confusing intricate network of passages <i>The girl could not find her way out of the maze.</i>
23.	game	\ 'gām \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a physical or mental competition conducted according to rules with the participants in direct opposition to each other <i>They had fun playing the game.</i>

24. sick	\ 'sik \	adjective affected with disease or ill health <i>Mom was sick and we needed a doctor.</i>
25. mind	\ 'mīnd \	noun the normal or healthy condition of the mental faculties <i>He was out of his mind with worry.</i>
26. trim	\ 'trim \	verb to remove by or as if by cutting <i>The bushes needed a good trim.</i>
27. week	\ 'wēk \	noun any of a series of 7-day cycles used in various calendars <i>She had soccer practice this week.</i>
28. spin	\ 'spin \	verb to form by spinning <i>Caterpillars spin cocoons with silk.</i>
29. safe	\ 'sāf \	adjective free from harm or risk <i>Your secret's safe with me.</i>

30. shy	\ 'shī \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	hesitant in committing oneself <i>He was shy around strangers.</i>
31. city	\ 'si-tē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an inhabited place of greater size, population, or importance than a town or village <i>We spent the weekend in the city.</i>
32. even	\ 'ē-vən \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	level; flat; without surface irregularities; smooth <i>The road was even.</i>
33. lunch	\ 'lənch \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a usually light meal <i>Beth went to lunch with her friends.</i>
34. face	\ 'fās \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the front part of the head that in humans extends from the forehead to the chin and includes the mouth, nose, cheeks, and eyes <i>She had a pretty face.</i>

35.	mean	\ 'mēn \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	lacking dignity or honor <i>He was mean to his classmates.</i>
36.	hurry	\ 'hər-ē, 'hə-rē\	verb
			to carry or cause to go with haste <i>Stacy needed to hurry or she'd be late.</i>
37.	dirt	\ 'dərt \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a filthy or soiling substance <i>You've got some dirt on your face.</i>
38.	grade	\ 'grād \	adverb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a mark indicating a degree of accomplishment in school <i>He got a good grade on the test.</i>
39.	litter	\ 'li-tər \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the offspring at one birth of a multiparous animal <i>Jenny's dog had a litter of puppies.</i>

40.	wings	\ 'wiŋs \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	one of the movable feathered or membranous paired appendages by means of which a bird, bat, or insect is able to fly <i>The bird had large wings.</i>
41.	paper	\ 'pā-pər \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a felted sheet of usually vegetable fibers laid down on a fine screen from a water suspension <i>He looked at the paper.</i>
42.	street	\ 'strēt \	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 <i>Lacy crossed the street.</i>
43.	next	\ 'nekst \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	immediately adjacent (as in place, rank, or time) <i>They were next in line.</i>
44.	yummy	\ 'yə-mē \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	highly attractive or pleasing <i>The cake was yummy.</i>

45.	crisp	\ 'krisp \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	desirably firm and crunchy <i>The lettuce is crisp.</i>
46.	beets	\ 'bēts \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a biennial garden plant (<i>Beta vulgaris</i>) of the goosefoot family that includes several cultivars (such as Swiss chard and sugar beet) and that has thick edible leaves with long petioles and often swollen purplish-red roots <i>I've planted carrots, parsnips, and beets in the garden.</i>
47.	done	\ 'dən \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	arrived at or brought to an end <i>One more question and we're done.</i>
48.	twig	\ 'twig \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a small shoot or branch usually without its leaves <i>Tom heard a twig crack.</i>
49.	after	\ 'af-tər \	adverb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	following in time or place <i>We arrived shortly after everyone else.</i>

50. morning \ 'mōr-nin \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the time from sunrise to noon
*She liked to get things done early in the **morning**.*

Words 51-100: Second Grade Spelling Bee Words

51.	butter	\ 'bə-tər \	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a solid emulsion of fat globules, air, and water made by churning milk or cream and used as food <i>She put butter on her bread.</i>
52.	small	\ 'sməl \	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective having comparatively little size or slight dimensions <i>His hat was too small for his head.</i>
53.	nose	\ 'nōz \	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the part of the face that bears the nostrils and covers the anterior part of the nasal cavity <i>The dog's nose was cold.</i>
54.	tusk	\ 'təsk \	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun an elongated greatly enlarged tooth (as of an elephant or walrus) that projects when the mouth is closed and serves especially for digging food or as a weapon <i>The elephant tusk was on display.</i>

55.	road	\ 'rōd \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an open way for vehicles, persons, and animals <i>The road was empty.</i>
56.	oven	\ 'ə-vən \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a chamber used for baking, heating, or drying <i>Please take the pizza out of the oven.</i>
57.	food	\ 'fūd \	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 <i>The food was warm.</i>
58.	rules	\ 'rüls \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a prescribed guide for conduct or action <i>You should always follow the rules.</i>
59.	pages	\ 'pājs \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	one of the leaves of a publication or manuscript <i>He carefully turned the pages of the book as he read.</i>

60. stuck	\ 'stək \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to become blocked or jammed <i>The door is stuck.</i>
61. bird	\ 'bərd \	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 <i>A bird was singing outside our window.</i>
62. snack	\ 'snak \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	food eaten between regular meals <i>They each ate a snack after school.</i>
63. lawn	\ 'lōn, 'län\	noun
		ground (as around a house or in a garden or park) that is covered with grass and is kept mowed <i>I mowed Tom's lawn.</i>

64.	branch	\ 'branch \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a secondary shoot or stem (such as a bough) arising from a main axis (as of a tree) <i>The monkey is swinging from the tree branch.</i>
65.	cage	\ 'kāj \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a box or enclosure having some openwork for confining or carrying animals (such as birds) <i>The bird was in a cage.</i>
66.	spider	\ 'spī-dər \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of an order (Araneae synonym Araneida) of arachnids having a short, usually unsegmented abdomen linked to the cephalothorax by the pedicel, chelicerae modified into poison fangs, and two or more pairs of spinnerets at the posterior end of the abdomen for spinning threads of silk for various uses (as in making cocoons for their eggs or webs to catch prey) <i>The spider was making a web.</i>

67.	beehive	\ 'bē- ^h īv \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the usually aboveground nest of bees. <i>The office was a beehive of activity.</i>
68.	chance	\ 'chan(t)s \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	something that happens unpredictably without discernible human intention or observable cause <i>Which cards you are dealt is simply a matter of chance.</i>
69.	anyone	\ 'e-nē-(,)wən \	pronoun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any person at all <i>If anyone calls, take a message.</i>
70.	news	\ 'nüz , 'nyüz\	plural noun
			a report of recent events <i>They gave her the good news.</i>
71.	belly	\ 'be-lē \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the stomach and its adjuncts <i>He got down on his belly to crawl.</i>
72.	both	\ 'bōth \	plural pronoun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the one as well as the other <i>Both of the cars are blue.</i>

73. link	\ 'lin ^{jk} \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a connecting structure <i>There is a link of chain connecting the ship to the dock.</i>
74. poor	\ 'pu ^{ir} , 'p ^{ör} \	adjective
		lacking material possessions <i>The organization helps poor families.</i>
75. cowboy	\ 'kau ⁻ ,bo ^ɪ \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	one who tends cattle or horses <i>The movie was about cowboys in the old West.</i>
76. why	\ 'hw ^ɪ , 'w ^ɪ \	adverb
		for what cause, reason, or purpose <i>Why did you do it?</i>
77. taco	\ 'tä-([,])k ^ō \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a usually fried tortilla that is folded or rolled and stuffed with a mixture (as of seasoned meat, cheese, and lettuce) <i>The taco was a little spicy.</i>

