



School Pronouncers Guide

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əbanana, collect	kkin, cook, ache
ʹə, əhumdrum	ḵas in one pronunciation of loch (alternative ʼkʲ), as in German ich-laut
ɜas in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for bird (alternative ʼəɪ)	llily, pool
ɔ̃two-value symbol equivalent to the unstressed variants ʼə, ʼɪ, as in habit , duchess (ʼhəbət = ʼhəbət, -bitʼ)	mmurmur, dim , nymph
°immediately preceding ʼlʲ, ʼnʲ, ʼmʲ, ʼŋʲ, as in battle , mitten , and in one pronunciation of cap and bells ʼ-ʹm-ʲ, lock and key ʼ-ʹŋ-ʲ; immediately following ʼlʲ, ʼmʲ, ʼrʲ, as in one pronunciation of French table , prisme , titre	nno, own
əɪas in one pronunciation used by <i>r</i> -droppers for bird (alternative ʼəɪ)	ⁿindicates that a preceding vowel is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French <i>un bon vin blanc</i> ʼœ̃ˈbɔ̃ˈvɑ̃ˈblɑ̃ˈ
əroperation; stressed, as in bird as pronounced by speakers who do not drop <i>r</i> ; stressed and with centered period after the ʼrʲ, as in one pronunciation of burry (alternative ʼɜrʲ) and in one pronunciation of hurry (alternative ʼɔ-rʲ); stressed and with centered period after ʼərʲ as in one pronunciation of hurry (alternative ʼərʲ)	ŋsing ʼsɪŋʲ, singer ʼsɪŋə(r)ʲ, finger ʼfɪŋɡə(r)ʲ, ink ʼɪŋkʲ
amat, map	ōbone, snow, beau; one pronunciation of glory
āday, fade, date, aorta	ôsaw, all, saurian; one pronunciation of horrid
äbother, cot; most American speakers have the same vowel in father, cart	œFrench bœuf , German Hölle
ǎfather as pronounced by speakers who do not rhyme it with bother; farther and cart as pronounced by <i>r</i> -droppers	øFrench 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 ʼaaʲ	oicoin, 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 <i>bone</i> but longer, not the sound of <i>oo</i> in <i>food</i> : <i>come</i> ʼkɔ̃ʊˈtʲ
aùnow, loud, some pronunciations of talcum	ppepper, lip
bbaby, rib	rrarity, one pronunciation of tar
chchin, nature ʼnächə(r)ʲ (actually, this sound is ʼtʲ + ʼshʲ)	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 ʼs-head ʼdeths.hedʲ
ḍas in the usual American pronunciation of latter , ladder	ttic, attack; one pronunciation of latter (alternative ʼdʲ)
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 ʼnɪth.hudʲ
ē, ēbeat, nosebleed, evenly, sleepy	tḥthen, either (actually, this is a single sound, not two)
ēas in one pronunciation of evenly, sleepy, envious, igneous (alternative ʼɪ)	ürule, fool, youth, union ʼyünyənʲ, few ʼfyüʲ
ee(in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of <i>e</i> in <i>bet</i> but long, not the sound of <i>ee</i> in <i>sleep</i> : <i>en arrière</i> ʼäˈnäryeerʲ	ûpull, wood, curable ʼkyürəbəlʲ
eùas in one pronunciation of elk , helm	œGerman füllen , hübsch
ffifty, cuff	œ̃French 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 <i>whale</i> and <i>wail</i>	yyard, cue ʼkyüʲ, union ʼyünyənʲ
itip, one pronunciation of banish (alternative unstressed ʼeʲ), one pronunciation of habit (alternative ʼəɪ; see ə)	ʲ(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 <i>yard</i> , as in French <i>digne</i> ʼdēnʲ
īsite, side, buy (actually, this sound is ʼäʲ + ʼäʲ, or ʼäʲ + ʼäʲ)	yüyouth, union, cue, few
iüas in one pronunciation of milk , film	yücurable
jjob, gem, edge, procedure ʼprəˈsɛjə(r)ʲ (actually, this sound is ʼdʲ + ʼzhʲ)	zzone, raise
	zhwith nothing between, as in vision , azure ʼvazhə(r)ʲ (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in rosehill ʼrɔ̃z.hɪʲ
	ˈmark preceding a syllable with primary (strongest) stress: ʼpenmənʃɪpʲ
	ˌmark preceding a syllable with secondary (next-strongest) stress: ʼpenmənʃɪpʲ
	()indicate that what is symbolized between is present in some utterances but not in others: <i>factory</i> ʼfakt(ə)rēʲ

