

2023 Olive Grove School Spelling Bee

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Here is everything you will need to prepare for the 2023 OGS Spelling Bee. Things included in this document are:

1. A Cumulative List with all the words according to grade level
2. List of all the words with their meanings
3. OGS Challenge Words
4. Instructions and Rules for the Spelling Bee

Please talk to your teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

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2023 School Spelling Bee Study List

Grade 1

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| 1. bat | 18. dress | 35. down |
| 2. sock | 19. store | 36. goldfish |
| 3. yam | 20. apart | 37. cheese |
| 4. peep | 21. thing | 38. problem |
| 5. candy | 22. all-star | 39. cranny |
| 6. pull | 23. five | 40. grandma |
| 7. bark | 24. jelly | 41. patch |
| 8. melt | 25. tiger | 42. erase |
| 9. sky | 26. fuzzy | 43. tuba |
| 10. lucky | 27. trace | 44. curly |
| 11. smug | 28. broom | 45. soup |
| 12. vote | 29. frame | 46. towel |
| 13. truck | 30. hidden | 47. only |
| 14. blob | 31. navy | 48. sailor |
| 15. tank | 32. glass | 49. blue |
| 16. napkin | 33. copycat | 50. which |
| 17. good | 34. plus | |

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Grade 2

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| 1. rare | 18. ping-pong | 37. zilch |
| 2. pamper | 19. attic | 38. length |
| 3. dojo | 20. brunch | 39. canopy |
| 4. chair | 21. hallway | 40. surefire |
| 5. forget | 22. truth | 41. tractor |
| 6. arch | 23. quack | 42. jersey |
| 7. bedrock | 24. connect | 43. sofa |
| 8. satin | 25. newbie | 44. likable |
| 9. dizzy | 26. husband | 45. hinge |
| 10. solo | 27. April | 46. dozen |
| 11. passport | 28. exam | 47. people |
| 12. habits | 29. reward | 48. future |
| 13. cream | 30. caramel | 49. cough |
| 14. regular | 31. trademark | 50. balm |
| 15. x-ray | 32. Velcro | |
| 16. teacher | 33. atlas | |
| 17. splashy | 34. motto | |
| | 35. frothy | |
| | 36. puddle | |

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Grade 3

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| 1. gusto | 18. glance | 37. parade |
| 2. marlin | 19. curries | 38. coward |
| 3. o'clock | 20. layover | 39. error |
| 4. upshot | 21. splendid | 40. owlshly |
| 5. barter | 22. random | 41. barrel |
| 6. hefty | 23. zinger | 42. kiwi |
| 7. glimmer | 24. Band-Aid | 43. beagle |
| 8. jackpot | 25. eyebrow | 44. acre |
| 9. warning | 26. atomic | 45. bawl |
| 10. sonar | 27. native | 46. euro |
| 11. garlic | 28. watchdog | 47. tomorrow |
| 12. forum | 29. dearly | 48. wrinkle |
| 13. plaza | 30. clutch | 49. crumb |
| 14. silent | 31. polar | 50. dough |
| 15. domino | 32. imposter | |
| 16. naysayer | 33. tirade | |
| 17. around | 34. field | |
| | 35. postpone | |
| | 36. ocean | |

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Grade 4

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| 1. rattler | 18. granola | 37. atrium |
| 2. medley | 19. umpire | 38. truce |
| 3. difficult | 20. Americana | 39. masterpiece |
| 4. flattery | 21. nimble | 40. emerald |
| 5. drench | 22. trinket | 41. nonfiction |
| 6. bonkers | 23. shoehorn | 42. platoon |
| 7. seldom | 24. aloha | 43. junior |
| 8. mustang | 25. pedigree | 44. kangaroo |
| 9. fringe | 26. hubbub | 45. excuse |
| 10. calico | 27. several | 46. astronaut |
| 11. mutiny | 28. galaxy | 47. lyrics |
| 12. blossom | 29. torrent | 48. breadwinner |
| 13. magma | 30. announcer | 49. worrywart |
| 14. snippet | 31. beverage | 50. cymbals |
| 15. grumbling | 32. waist | |
| 16. mineral | 33. valiant | |
| 17. scarlet | 34. thigh | |
| | 35. everglades | |
| | 36. summary | |