78.	penny	\ 'pe-nē \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a monetary unit of the United Kingdom formerly equal to $1/240$ pound but now equal to $1/100$ pound <i>The penny shined in the sun.</i>
79.	alarm	\ ə- 'lärəm \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a signal (such as a loud noise or flashing light) that warns or alerts <i>Set the alarm to wake me at seven.</i>
80.	soggy	\ 'sä-gē , 'sō- \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	saturated or heavy with water or moisture <i>The bread was soggy.</i>
81.	popcorn	\ 'päp- körn \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	corn (<i>Zea mays everta</i> synonym <i>Z. mays praecox</i>) having kernels that upon exposure to heat burst open to form a white starchy mass <i>The popcorn smelled good.</i>
82.	bacon	\ 'bā-kən \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a side of a pig cured and smoked <i>We ate bacon and eggs for breakfast.</i>

83.	oak	\ 'ōk \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of a genus (<i>Quercus</i>) of trees or shrubs of the beech family that produce acorns
			<i>The table is solid oak.</i>
84.	bedtime	\ 'bed- tīm \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a time for going to bed <i>It's way past their bedtime.</i>
85.	dislike	\ (,)dis- 'līk , 'dis- līk\	noun
			a feeling of aversion or disapproval
			<i>They greatly dislike olives.</i>
86.	ladder	\ 'la-dər \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	structure for climbing up or down that consists essentially of two long sidepieces joined at intervals by crosspieces on which one may step <i>He climbed up the ladder.</i>
87.	shout	\ 'shaut \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to utter a sudden loud cry <i>There's no need to shout.</i>

88.	doctor	\ 'däk-tər \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a person who has earned one of the highest academic degrees (such as a PhD) conferred by a university <i>She was sick, so she went to see a doctor.</i>
89.	shadow	\ 'sha-(,)dō \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	partial darkness or obscurity within a part of space from which rays from a source of light are cut off by an interposed opaque body <i>The tree cast a long shadow across the lawn.</i>
90.	drink	\ 'drɪŋk \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to take in or suck up <i>He went to drink some water.</i>
91.	broken	\ 'brō-kən \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	violently separated into parts <i>The windows were broken.</i>
92.	yellow	\ 'ye-(,)lō \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	of the color yellow <i>The ball is yellow.</i>

93.	globe	\ 'glōb \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	something spherical or rounded <i>She has a globe in her office.</i>
94.	maple	\ 'mā-pəl \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of a genus (<i>Acer</i> of the family <i>Aceraceae</i> , the maple family) of chiefly deciduous trees or shrubs with opposite leaves and a fruit of two united samaras <i>The maple leaf is an emblem of Canada.</i>
95.	family	\ 'fam-lē , 'fa-mə- \	noun
			the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children <i>I want to spend more time with my family.</i>
96.	backdrop	\ 'bak- dräp \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a painted cloth hung across the rear of a stage <i>The backdrop depicted a city skyline.</i>

97. **pizza** \ 'pēt-sə \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
a dish made typically of flattened bread dough spread with a savory mixture usually including tomatoes and cheese and often other toppings and baked
*We ordered a **pizza** for supper.*

98. **sandbox** \ 'san(d)-bäks \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
a box or receptacle containing loose sand
*The children played in the **sandbox**.*

99. **mercy** \ 'mər-sē \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power
*He is a vicious criminal who deserves no **mercy**.*

100. **before** \ bi-'för , bē-\ adverb or adjective in advance
*Call me **before** you leave.*

Words 101-150: Third Grade Spelling Bee Words

101. house	\ 'haus \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a building that serves as living quarters for one or a few families <i>They live in a two-story house.</i>
102. dizzy	\ 'dizi \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	feeling of losing balance <i>I got dizzy on the ride at the fair.</i>
103. porch	\ 'pórch \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a covered area adjoining an entrance to a building and usually having a separate roof <i>The house has a large front porch.</i>
104. untidy	\ ,ən- 'tī-dē \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	not neat <i>Kevin has an untidy kitchen.</i>
105. curved	\ 'kərvd \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	bent or formed into a curve <i>The road suddenly curved.</i>

106. chatter	\ 'cha-tər \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to utter rapid short sounds suggestive of language but inarticulate and indistinct <i>The squirrels chatter with each other.</i>
107. latch	\ 'lach \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a fastener (as for a door) consisting essentially of a pivoted bar that falls into a notch <i>I heard her key turn in the latch.</i>
108. feast	\ 'fēst \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an elaborate and usually abundant meal often accompanied by a ceremony or entertainment <i>They had their annual Thanksgiving feast.</i>
109. might	\ 'mīt \	auxiliary verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	used to say that something is possible <i>We might get there before it rains.</i>
110. dishes	\ 'dish \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a more or less concave vessel from which food is served

			<i>The dishes were piled in the sink.</i>
111.	strange	\ 'strānj \	adjective different from what is usual, ordinary, or expected <i>The car made a strange sound.</i>
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	
112.	puzzles	\ 'pə-zəls \	noun a question, problem, or contrivance designed for testing ingenuity <i>Karen likes to solve puzzles.</i>
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	
113.	sign	\ 'sīn \	noun a motion or gesture by which a thought is expressed or a command or wish made known <i>They bowed before the king as a sign of respect.</i>
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	
114.	pebbles	\ 'pe-bəls \	noun a small usually rounded stone especially when worn by the action of water <i>Brian likes to skip pebbles.</i>
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	
115.	married	\ 'mer-ēd , 'ma-rēd\	adjective being in the state of matrimony <i>We are happily married.</i>

116. flicker	\ 'fli-kər \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to move irregularly or unsteadily <i>Shadows flicker on the wall.</i>
117. mayor	\ 'mā-ər , 'mer \	noun
		an official elected or appointed to act as chief executive or nominal head of a city, town, or borough <i>She is the mayor of the city.</i>
118. young	\ 'yəŋ \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	being in the first or an early stage of life, growth, or development <i>A very nice young man greeted us at the door.</i>
119. orbit	\ 'ór-bət \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a circular path <i>The satellites orbit at different heights.</i>
120. puddle	\ 'pə-dle	noun
		a small pool of water <i>Sally stepped in a puddle and got her shoes wet.</i>

121. teacher	\ tee-cher \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun a person who teaches, especially school. <i>She is a first grade teacher.</i>
122. solid	\ 'sä-ləd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective being without an internal cavity <i>The rubber ball is solid.</i>
123. paint	\ 'pānt \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to apply color, pigment, or paint to <i>Carrie needs new paint for her walls.</i>
124. burst	\ 'bərst \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to break open, apart, or into pieces usually from impact or from pressure from within <i>The pipes burst open.</i>
125. hungry	\ 'həŋ-grē \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective feeling an uneasy or painful sensation from lack of food <i>That girl is always hungry.</i>