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

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|----|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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> |

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|-----|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7. | fish | \ 'fɪʃ \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
an aquatic animal
<i>The fish was cold.</i> |
| 8. | pay | \ 'pā \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | verb
to give in return for
goods or service
<i>We went to pay for the
food.</i> |
| 9. | path | \ 'pɑθ, 'pæθ\ | noun
a trodden way
<i>The path was long.</i> |
| 10. | rain | \ 'rān \
[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 \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adjective
absent from a place
<i>She went away for the
weekend.</i> |
| 12. | happy | \ 'hɑ-pē \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adjective
enjoying or characterized
by well-being and
contentment
<i>He was a happy child.</i> |
| 13. | date | \ 'dāt \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
the time at which an
event occurs
<i>She asked for the date.</i> |

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|-----|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14. | king | \ 'kɪŋ \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
a male monarch of a major territorial unit
<i>He was the king of the country.</i> |
| 15. | sold | \ 'sɒld \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | verb
to give up (property) to another for something of value
<i>They sold their house.</i> |
| 16. | just | \ 'dʒʌst \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adverb
Exactly, precisely
<i>The food's temperature was just right.</i> |
| 17. | tent | \ 'tent \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
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 \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
a considerable inland body of standing water
<i>The lake was deep.</i> |

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

24.	sick	\ 'sɪk \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective affected with disease or ill health <i>Mom was sick and we needed a doctor.</i>
25.	mind	\ 'mɪnd \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun the normal or healthy condition of the mental faculties <i>He was out of his mind with worry.</i>
26.	trim	\ 'trɪm \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to remove by or as if by cutting <i>The bushes needed a good trim.</i>
27.	week	\ 'wēk \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	noun any of a series of 7-day cycles used in various calendars <i>She had soccer practice this week.</i>
28.	spin	\ 'spɪn \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	verb to form by spinning <i>Caterpillars spin cocoons with silk.</i>
29.	safe	\ 'sāf \ [no alternate pronunciation(s)]	adjective free from harm or risk <i>Your secret's safe with me.</i>

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|-----|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30. | shy | \ 'shī \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adjective
hesitant in committing oneself
<i>He was shy around strangers.</i> |
| 31. | city | \ 'si-tē \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
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 \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | adjective
level; flat; without surface irregularities; smooth
<i>The road was even.</i> |
| 33. | lunch | \ 'ləŋch \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
a usually light meal
<i>Beth went to lunch with her friends.</i> |
| 34. | face | \ 'fās \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | noun
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 \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective
lacking dignity or honor
*He was **mean** to his classmates.*
36. **hurry** \ 'hər-ē, 'hə-rē\
verb
to carry or cause to go with haste
*Stacy needed to **hurry** or she'd be late.*
37. **dirt** \ 'dərt \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
a filthy or soiling substance
*You've got some **dirt** on your face.*
38. **grade** \ 'grād \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adverb
a mark indicating a degree of accomplishment in school
*He got a good **grade** on the test.*
39. **litter** \ 'li-tər \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
the offspring at one birth of a multiparous animal
*Jenny's dog had a **litter** of puppies.*