126. riddle	\ 'ri-d ^ə l \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a mystifying, misleading, or puzzling question posed as a problem to be solved or guessed <i>David has a riddle to solve.</i>
127. silver	\ 'sil-vər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a very malleable metallic chemical element with atomic number 47 that is capable of a high degree of polish, has the highest thermal and electric conductivity of any substance, and that is used especially in jewelry and tableware, in electronics, and as an antimicrobial <i>She wore a bracelet made of silver.</i>
128. whenever	\ hwe- 'ne-vər, we-, (h)wə- \	conjunction
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	at any or every time that <i>You may leave whenever you wish.</i>
129. forward	\ 'fōr-wərd, 'fō- or 'fō- \	adjective
		near, being at, or belonging to the forepart <i>Baggage is carried in the forward cars of the train.</i>

130. hallway	\hawl-way\	noun passage in a building The hallway was long.
131. onion	uhn-yn	noun an edible bulb that is closely related to garlic <i>I love onion soup.</i>
132. supplies	\ sə- 'plīs \	plural noun the quantity or amount (as of a commodity) needed or available <i>The campers ran out of supplies.</i>
133. pottery	\ 'pä-tə-rē \	noun a place where clayware is made and fired <i>He collected old pottery.</i>
134. reward	\ re ward' \	noun something given for an effort or service <i>The children received candy as a reward for their good behavior.</i>

135	gather	\ 'ga-th <u>ə</u> r, 'ge- \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to bring together <i>She went to gather wood for the fire.</i>
136.	power	\ 'pau(-ə)r \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	possession of control, authority, or influence over others <i>She is from a family with a lot of social power.</i>
137.	circle	\ 'sər-kəl \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a closed plane curve every point of which is equidistant from a fixed point within the curve <i>She drew a circle around the correct answer.</i>
138.	talent	\ 'ta-lənt \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a special often athletic, creative, or artistic aptitude <i>He has a lot of artistic talent.</i>

139. seaweed	\ 'sē-, wēd \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a plant growing in the sea <i>Alex's foot got tangled in the seaweed.</i>
140. force	\ 'fōrs \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	strength or energy brought to bear cause of motion or change <i>It will take a lot of force to move that boulder.</i>
141. timber	\ 'tim-bər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	wood suitable for building or for carpentry <i>They needed a new load of timber to finish building the house.</i>
142. banana	\ bə- 'na-nə, -'nä- \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an elongated usually tapering tropical fruit with soft pulpy flesh enclosed in a soft usually yellow rind <i>The cartoon man slipped on a banana peel.</i>
143. atlas	\ at- ' lus \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a book of maps or charts <i>I looked in the atlas to find a map of Italy.</i>

144.	invent	\ in- 'vent \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to produce something, such as a useful device or process first experiment through the use of an. Thomas Edison went on to invent great things.
145.	unicorn	\ 'yü-nə- ,körn \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a mythical, usually white animal with a body and head of a horse with a long flowing mane and horn on the forehead. Rachel wants to be a unicorn for Halloween.
146.	motto	\ mah-toh /	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a slogan, phrase, short sentence or favorite catchword
147.	bakery	\ 'bā-k(ə-)rē \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a place for baking or selling baked goods <i>The cookies smell delicious at the bakery.</i>
148.	tractor	\ trāektər\	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	A powerful vehicle used in agriculture. <i>The tractor pulled the cart out of the mud.</i>

149.	poem	\ 'po- em \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a composition in verse <i>I wrote a poem about cats.</i>
150.	people	\ 'pe-pel \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	human beings collectively or individually <i>I made friends with many . people on the train.</i>

Words 151-200: Fourth Grade Spelling Bee Words

151. marsh	\ 'märsh \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a tract of soft wet land usually characterized by monocotyledons (such as grasses or cattails) <i>The marsh along the coast supports a remarkable profusion of plants and animals.</i>
152. waddle	\ 'wä-dl \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to walk with short steps swinging the forepart of the body from side to side <i>The fat goose set off at swift waddle.</i>
153. speak	\ 'spēk \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to utter words or articulate sounds with the ordinary voice <i>He has a sore throat and can't speak.</i>

154. minnow	\ 'mi-(,)nō \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a small cyprinid, killifish, or topminnow <i>He caught a minnow while fishing.</i>
155. twine	\ 'twīn \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a strong string of two or more strands twisted together <i>The package was wrapped in brown paper and tied with twine.</i>
156. lantern	\ 'lan-tərn \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a usually portable protective case for a light with transparent openings <i>She used a lantern to light her way.</i>
157. contract	\ 'kän-trakt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a binding agreement between two or more persons or parties <i>Have you signed the contract yet?</i>

158. coach	\ 'kōch \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a large usually closed four-wheeled horse-drawn carriage having doors in the sides and an elevated seat in front for the driver <i>On special occasions the queen rides in a gold coach.</i>
159. deadline	\ 'ded- ,līn \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a date or time before which something must be done <i>We had to hurry to meet the deadline.</i>
160. insect	\ 'in- sek̄t \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of a class (Insecta) of arthropods (such as bugs or bees) with well-defined head, thorax, and abdomen, only three pairs of legs, and typically one or two pairs of wings <i>The insect had large wings.</i>
161. flattery	\flat-ter-y \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	gives excessive praise <i>He tried to win his teacher's favor with flattery.</i>

162. trance	\ 'tran(t)s \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a sleeplike state (as of deep hypnosis) usually characterized by partly suspended animation with diminished or absent sensory and motor activity <i>He was staring out the window in a trance.</i>
163. mustang	\ muss' tang \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	A wild horse that is free-roaming <i>Alice wanted to feed her mustang before dark.</i>
164. chamber	\ 'chām-bər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a natural or artificial enclosed space or cavity <i>The chamber is damp and dark.</i>
165. arcade	\ är-'kād \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an amusement center having coin-operated games <i>Linda and Brody went to the arcade.</i>

166. farewell	\ fer- 'wel \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a wish of well-being at parting <i>They said farewell and headed home.</i>
167. subject	\ 'səb-jikt, -(.)jekt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an individual whose reactions or responses are studied <i>The new museum is the subject of an article in today's paper.</i>
168. country	\ 'kən-trē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an indefinite usually extended expanse of land <i>They drove through miles of open country</i>
169. wonderful	\ 'wən-dər-fəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	unusually good <i>The whole class did wonderful on the test.</i>
170. hayloft	\ 'hā- lōft \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a loft especially for storing hay <i>Steven hid inside of the hayloft.</i>

171. clipper	\ 'kli-pər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	one that clips something <i>He pulled out a fingernail clipper and began clipping his nails.</i>
172. breeze	\ 'brēz \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a light gentle wind <i>The wind chime jingled in the breeze.</i>
173. salsa	\ 'sól-sə , 'säl-\	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a usually spicy sauce of chopped tomatoes, onions, and peppers that is commonly served with Mexican food <i>Mary loves to eat chips and salsa.</i>
174. goblet	\ 'gä-blət \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a drinking vessel (as of glass) with a foot and stem <i>The king drank from a golden goblet.</i>
175. bronze	\ 'bränz \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements <i>The statue was cast in bronze.</i>

176. knitting	\ 'ni-tin \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	work done or being done by one that knits <i>She keeps her knitting in the closet.</i>
177. village	\ 'vi-lij \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a settlement usually larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town <i>We stayed in a charming bed-and-breakfast in a lakeside village.</i>
178. estate	\ i-'stāt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a person's property in land and tenements <i>His estate is worth millions of dollars.</i>
179. belief	\ bə- 'lēf \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a state or habit of mind in which trust or confidence is placed in some person or thing <i>I bought the table in the belief that it was an antique.</i>

180. teaspoon	\ 'tē-, spün, -'spün\	noun
		a small spoon that is used especially for eating soft foods and stirring beverages and that holds about one third of a tablespoon <i>She stirred her coffee with a teaspoon.</i>
181. studio	\ 'stü-dē-(,)ō, 'styü-\	noun
		the working place of a painter, sculptor, or photographer <i>David did most of his work in his studio.</i>
182. elderly	\ 'el-dər-lē \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	rather old <i>The program is intended to provide medical care for elderly people.</i>
183. siren	\ 'sī-rən, sī-'rēn\	noun
		a device often electrically operated for producing a penetrating warning sound <i>She could hear the ambulance's loud siren from two streets away.</i>

184. prayer	\ 'prer \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought <i>Darcy's mother said a prayer for the success of the voyage.</i>
185. factory	\ 'fak-t(ə-)rē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a building or set of buildings with facilities for manufacturing <i>Devon works at the factory down the road.</i>
186. poodles	\ 'pü-d̄ls \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of a breed of intelligent dogs that have a curly dense solid-colored coat and that are grouped into standard, miniature, and toy sizes <i>Ron has three pet poodles.</i>
187. sneakers	\ 'snē-kər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a sports shoe with a pliable rubber sole <i>He was dressed in a spotless white t-shirt and white sneakers.</i>

188. custard	\ 'kə-stərd \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a pudding-like usually sweetened mixture made with eggs and milk <i>She made custard for Thanksgiving dinner.</i>
189. squeeze	\ 'skwēz \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to exert pressure especially on opposite sides of <i>Gently squeeze the fruit to see if it's ripe.</i>
190. scarlet	\ skar' let \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	something bright, vivid a red color <i>John had a scarlet color on his cheeks from playing in the cold air.</i>
191. cardboard	\ kärd- bōrd \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a material made from cellulose fiber (such as wood pulp) like paper but usually thicker <i>The children made a fort out of cardboard.</i>

192. lunar	\ 'lü-nər, -när \	adjective
		of, relating to, or resembling the moon <i>Clouds drifted away from a full moon, showing our patio with lunar light.</i>
193. flexible	\ 'fleksəbəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	capable of being flexed <i>The tree had flexible branches that swayed in the breeze.</i>
194. surplus	\ 'sər-()pləs \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the amount that remains when use or need is satisfied <i>If there is any surplus, it will be divided equally.</i>
195. portable	\ 'pôr-təbəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	capable of being carried or moved about <i>Portable devices are very popular these days.</i>
196. watermelon	\ 'wô-tər-, me-lən, 'wä-\	noun
		a large oblong or roundish fruit with a hard green or white rind sweet watery red and usually many seeds <i>Crystal loves to eat watermelon during hot summer days.</i>

197. guess	\ 'ges \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to form an opinion of from little or no evidence <i>She could only guess what he meant.</i>
198. umbrella	\ ,əm- 'bre-lə, 'əm- bre- \	noun
		a collapsible shade for protection against weather consisting of fabric stretched over hinged ribs radiating from a central pole <i>Lisa borrowed an umbrella from Olivia.</i>
199. mission	\ 'mi-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a specific task with which a person or a group is charged <i>Our mission was to recover the stolen plans.</i>
200. trinket	\ trin'-kit\	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a small inexpensive piece of jewelry or ornament. Sally had a small trinket like bracelet to give to her sister.

Words 201-250: Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Words

201. griddle	\ 'gri-dl \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a flat stone or metal surface on which food is baked or fried <i>Heat a griddle over medium-high heat for 5 minutes.</i>
202. mulch	\ 'məlch, 'məlsh\	noun
		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 <i>She spread some mulch around the plants.</i>
203. youthful	\ 'yüth-fəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	of, relating to, or characteristic of youth <i>Marley has a very youthful face.</i>

204. advanced	\ əd-ˈvan(t)st \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	far on in time or course <i>The book explains both basic and advanced techniques.</i>
295. mountain	\ ˈmaʊn-tən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a landmass that projects conspicuously above its surroundings and is higher than a hill <i>The sun set behind the mountain.</i>
206. mansion	\ ˈman(t)-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a large imposing residence <i>Kevin’s grandparents live in a mansion.</i>
207. laundry	'lōn-drē, 'län- \	noun
		clothes or linens that have been or are to be laundered <i>There’s a pile of dirty laundry in the basket.</i>

208. radish	\ 'ra-dish, 're-\	noun
		the pungent usually crisp root of a widely cultivated Eurasian plant (<i>Raphanus sativus</i>) of the mustard family usually eaten raw
		<i>In the spring, the radish tastes very juicy and sweet.</i>
209. thirst	\ 'thərst \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to crave vehemently and urgently
	.	<i>His thirst for knowledge is evident in his book-filled house.</i>
210. coffee	\ 'kō-fē , 'kä-\	noun
		a beverage made by percolation, infusion, or decoction from the roasted and ground seeds of a coffee plant
		<i>Liz bought a cup of coffee from the local café.</i>
211. tightrope	\ 'tīt-, rōp \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a rope or wire stretched taut for acrobats to perform on
		<i>She dared to walk the tightrope without a net.</i>

212. champion	\ 'cham-pē-ən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a winner of first prize or first place in competition <i>Our team will play the defending champion team next.</i>
213. delicate	\ 'de-li-kət \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	marked by daintiness or charm of color, lines, or proportions <i>The fabric has a delicate floral print.</i>
214. mirror	\ 'mir-ər, 'mi-rər\	noun
		a polished or smooth surface (as of glass) that forms images by reflection <i>She looked at herself in the mirror.</i>
215. parable	\par'əbəl\	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a simple story used to illustrate a moral or lesson <i>The teacher used a parable about a boy who cried wolf.</i>

216. universe	\ 'yü-nə-,vərs \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the whole body of things and phenomena observed or postulated <i>It means more to me than anything else in the entire universe.</i>
217. distorted	\ di-'stör-təd \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	altered from a true, natural, or normal state, shape, or condition <i>The funhouse mirror shows a distorted version of the person standing in front of it.</i>
218. guilty	\ 'gil-tē \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	justly chargeable with or responsible for a usually grave breach of conduct or a crime <i>The children exchanged guilty looks.</i>
219. tropical	\ 'trä-pi-kəl, 'trō-, 'trä- \	adjective
		of, relating to, occurring in, or suitable for use in the tropics <i>Tom keeps tropical fish.</i>

220. classical	\ 'kla-si-kəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	of or relating to the ancient Greek and Roman world and especially to its literature, art, architecture, or ideals <i>Rachel enjoys listening to classical music.</i>
221. failure	\ 'fāl-yər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a state of inability to perform a normal function <i>He was often crippled by his fear of failure.</i>
222. bargain	\ 'bär-gən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an agreement between parties settling what each gives or receives in a transaction between them or what course of action or policy each pursues in respect to the other <i>They struck a bargain to sell only to each other.</i>
223. voyage	\ 'vōi-ij , 'vō(-)ij\	noun
		an act or instance of traveling <i>The Titanic sank on her maiden voyage.</i>