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

45. **crisp** \ 'krɪsp \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective
desirably firm and
crunchy
*The lettuce is **crisp**.*
46. **beets** \ 'bēts \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
a biennial garden plant
(*Beta vulgaris*) 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've planted carrots,
parsnips, and **beets** in
the garden.*
47. **done** \ 'dɒn \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb
arrived at or brought to
an end
*One more question and
we're **done**.*
48. **twig** \ 'twɪɡ \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
a small shoot or branch
usually without its
leaves
*Tom heard a **twig** crack.*
49. **after** \ 'af-tər \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] adverb
following in time or place
*We arrived shortly **after**
everyone else.*

50. morning \ 'mɔr-nɪŋ \ 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
*She put **butter** on her bread.*
52. **small** \ 'smɒl \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]
adjective
having comparatively little size or slight dimensions
*His hat was too **small** for his head.*
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
*The dog's **nose** was cold.*
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
*The elephant **tusk** was on display.*

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

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

64. **branch** \ 'branch \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 a secondary shoot or stem
 (such as a bough) arising
 from a main axis (as of a
 tree)
 *The monkey is swinging
 from the tree **branch**.*
65. **cage** \ 'kāj \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 a box or enclosure having
 some openwork for
 confining or carrying
 animals (such as birds)
 *The bird was in a **cage**.*
66. **spider** \ 'spī-dər \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 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)
 *The **spider** was making a
 web.*

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

73. **link** \ 'liŋk \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 a connecting structure
 *There is a **link** of chain*
 connecting the ship to the
 dock.
74. **poor** \ 'pʊr , 'pɔr \
 adjective
 lacking material
 possessions
 The organization
 *helps **poor** families.*
75. **cowboy** \ 'kau-,bɔi \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 one who tends cattle or
 horses
 The movie was
 *about **cowboys** in the old*
 West.
76. **why** \ 'hwī , 'wī\
 adverb
 for what cause, reason, or
 purpose
 ***Why** did you do it?*
77. **taco** \ 'tä-(,)kō \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 a usually fried tortilla
 that is folded or rolled
 and stuffed with a
 mixture (as of seasoned
 meat, cheese, and lettuce)
 *The **taco** was a little*
 spicy.

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

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

88. **doctor** \ 'däk-tər \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 a person who has earned
 one of the highest
 academic degrees (such
 as a PhD) conferred by a
 university
 *She was sick, so she went
 to see a **doctor**.*
89. **shadow** \ 'sha-(,)dō \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
 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
 *The tree cast a long
 shadow across the lawn.*
90. **drink** \ 'drɪŋk \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] verb
 to take in or suck up
 *He went to **drink** some
 water.*
91. **broken** \ 'brō-kən \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective
 violently separated into
 parts
 *The windows were
 broken.*
92. **yellow** \ 'ye-(,)lō \
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] adjective
 of the color yellow
 *The ball is **yellow**.*

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

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

Words 101-150: Third Grade Spelling Bee Words

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

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

*The **dishes** were piled in the sink.*

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

116. **flicker** \ 'fli-kər \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]
verb
to move irregularly or
unsteadily
*Shadows **flicker** on
the wall.*
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
*She is the **mayor** of the
city.*
118. **young** \ 'yən \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]
adjective
being in the first or an
early stage of life,
growth, or development
*A very nice **young** man
greeted us at the door.*
119. **orbit** \ 'ör-bət \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)]
noun
a circular path
*The satellites **orbit** at
different heights.*
120. **puddle** \ 'pə-dle
noun
a small pool of water
*Sally stepped in a **puddle**
and got her shoes wet.*

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

126. **riddle** \ 'ri-dl \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
a mystifying, misleading, or puzzling question posed as a problem to be solved or guessed
*David has a **riddle** to solve.*
127. **silver** \ 'sil-vər \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] noun
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
*She wore a bracelet made of **silver**.*
128. **whenever** \ hwe-'ne-vər, we-, (h)wə-\
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] conjunction
at any or every time that
*You may leave **whenever** you wish.*
129. **forward** \ 'fōr-wərd, 'fō- or 'fö- \ adjective
near, being at, or belonging to the forepart
*Baggage is carried in the **forward** cars of the train.*