224. salesclerk	\ 'sālz- klĕrk \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a salesperson who sells items or things. <i>The salesclerk told us where to find the jewelry department.</i>
225. lavender	\ lav'in'der' \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	small aromatic evergreen scrub of the mint family. The lavender flowers looked so beautiful.
226. fortune	\ 'fôr-chĕn \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a very large sum of money <i>They spent a fortune on redecorating.</i>
227. warped	\ 'wôrpt \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	twisted out of a natural or normal shape <i>His critical sense was, perhaps, somewhat warped; but his researches are of great value to students.</i>

228. creation	\ krē- 'ā-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the act of making, inventing, or producing <i>The play continues to entertain audiences 25 years after its creation.</i>
229. passage	\ 'pa-sij \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a way of exit or entrance : a road, path, channel, or course by which something passes <i>We squeezed through a narrow passage between the rocks.</i>
230. indicate	\ 'in-də- ,kāt \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to point out or point to <i>Our records indicate a depth of 3,000 feet here.</i>
231. vocabulary	\ vō- 'ka-byə- ler-ē, və- \	noun
		a list or collection of words or of words and phrases usually alphabetically arranged and explained or defined <i>She has an extensive vocabulary.</i>

232. annual	\ 'an-yə(-wə)l, -yü-əl \	adjective
		covering the period of a year <i>The annual meeting is in July</i>
233. invisible	\ (,)in- 'vi-zə-bəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	incapable by nature of being seen : not perceptible by vision <i>The movie was about an invisible man.</i>
234. contestants	\kən- 'te-stənts, 'kän- te-\	noun
		one that participates in a contest <i>The winning contestants will receive a cash prize.</i>
235. citizen	\ 'si-tə-zən, -sən \	noun
		an inhabitant of a city or town <i>She was a <i>United States</i> citizen but lived most of her life abroad.</i>
236. performance	\ pər- 'fōr-mən(t)s, pə- \	noun
		the execution of an action <i>This evening's performance will start at 8 o'clock.</i>

237. unbearable	\ ,ən-' ber -ə-bəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	not bearable <i>We were in an almost unbearable state of excitement.</i>
238. whiff	\ 'hwif, 'wif \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a quick puff or slight gust especially of air, odor, gas, smoke, or spray <i>I got a whiff of new paint when I entered the room.</i>
239. curfew	\ 'kər-(,)fyü \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a regulation enjoining the withdrawal of usually specified persons (such as juveniles or military personnel) from the streets or the closing of business establishments or places of assembly at a stated hour <i>The teens were stopped by police for violating the curfew.</i>

240. swollen	\ 'swō-lən \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to become distended or puffed up <i>Her ankle is badly swollen.</i>
241. vertical	\ 'vər-ti-kəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis <i>His shirt has vertical stripes.</i>
242. biology	\ bī-'ä-lə-jē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a branch of knowledge that deals with living organisms and vital processes <i>Karen is majoring in biology in college.</i>
243. discomfort	\ dis-' <i>k</i> əm(p)-fərt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	mental or physical uneasiness <i>The patient is still experiencing some discomfort.</i>

244. construction	\ kən- 'strək-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the process, art, or manner of constructing something.
		<i>Construction of the new bridge will begin in the spring.</i>
245. spectators	\ 'spek- ,tā-tərs, spek- 'tā- \	noun
		one who looks on or watches
		<i>The spectators lining the road cheered the racers on.</i>
246. caterpillar	\ 'ka-tər- ,pi-lər , -tə- \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the elongated wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
		<i>A butterfly is a mature caterpillar.</i>
247. available	\ ə- 'vā-lə-bəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	present or ready for immediate use
		<i>The dress is also available in larger sizes.</i>

248. **cyberspace** \ 'sī-bər-, spās \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the online world of computer networks and especially the Internet
*We send e-mails through **cyberspace**.*

249. **evaporation** \ i-, və-pə- 'rā-shən \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act or process of evaporating
*An economical method of **evaporation** must be found.*

250. **gymnastics** \ jim- 'na-stiks \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] physical exercises designed to develop strength and coordination
*Darcy has been training in **gymnastics** for ten years.*

Words 251-300: Sixth Grade Spelling Bee Words

251. moisture	\ 'mōis-chər, 'mōish-\	noun	liquid diffused or condensed in relatively small quantity <i>These flowers grow best with moisture and shade.</i>
252. terrier	\ 'ter-ē-ər, 'te-rē-\	noun	any of various usually small energetic dogs originally used by hunters to dig for small game and engage the quarry underground or drive it out <i>Beth was given a terrier for Christmas.</i>
253. relative	\ 're-lə-tiv \	noun	a person connected with another by blood or affinity <i>He inherited a small piece of land from a distant relative.</i>
254. auction	\ 'ók-shən \	noun	a sale of property to the highest bidder <i>She bought the desk at an auction.</i>

255. sediment	\ 'se-də-mənt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid <i>There was a layer of sediment in the bottom of the tank.</i>
256. rotating	\ 'rō-tātīng \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	revolving around a central axis, line, or point <i>Rotating your tires every few months helps them last longer.</i>
257. linen	\ 'li-nən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	cloth made of flax and noted for its strength, coolness, and luster <i>She washes the linen every week.</i>
258. botany	\ 'bä-tə-nē, 'bät-nē \	noun
		a branch of biology dealing with plant life <i>A botany course in college opened my eyes to the endless amounts of uses for plants.</i>

258.	perimeter	\ pə-' <i>ri</i> -mə-tər \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	boundary of a closed plane figure.
			<i>Soldiers guarded the perimeter of the camp.</i>
259.	bushel	\ 'bu ^{sh} əl \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of various units of dry capacity
			<i>The farmer harvested one last bushel of wheat.</i>
260.	mildew	\ 'mil- ^d ü, - ^d yü\	noun
			a superficial usually whitish growth produced especially on organic matter or living plants by fungi
			<i>The basement's damp walls were covered with mildew</i>
261.	dismissal	\ dis-' <i>mi</i> -səl \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the act of dismissing <i>Terry was given a dismissal from the company during the economic slump.</i>

262. boycott	\ boy-kaht \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the action of refusing to participate <i>Instead of a baseball boycott, the team needs to come together for the good of the cause.</i>
263. penalty	/penalty/	noun
		A punishment for breaking a rule <i>The high school football team received a penalty.</i>
264. immune	\ i- 'myün \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	not susceptible or responsive <i>Some animals are naturally immune to venom.</i>
265. refined	\ ri- 'find \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	free from impurities <i>Stacy has become more refined in her painting technique.</i>
266. thicket	\ 'thi-kət \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a dense growth of shrubbery or small trees <i>The bird took shelter in a dense thicket of rosebushes.</i>

267. superb	\ suī-'pərb \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	marked to the highest degree by grandeur, excellence, brilliance, or competence <i>Kyle's job performance was absolutely superb.</i>
268. cathedral	\ kə-'thē-drəl \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a church that is the official seat of a diocesan bishop <i>The Gothic cathedral dates back to the 15th century.</i>
269. narration	\ nā-'rā-shən, nə- \	noun
		the act or process or an instance of narrating <i>They got a famous actor to do the narration for the documentary.</i>
270. sensible	\ 'sen(t)-sə-bəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	having, containing, or indicative of good sense or reason <i>My teacher gave me some sensible advice.</i>

271. orchestra	\ 'ór-kə-strə , -,_ke- \	noun
		a group of musicians including especially string players organized to perform ensemble music
		<i>Carolyn plays the violin in the school orchestra.</i>
272. alternate	\ al'ter-nayt \	verb
		Occur in turn repeatedly
		<i>The poem can alternate can alternate between fear and hope.</i>
273. vinegar	\ 'vi-ni-gər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a sour liquid obtained by fermentation of dilute alcoholic liquids and used as a condiment or preservative
		<i>A little balsamic vinegar can be added to the recipe for some extra sweetness</i>

274. digestive	\ dī- 'je-stiv, də-\	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	relating to or functioning in digestion <i>The digestive system needs some space to operate in, eating too much food will actually inhibit digestion.</i>
275. diligent	\ 'di-lə-jənt \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort <i>He is a very diligent worker.</i>
276. ottoman	\ 'ot)- to -man\	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a piece of furniture that is low, mostly for propping up feet <i>John wrote a new anthem for the opening ceremony.</i>
277. nursery	\ 'nərs-rē, 'nər-sə- \	noun
		a child's bedroom <i>The nursery was painted a cheerful yellow.</i>

278. appointed	\ ə-'pōin-təd \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	chosen for a particular job <i>The new assistant was appointed by the CEO.</i>
279. unison	\ 'yü-nə-sən, -nə-zən \	noun
		a harmonious agreement or union <i>The dancers performed in unison.</i>
280. precise	\ pri-'sīs \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	exactly or sharply defined or stated <i>Be sure to take precise measurements before you cut the cloth.</i>
281. expensive	\ ik-'spen(t)-siv \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	involving high cost or sacrifice <i>The lights were expensive to install.</i>
282. pennant	\ 'pe-nənt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a flag emblematic of championship <i>The Red Sox won the American League pennant in 2004.</i>

283. alabaster	\ 'a-lə-ˌba-stər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a compact fine-textured usually white and translucent gypsum often carved into vases and ornaments
		<i>Alabaster pendants hung from the second floor ceiling.</i>
284. scrimmage	\ 'skri-mij \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	practice play <i>The first play during the scrimmage netted them a touchdown.</i>
285. unappealing	\ ,ən-ə-ˈpē-lij \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	not appealing <i>There was an unappealing mess of dirt and trash in the corner of the room.</i>
286. tuition	\ tə-ˈwi-shən, tyu- \	noun
		the price of or payment for instruction <i>Her uncle agreed to pay part of her tuition.</i>

287. microscope	\ 'mī-krō-, skōp \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an optical instrument consisting of a lens or combination of lenses for making enlarged images of minute objects <i>Students viewed the crystals through a microscope</i>
288. bulletin	\ 'bu-lē-tēn, 'bē- \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a brief public notice issuing usually from an authoritative source <i>The television program was interrupted for a news bulletin.</i>
289. composure	\ kōm- 'pō-zhēr \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a calmness or repose especially of mind, bearing, or appearance <i>The witness started to break down, then paused and regained her composure.</i>

290. armadillo	\ är-mə- 'di-(,)lō \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of a family (Dasypodidae) of burrowing edentate mammals found from the southern U.S. to Argentina and having the body and head encased in an armor of small bony plates <i>The joggers saw an armadillo cross the road in front of them.</i>
291. salvation	\ sal- 'vā-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	preservation from destruction or failure <i>Tourism has been the salvation of the island.</i>
292. accompany	\ ə- 'kəmp-nē, - 'kämp-, - 'kəm-pə-, - 'käm- \	verb
		to go with as an associate or companion <i>She will accompany me to the store.</i>

293. percussion	\ pər- 'kə-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	percussion instruments that form a section of a band or orchestra <i>He plays percussion for the band.</i>
294. simulate	\ 'sim-yə- lāt \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to give or assume the appearance or effect of often with the intent to deceive <i>The model will be used to simulate the effects of an earthquake.</i>
295. fugitive	\ 'fyü-jə-tiv \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a person who flees or tries to escape <i>They discovered that the hitch-hiker was a fugitive.</i>
296. miniature	\ 'mi-nē-ə-, chür, 'mi-ni-, chür, min-yə-, -chər, -, tyür, -, tur\	noun
		something small of its kind <i>Linda has started collecting miniature horse figurines.</i>

297. energetic \ ,e-nər- 'je-tik \	adjective
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	operating with or marked by vigor or effect <i>The children are energetic workers.</i>
298. cyclone \ 'SY-klohn' \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a type of violent storm with high winds and rain circular storm <i>A cyclone swept across island, injuring over 100 people.</i>
299. precursor \ pri- 'kər-sər, 'prē- ,kər- \	noun
	one that precedes and indicates the approach of another <i>Biological research has often been a precursor to medical breakthroughs which benefit patient</i>
300. mosquito \ mə- 'skē- (,)tō \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of a family (Culicidae) of dipteran flies with females that have a set of slender organs in the proboscis adapted to puncture the skin of animals and are in some cases vectors of serious diseases <i>I was bitten by a mosquito as soon as I stepped outside of the house.</i>

Words 301-350: Seventh Grade Spelling Bee Words

301. calculus	\ 'kal-kyə-ləs \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the mathematical methods comprising differential and integral calculus <i>Martha tutors Erica in calculus every Tuesday.</i>
302. oracle	\ 'ór-ə-kəl, 'är- \	noun
		a person giving wise or authoritative decisions or opinions <i>I met her long before she had become the oracle of pop culture.</i>
303. collision	\ kə- 'li-zhən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an act or instance of colliding <i>The car was destroyed in the collision.</i>
305. enchantment	\ in- 'chant-mənt, en- \	noun
		the quality or state of being enchanted <i>Our enchantment faded when we found that the house needed even more repairs.</i>

306.	paramedic	\ par-a-MED-ik \	adjective
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	health professional whose primary focus is to provide advanced medical treatment
			Nicole is training to be a paramedic.
307.	migraine	/mi:grein/	verb
			Episodes of moderate-to- Severe headaches that is one side of the head My migraine attack came back with a vengeance.
308.	pronto	\ 'prän-,tō \	adverb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	without delay <i>If they don't arrive pronto, we'll have to go to the movie without them.</i>
309.	relinquish	\ ri-'linj-kwish, -'lin- \	verb
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to withdraw or retreat from <i>He refused to relinquish his grip on the bicycle.</i>

310. emperor	\ 'em-pər-ər, -prər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the sovereign or supreme male monarch of an empire <i>The emperor was a just leader.</i>
311. alliance	\ ə- 'lī-ən(t)s \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a bond or connection between families, states, parties, or individuals <i>There is a close alliance between government and industry.</i>
312. heredity	\ hə- 're-də-tē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the sum of the characteristics and potentialities genetically derived from one's ancestors <i>Heredity plays a part in some diseases.</i>
313. perilous	\ 'per-ə-ləs, 'pe-rə- \	adjective
		full of or involving peril <i>Tim went on a perilous journey through the jungle.</i>

314. tremendous	\ tri- 'men-dəs \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	notable by reason of extreme size, power, greatness, or excellence <i>He has a tremendous amount of energy.</i>
315. charismatic	\ ,ker-əz- 'ma-tik, ka-rəz- \	adjective
		having, exhibiting, or based on charisma or charism <i>Daphne is a very charismatic woman, and seems to make a new friend every day.</i>
316. vegetation	\ ,ve-jə- 'tā-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	plant life or total plant cover <i>She struggled to move through the dense vegetation of the jungle.</i>
317. miracle	\ 'mir-i-kəl \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment <i>It would take a miracle for the opposing team to win.</i>