130.	hallway	\ hawl-way \	noun passage in a building The hallway was long.
131.	onion	uhn-yn	noun an edibal 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-t <u>h</u> ər, '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>

149. **poem** \ 'po-,em \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a composition in verse
 *I wrote a **poem** about cats.*

150. **people** \ 'pe-pel \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] human beings collectively
 or individually
 I made friends with many
 . ***people** on the train.*

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)
*The **marsh** along the coast supports a remarkable profusion of plants and animals.*
152. **waddle** \ 'wä-dl \ verb
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to walk with short steps swinging the forepart of the body from side to side
*The fat goose set off at swift **waddle**.*
153. **speak** \ 'spēk \ verb
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to utter words or articulate sounds with the ordinary voice
*He has a sore throat and can't **speak**.*

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

- 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
*On special occasions the queen rides in a gold **coach**.*
- 159. deadline** \ 'ded-,līn \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a date or time before which something must be done
*We had to hurry to meet the **deadline**.*
- 160. insect** \ 'in-,sekt \ 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
*The **insect** had large wings.*
- 161. flattery** \flat-ter-y \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] gives excessive praise
*He tried to win his teacher's favor with **flattery**.*

- 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
*He was staring out the window in a **trance**.*
- 163. mustang** \ muss' tang \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] A wild horse that is free-roaming
*Alice wanted to feed her **mustang** before dark.*
- 164. chamber** \ 'chām-bər \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a natural or artificial enclosed space or cavity
*The **chamber** is damp and dark.*
- 165. arcade** \ är-'kād \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] an amusement center having coin-operated games
*Linda and Brody went to the **arcade**.*

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

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

176. **knitting** \ 'ni-tiŋ \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] work done or being done by one that knits
*She keeps her **knitting** in the closet.*
177. **village** \ 'vi-lij \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a settlement usually larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town
*We stayed in a charming bed-and-breakfast in a lakeside **village**.*
178. **estate** \ i-'stāt \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person's property in land and tenements
*His **estate** is worth millions of dollars.*
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 bought the table in the **belief** that it was an antique.*

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
*She stirred her coffee with a **teaspoon**.*
181. **studio** \ 'stü-dē-(,)ō, 'styü-\ noun
 the working place of a painter, sculptor, or photographer
*David did most of his work in his **studio**.*
182. **elderly** \ 'el-dər-lē \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] rather old
*The program is intended to provide medical care for **elderly** people.*
183. **siren** \ 'sī-rən, sī-'rēn\ noun
 a device often electrically operated for producing a penetrating warning sound
*She could hear the ambulance's loud **siren** from two streets away.*

184. **prayer** \ 'prer \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought
*Darcy's mother said a **prayer** for the success of the voyage.*
185. **factory** \ 'fak-t(ə-)rē \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a building or set of buildings with facilities for manufacturing
*Devon works at the **factory** down the road.*
186. **poodles** \ 'pü-dʰls \ 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
*Ron has three pet **poodles**.*
187. **sneakers** \ 'snē-kər \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a sports shoe with a pliable rubber sole
He was dressed in a spotless white t-shirt and white sneakers.

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

192. **lunar** \ 'lü-nər, -när \ adjective
of, relating to, or
resembling the moon
*Clouds drifted away from
a full moon, showing our
patio with **lunar light**.*
193. **flexible** \ 'flek-sə-bəl \ adjective
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] capable of being flexed
*The tree had **flexible**
branches that swayed in
the breeze.*
194. **surplus** \ 'sər-(,)pləs \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the amount that remains
when use or need is
satisfied
*If there is any **surplus**, it
will be divided equally.*
195. **portable** \ 'pör-tə-bəl \ adjective
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] capable of being carried
or moved about
***Portable** devices are very
popular these days.*
196. **watermelon** \ 'wò-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
*Crystal loves to eat
watermelon during hot
summer days.*

197. **guess** \ 'ges \ verb
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] to form an opinion of
from little or no evidence
*She could only **guess** what he meant.*
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
*Lisa borrowed an **umbrella** from Olivia.*
199. **mission** \ 'mi-shən \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a specific task with which
a person or a group is
charged
*Our **mission** was to recover the stolen plans.*
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	\ 'mɒlch, 'mɒlsh\	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-'vʌn(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	\ 'maʊn-tʰn \	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	\ 'mʌn(t)-ʃən \	noun
	[no alternate pronunciation(s)]	a large imposing residence <i>Kevin's grandparents live in a mansion.</i>
207. laundry	'lɒn-drē, 'læn-\	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 (*Raphanus sativus*) of the mustard family usually eaten raw
*In the spring, the **radish** tastes very juicy and sweet.*
209. **thirst** \ 'thərst \ verb
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] to crave vehemently and urgently
*His **thirst** for knowledge is evident in his book-filled house.*
210. **coffee** \ 'kò-fē , 'kă- \ noun
 a beverage made by percolation, infusion, or decoction from the roasted and ground seeds of a coffee plant
*Liz bought a cup of **coffee** from the local café.*
211. **tightrope** \ 'tīt-,rōp \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a rope or wire stretched taut for acrobats to perform on
*She dared to walk the **tightrope** without a net.*

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

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

- 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
*Rachel enjoys listening to **classical** music.*
- 221. failure** \ 'fāl-yər \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a state of inability to perform a normal function
*He was often crippled by his fear of **failure**.*
- 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
*They struck a **bargain** to sell only to each other.*
- 223. voyage** \ 'vòi-ij , 'vò(-)ij\ noun
an act or instance of traveling
*The Titanic sank on her maiden **voyage**.*

224. **salesclerk** \ 'sālz- ,klər k \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a salesperson who sells items or things.
*The **salesclerk** told us where to find the jewelry department.*
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-chən \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a very large sum of money
*They spent a **fortune** on redecorating.*
227. **warped** \ 'wôrpt \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] twisted out of a natural or normal shape
*His critical sense was, perhaps, somewhat **warped**; but his researches are of great value to students.*

228. **creation** \ krē-'ā-shən \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act of making, inventing, or producing
*The play continues to entertain audiences 25 years after its **creation**.*
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
*We squeezed through a narrow **passage** between the rocks.*
230. **indicate** \ 'in-də-,kāt \ verb
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] to point out or point to
*Our records **indicate** a depth of 3,000 feet here.*
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
*She has an extensive **vocabulary**.*

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

237. **unbearable** \ ,ən-'ber-ə-bəl \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] not bearable
*We were in an almost **unbearable** state of excitement.*
238. **whiff** \ 'hwif, 'wif \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a quick puff or slight gust especially of air, odor, gas, smoke, or spray
*I got a **whiff** of new paint when I entered the room.*
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
*The teens were stopped by police for violating the **curfew**.*

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

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

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-,va-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** \ 'môis-chər, 'môish- \ noun
liquid diffused or
condensed in relatively
small quantity
*These flowers grow best
with **moisture** and
shade.*
- 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
*Beth was given a **terrier**
for Christmas.*
- 253. relative** \ 're-lə-tiv \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person connected with
another by blood or
affinity
*He inherited a small
piece of land from a
distant **relative**.*
- 254. auction** \ 'òk-shən \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a sale of property to the
highest bidder
*She bought the desk at
an **auction**.*

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

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

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

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

271. **orchestra** \ 'ôr-kə-strə , - ,ke- \ noun
 a group of musicians including especially string players organized to perform ensemble music
*Carolyn plays the violin in the school **orchestra**.*
272. **alternate** \ al'ter-nayt \ verb
 Occur in turn repeatedly
*The poem can alternate can **alternate** between fear and hope.*
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
*A little balsamic **vinegar** can be added to the recipe for some extra sweetness*