318. charity	\ 'cher-ə-tē, 'cha-rə-	noun
		generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering
		<i>The holidays are a time for charity and good will.</i>
319. subdivision	\ 'səb-də- ,vi-zhən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an act or instance of subdividing
		<i>Tracy lived in a subdivision of a larger neighborhood.</i>
320. automated	\ 'ō-tə- ,mā-təd \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	operated automatically
		<i>They would like their business to be completely automated one day.</i>
321. acetone	/'a-se-ton/	noun
		volatile fragrant flammable liquid ketone used as a solvent.
		<i>She used acetone to remove The stubborn nail polish.</i>

322. improvise \ 'im-prə- vīz, im-prə- 'vīz \	verb
	to make or fabricate out of what is conveniently on hand <i>Bella couldn't find her blue colored pencil, so she had to improvise with green.</i>
323. aerospace \ 'er-ō- spās \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)] space comprising the earth's atmosphere and the space beyond <i>Beth is an aerospace engineer.</i>
324. callous \ 'ka-ləs \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)] being hardened and thickened <i>The man who stole from the poor was a callous thief.</i>
325. llama \ 'lä-mə, 'yä-mə \	noun
	any of a genus (Lama) of wild or domesticated, long-necked, South American ruminant mammals related to the camels but smaller and without a hump <i>Ted recently bought a llama for his ranch.</i>

326. quantum	\ 'kwän-təm \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	of, relating to, or employing the principles of quantum mechanics <i>She is studying quantum mechanics in college.</i>
327. dexterity	\ dek-'ster-ə-tē, -'ste-rə- \	noun
		readiness and grace in physical activity <i>You need high dexterity when playing football.</i>
328. annoyance	\ ə-'nōi-ən(t)s \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the act of annoying someone or of being annoyed <i>She expressed annoyance at the slow service.</i>
329. flabbergasted	\ 'fla-bər-,ga-stəd \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	feeling or showing intense shock, surprise, or wonder <i>The customer was flabbergasted when I told him how cheap the item he wanted was.</i>

330. orchid	\ 'ór-kəd \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of a large family (Orchidaceae, the orchid family) of perennial epiphytic or terrestrial monocotyledonous plants that usually have showy 3-petaled flowers with the middle petal enlarged into a lip and differing from the others in shape and color <i>Her favorite flower is the orchid.</i>
331. administration	\əd- mi-nə- 'strā-shən,	noun
	(.)ad-\	performance of executive duties <i>Jeff's mom works in the administration of a hospital.</i>
332. sophomore	\ 'säf-, mōr, 'sōf-, 'sä-fə-, 'sō-fə-\	noun
		a student in the second year at college or a 4-year secondary school <i>My brother is a sophomore in high school.</i>
333. defensiveness	\ də'fensivnəs \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	devoted to resisting or preventing aggression or attack <i>He felt a certain defensiveness about his job position.</i>

334. reservoir	\ 're-zə-, vwär, -zər-, - , vwör, - , vöi \	noun	a place where something is kept in store <i>The pen has a large ink reservoir.</i>
335. molasses	\ mə- 'la-səz \	noun	the thick dark to light brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar in sugar manufacture <i>Treacle and molasses are syrups obtained in the earlier stages of refining.</i>
336. javelin	\ 'jav-lən, 'ja-və- \	noun	a light spear thrown as a weapon of war or in hunting <i>The warrior hurled a javelin from atop his horse.</i>
337. rendition	\ ren- 'di-shən \	noun	the act or result of rendering something <i>The choir sang a moving rendition of an old gospel song.</i>

338. ravine	\ rə- 'vēn \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a small narrow steep-sided valley that is larger than a gully and smaller than a canyon and that is usually worn by running water
		<i>He urged his horse down into the ravine where there was a thin stream of water flowing.</i>
339. varsity	\ 'vär-sə-tē, -stē\	noun
		the principal squad representing a university, college, school, or club especially in a sport
		<i>Kate is on the varsity cheerleading team.</i>
340. antidote	\ 'an-ti-,dōt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a remedy to counteract the effects of poison
		<i>A hiker was bitten by a venomous snake and was given an antidote for the venom.</i>

341. catastrophic	\ 'ka-tə- 'strä-fik \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a momentous tragic event ranging from extreme misfortune to utter overthrow or ruin
		<i>The flood was an incredibly catastrophic even for the whole town.</i>
342. indifference	\ in- 'di-fərn(t)s, -f(ə-)rən(t)s\	noun
		the quality, state, or fact of being indifferent <i>She watched the strangers with a cool indifference.</i>
343. crucial	\ 'krü-shəl \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	important, significant <i>It's crucial that we arrive on time.</i>
344. taxidermy	\ 'tak-sə- dər-mē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting the skins of animals and especially vertebrates <i>Steve's uncle practices taxidermy.</i>

345. contagious	\ kən-' <i>tā</i> -jəs \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	transmissible by direct or indirect contact with an infected person
		<i>The flu is a highly contagious virus.</i>
346. inclement	\ in'klement \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	(of the weather) unpleasantly cold or wet <i>The outdoor concert was cancelled due to the inclement weather.</i>
347. vocational	\ vō-' <i>kā</i> -shnəl, -shə-nəl \	adjective
		of, relating to, or undergoing training in a skill or trade to be pursued as a career <i>Kelsey studies graphic design at a local vocational school.</i>
348. siesta	\ sē-' <i>e</i> -stə \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an afternoon nap or rest <i>I plan to take a siesta after school.</i>

349. hibiscus	\ hī- 'bi-skəs, hə-	noun
		any of a large genus (<i>Hibiscus</i>) of herbs, shrubs, or small trees of the mallow family with large showy flowers and usually dentate leaves <i>The lotion is infused with hibiscus extract.</i>
350. uranium	\ yuē- 'rā-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. <i>Uranium is soluble in sea water.</i>

Words 350-400: Eighth Grade Spelling Bee Words

351. foyer	\FOY-er \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an entrance hall or open area in a building used by the public. <i>We met in the foyer before the concert.</i>
352. residential	\rez-i-DEN-shudi \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	used as a residence or by residents <i>The property also is designed to include residential, office, and hotel space.</i>
353. marvelous	\ 'märv-(ə-)ləs \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	causing wonder <i>We had a marvelous time at the party.</i>
354. bedlam	\ 'bed-ləm \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a place, scene, or state of uproar and confusion <i>There was bedlam in the streets after the verdict was announced.</i>

355. catacombs	\ 'ka-tə-,kōms \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a subterranean cemetery of galleries with recesses for tombs —usually used in plural <i>He explored the catacombs looking for evidence about burial customs in ancient societies.</i>
356. concussion	\ kən-'kə-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a stunning, damaging, or shattering effect from a hard blow <i>She suffered a severe concussion after falling on the ice.</i>
357. phoenix	\ 'fē-niks \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a mountain climber specializing in high, difficult ascents <i>Troy is a dedicated Alpinist, and has a passion for mountain climbing.</i>