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

278. **appointed** \ ə-ˈpɔɪn-təd \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] chosen for a particular job
*The new assistant was **appointed** by the CEO.*
279. **unison** \ ˈyü-nə-sən, -nə-zən \ noun
 a harmonious agreement or union
*The dancers performed in **unison**.*
280. **precise** \ pri-ˈsīs \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] exactly or sharply defined or stated
*Be sure to take **precise** measurements before you cut the cloth.*
281. **expensive** \ ik-ˈspen(t)-siv \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] involving high cost or sacrifice
*The lights were **expensive** to install.*
282. **pennant** \ ˈpe-nənt \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a flag emblematic of championship
*The Red Sox won the American League **pennant** in 2004.*

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

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

290. **armadillo** \ ˌär-mə-ˈdi-(,)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
*The joggers saw an **armadillo** cross the road in front of them.*
291. **salvation** \ sal-ˈvā-shən \ **noun**
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] preservation from destruction or failure
*Tourism has been the **salvation** of the island.*
292. **accompany** \ ə-ˈkəmp-nē, -ˈkämp-,
 -ˈkəm-pə-, -ˈkäm- \ **verb**
 to go with as an associate or companion
*She will **accompany** me to the store.*

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

297. **energetic** \ ,e-nər-'je-tik \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] operating with or marked by vigor or effect
*The children are **energetic** workers.*
298. **cyclone** \ 'SY-klohn' \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a type of violent storm with high winds and rain circular storm
*A **cyclone** swept across island, injuring over 100 people.*
299. **precursor** \ pri-'kər-sər, 'prē-,kər- \ noun
 one that precedes and indicates the approach of another
*Biological research has often been a **precursor** to medical breakthroughs which benefit patient*
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 was bitten by a **mosquito** as soon as I stepped outside of the house.*

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

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
If they don't arrive
***pronto**, we'll have to go*
to the movie without
them.
309. **relinquish** \ ri-'lin-kwish, -'lin- \ verb
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] to withdraw or retreat
 from
*He refused to **relinquish***
his grip on the bicycle.

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

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

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

322. **improvise** \ 'im-prə-,vīz, im-prə-'vīz \ verb
 to make or fabricate
 out of what is
 conveniently on hand
*Bella couldn't find her
 blue colored pencil, so she
 had to **improvise** with
 green.*
323. **aerospace** \ 'er-ō-,spās \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] space comprising the
 earth's atmosphere and
 the space beyond
*Beth is an **aerospace**
 engineer.*
324. **callous** \ 'ka-ləs \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] being hardened and
 thickened
*The man who stole from
 the poor was a **callous**
 thief.*
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
*Ted recently bought a
llama for his ranch.*

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

330. **orchid** \ 'ör-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
*Her favorite flower is the **orchid**.*
331. **administration** \əd- ,mi-nə-'strā-shən, (,)ad-\ noun
 performance of executive duties
*Jeff's mom works in the **administration** of a hospital.*
332. **sophomore** \ 'säf- ,mör, 'sɒf-, 'sä-fə-, 'sɒ-fə-\ noun
 a student in the second year at college or a 4-year secondary school
*My brother is a **sophomore** in high school.*
333. **defensiveness** \ də'fensivnəs \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] devoted to resisting or preventing aggression or attack
*He felt a certain **defensiveness** about his job position.*

334. **reservoir** \ 're-zə-ˌvwär, -zər-,
-ˌvwôr, -ˌvôi \ noun
a place where something
is kept in store
*The pen has a large ink
reservoir.*
335. **molasses** \ mə-ˈla-səz \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the thick dark to light
brown syrup that is
separated from raw sugar
in sugar manufacture
*Treacle and **molasses** are
syrops obtained in the
earlier stages of refining.*
336. **javelin** \ ˈjav-lən, ˈja-və- \ noun
a light spear thrown as a
weapon of war or in
hunting
*The warrior hurled a
javelin from atop his
horse.*
337. **rendition** \ ren-ˈdi-shən \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] the act or result of
rendering something
*The choir sang a moving
rendition of an old
gospel song.*

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
*He urged his horse down into the **ravine** where there was a thin stream of water flowing.*
339. **varsity** \ 'vär-sə-tē, -stē\ noun
 the principal squad representing a university, college, school, or club especially in a sport
*Kate is on the **varsity** cheerleading team.*
340. **antidote** \ 'an-ti-,dōt \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a remedy to counteract the effects of poison
*A hiker was bitten by a venomous snake and was given an **antidote** for the venom.*

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

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

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

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

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

358. **neutron** \ 'nü-, trăn, 'nyü- \ 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
***Neutron** observations may help cast new light on solar flares and solar activity.*
359. **mahogany** \ mə-'hä-gə-nē \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the wood of any of various chiefly tropical trees
*He made a coffee table using **mahogany**.*
360. **cypress** \ 'sī-prəs \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] any of several coniferous trees of the cypress family or the bald cypress family
*The towering pine and **cypress** trees defy frost and snow.*

361. **propaganda** \ ˌprä-pə-ˈgan-də, ˌprō- \ noun
the spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person
*He was accused of spreading **propaganda**.*
362. **allegiance** \ ə-ˈlē-jən(t)s \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] devotion or loyalty to a person, group, or cause
*He owes **allegiance** to them for all the help they have given him.*
363. **balsam** \ ˈböl-səm \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] an aromatic and usually oily and resinous substance flowing from various plants
*The red spruces and **balsam** firs that dominated the vegetation near the mountaintop thrived under high rainfall and cool temperatures.*

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

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

372. **aperture** \ 'a-pər-ˌchʊr, 'a-pə-,
-chər, -ˌtyʊr, -ˌtuɪr \ noun
an opening or open space
David entered the cave through a narrow aperture.
373. **chandeliers** \ ˌʃan-də-'lɪr \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] a branched often ornate lighting fixture
suspended from a ceiling
*There are several **chandeliers** throughout the house.*
374. **cinnabar** \ 'si-nə-ˌbär \ noun
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] artificial red mercuric sulfide used especially as a pigment
***Cinnabar** is the main mineral material for polishing mercury.*
375. **sphinx** \ 'sfɪŋ(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.*

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

380. **redundancy** \ ri-'dən-dən(t)-sē \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] the quality or state of being redundant
*Avoid **redundancy** in your writing.*
381. **chloroform** \ 'klôr-ə-,förm \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a colorless volatile heavy toxic liquid CHCl₃ with an ether odor used especially as a solvent
***Chloroform** and ether were once used to anesthetize patients in hospitals.*
382. **nuisance** \ 'nü-sʰn(t)s, 'nyü- \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] one that is annoying, unpleasant, or obnoxious
*My allergies are a **nuisance** in the springtime.*
383. **functionary** \ 'fəŋ(k)-shə-,ner-ē \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] one holding office in a government or political party
*He was a party **functionary** during the political campaign.*

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

388. **precocious** \ pri-'kō-shəs \ adjective
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age
*She was a **precocious** child.*
389. **perpetrator** \ 'pər-pə-,trā-tər \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act.
*The police were successfully able to apprehend the **perpetrator**.*
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
*All of the blood samples were examined under **magnification***

396. **avalanche** \ 'a-və-ˌlanch \ 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
*He was buried by an **avalanche**.*
397. **corrugated** \ 'kôr-ə-ˌgā-təd, 'kär-ˌ adjective
 having corrugations
*The front wall is made of **corrugated** steel.*
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
*She pinned a large **amethyst** brooch to her lapel.*
399. **smorgasbord** \ 'smôr-gəs-ˌbôrd \ noun
 [no alternate pronunciation(s)] a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes
*We have a **smorgasbord** of food available.*

400. **thyroid** \ 'THY -roid \

noun

[no alternate pronunciation(s)]

a small butterfly looking
gland located at the front
of the neck.

*Susie claimed taking
gluten out of her diet
helped her **thyroid** issue.*