358. neutron	\ 'nü-ˌträn, 'nyü-ˌ\	noun
		an uncharged elementary particle that has a mass nearly equal to that of the proton and is present in all known atomic nuclei except the hydrogen nucleus
		<i>Neutron observations may help cast new light on solar flares and solar activity.</i>
359. mahogany	\ mə-ˈhä-gə-nē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the wood of any of various chiefly tropical trees
		<i>He made a coffee table using mahogany.</i>
360. cypress	\ 'sī-prəs \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	any of several coniferous trees of the cypress family or the bald cypress family
		<i>The towering pine and cypress trees defy frost and snow.</i>

361. propaganda \prä-pə-'gan-də, prō-	noun	the spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person
362. allegiance \ə-'lē-jən(t)s \	noun	devotion or loyalty to a person, group, or cause <i>He owes allegiance to them for all the help they have given him.</i>
363. balsam \'bōl-səm \	noun	an aromatic and usually oily and resinous substance flowing from various plants <i>The red spruces and balsam firs that dominated the vegetation near the mountaintop thrived under high rainfall and cool temperatures.</i>

364. velveteen	\ ,vel-və- 'tēn \	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>She bought a dress made of velveteen.</i>
365. resume	\ ri- 'züm \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to assume or take again <i>She hopes to resume work after the baby is born.</i>
366. irrigation	\ ,ir-ə- 'gā-shən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the watering of land by artificial means to foster plant growth <i>Her farm has an irrigation system to offset the negative impacts of droughts.</i>
367. ultimatum	\ ,əl-tə- 'mā-təm, -'mä- \	noun
		a final proposition, condition, or demand <i>She was given an ultimatum—work harder or lose her job.</i>

368. treacherous	\ 'tre-chə-rəs, 'trech-rəs\	adjective
		likely to betray trust <i>Discussions about money can lead people into treacherous territory.</i>
369. pulmonary	\ 'pul-mə-ner-ē, 'pəl-\	adjective
		of, relating to, affecting, or occurring in the lungs <i>Primary pulmonary hypertension is extremely rare, afflicting about 1 in 500 people in the United States.</i>
370. pastrami	\ pə- 'strä-mē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a highly seasoned smoked beef prepared especially from shoulder cuts <i>He ordered a pastrami sandwich.</i>
371. affectionately	\ ə'fekSHənətlē \	adverb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	in a way that displays fondness or tenderness. <i>She affectionately ruffled his hair with her hand as she passed.</i>

372. aperture	\\ 'a-pər- ₁ chur, 'a-pə-, -chər, - ₁ tyur, - ₁ tur \\	noun
		an opening or open space
		<i>David entered the cave through a narrow aperture.</i>
373. chandeliers	\\ ,shan-də- ₁ 'lirs \\	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a branched often ornate lighting fixture suspended from a ceiling <i>There are several chandeliers throughout the house.</i>
374. cinnabar	\\ 'si-nə-,bär \\	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	artificial red mercuric sulfide used especially as a pigment <i>Cinnabar is the main mineral material for polishing mercury.</i>
375. sphinx	\\ 'sfin ₁ (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 <i>They came across a statue of a sphinx while visiting the museum.</i>

376. assailant	\ ə-'sā-lənt \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a person who attacks someone violently <i>She could identify the assailant and his two accomplices, and she wanted to press charges.</i>
377. germinate	\ 'jər-mə-,nāt \	verb
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	to cause to sprout or develop <i>There are many methods used by gardeners to germinate seeds.</i>
378. promenade	\ ,prä-mə-'nād, -'nād \	noun
		a place for strolling <i>The town has a beautifully landscaped park with a wide promenade along the riverside.</i>
379. reprimand	\ 're-prə-,mand \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a severe or formal reproof <i>While reviewing the troops, the officer delivered a curt reprimand to one of the soldiers.</i>

380. redundancy	\ ri-'dən-dən(t)-sē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	the quality or state of being redundant <i>Avoid redundancy in your writing.</i>
381. chloroform	\ 'klōr-ə-fōrm \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a colorless volatile heavy toxic liquid CHCl ₃ with an ether odor used especially as a solvent <i>Chloroform and ether were once used to anesthetize patients in hospitals.</i>
382. nuisance	\ 'nü-sən(t)s, 'nyü- \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	one that is annoying, unpleasant, or obnoxious <i>My allergies are a nuisance in the springtime.</i>
383. functionary	\ 'fən(y)k-shə-ner-ē \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	one holding office in a government or political party <i>He was a party functionary during the political campaign.</i>

384. translucent \tran(t)s-' <i>lü</i> -s ^ə nt, tranz-	adjective
	permitting the passage of light
	<i>This china is so fine and delicate that it's translucent.</i>
385. dissertation \di-sər-' <i>tā</i> -shən \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	an extended usually written treatment of a subject
	<i>He wrote his dissertation on an obscure 16th-century poet.</i>
386. hydroponic \hi-drə-' <i>pä</i> -nik \	adjective
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	relating to or involving hydroponics, the process of growing plants in sand, gravel, or liquid.
	<i>In recent years hydroponic farming has been expanded to many parts of the world.</i>
387. sabbatical \sə-' <i>ba</i> -ti-kəl \	noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a break or change from a normal routine (as of employment)
	<i>She recently returned to work after a two-year sabbatical from her acting career.</i>

388. precocious	\ pri-' kō-shəs \	adjective
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age <i>She was a precocious child.</i>
389. perpetrator	\ 'pər-pə-,trā-tər \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act. <i>The police were successfully able to apprehend the perpetrator.</i>
390. taupe	\ 'tohp\	adjective
		a grayish-brown color The ladies shoes come in a taupe color if you would need that color.
391. magnification	\ maegnafz'kaezshun \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	The act or process of enlarging the physical appearance or image of something <i>All of the blood samples were examined under magnification</i>

392.	appendectomy	\ ,a-pən- 'dek-tə-mē,	noun
		,a- pen-	surgical removal of the veriform appendix <i>The surgeon performed an appendectomy on her.</i>
393.	piedmont	\ 'pēd- ,mänt \	noun
		[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	lying or formed at the base of mountains <i>The northern piedmont fault of the Liulengshan Range lies along the southern edge of Yangyuan basin.</i>
394.	verdigris	\ 'vər-də- ,grēs, - ,gris,	noun
		-grēs, - ,grē \	a green or greenish-blue poisonous pigment resulting from the action of acetic acid on copper and consisting of one or more basic copper acetates <i>The penny has a verdigris coating.</i>
395.	bronchitis	\ brän- 'kī-təs, brän- \	noun
			acute or chronic inflammation of the bronchial tubes <i>Gary was at home sick with bronchitis.</i>

396. avalanche	\ 'a-və- ₁ lanch \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a large mass of snow, ice, earth, rock, or other material in swift motion down a mountainside or over a precipice <i>He was buried by an avalanche.</i>
397. corrugated	\ 'kör-ə- ₁ gā-təd, 'kär- \	adjective having corrugations <i>The front wall is made of corrugated steel.</i>
398. amethyst	\ 'a-mə-thəst, -(,)thist\	noun a clear purple or bluish-violet variety of crystallized quartz that is often used as a jeweler's stone <i>She pinned a large amethyst brooch to her lapel.</i>
399. smorgasbord	\ 'smör-gəs- ₁ börd \	noun a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes <i>We have a smorgasbord of food available.</i>

400. thyroid	\ 'THY -roid \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a small butterfly looking gland located at the front of the neck. <i>Susie claimed taking gluten out of her diet helped her thyroid issue.</i>