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Grade 5

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| 1. dispel | 18. trellis | 37. curfew |
| 2. phrasing | 19. autumn | 38. absurd |
| 3. coffee | 20. variety | 39. hoity-toity |
| 4. dwindled | 21. moxie | 40. whiff |
| 5. median | 22. parable | 41. nurture |
| 6. soprano | 23. chemistry | 42. vicinity |
| 7. tropical | 24. splurge | 43. wharf |
| 8. catalogue | 25. balderdash | 44. eerily |
| 9. lactose | 26. hodgepodge | 45. lavender |
| 10. diploma | 27. swollen | 46. gauze |
| 11. smidge | 28. diagonal | 47. mirthful |
| 12. tarnish | 29. superlative | 48. beret |
| 13. fondant | 30. macaw | 49. evaporation |
| 14. cyberspace | 31. Victorian | 50. vigorously |
| 15. prowess | 32. fulfilling | |
| 16. measly | 33. columnist | |
| 17. origin | 34. bewilder | |
| | 35. hammock | |
| | 36. squander | |

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Grade 6

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|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. boycott | 19. marathon | 38. melodramatic |
| 2. impulse | 20. polemic | 39. epoxy |
| 3. winsome | 21. casserole | 40. chortle |
| 4. alternate | 22. platinum | 41. WYSIWYG |
| 5. ottoman | 23. mundane | 42. yurt |
| 6. entertain | 24. alpaca | 43. banquet |
| 7. anorak | 25. billiards | 44. escarpment |
| 8. documentary | 26. cyclone | 45. zealous |
| 9. jargon | 27. Scrooge | 46. décor |
| 10. gratis | 28. genteel | 47. revelation |
| 11. sympathy | 29. collude | 48. vague |
| 12. paragon | 30. guardian | 49. cumulus |
| 13. festooned | 31. mosaic | 50. montage |
| 14. tonsils | 32. personnel | |
| 15. mogul | 33. tapioca | |
| 16. udon | 34. electrode | |
| 17. frequently | 35. modular | |
| 18. pomposity | 36. quagmire | |
| | 37. enunciate | |

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Grade 7

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. query | 19. infrastructure | 39. methodology |
| 2. maximum | 20. kaftan | 40. umbrage |
| 3. territory | 21. résumé | 41. diametrically |
| 4. nationalism | 22. cylindrical | 42. commandeer |
| 5. latency | 23. hubris | 43. proprietary |
| 6. obscure | 24. pathogen | 44. Celsius |
| 7. Gemini | 25. carnitas | 45. migraine |
| 8. fundamental | 26. stagflation | 46. cartouches |
| 9. badger | 27. esoteric | 47. resilience |
| 10. alfresco | 28. pinnacle | 48. pancetta |
| 11. sustainable | 29. molasses | 49. braille |
| 12. tarmac | 30. contentious | 50. gibbous |
| 13. approximate | 31. acoustic | |
| 14. hypnotic | 32. supine | |
| 15. tranquil | 33. tenement | |
| 16. synthetic | 34. philharmonic | |
| 17. organelle | 35. quid pro quo | |
| 18. maverick | 36. iambic | |
| | 37. legislature | |
| | 38. spectacles | |

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Grade 8

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|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. germane | 23.impervious | 47.porcelain |
| 2. augment | 24.Sanskrit | 48.evanescent |
| 3. serpentine | 25.espadrille | 49.acquiesce |
| 4. jurisdiction | 26.patrician | 50.pharaoh |
| 5. languish | 27.estuary | |
| 6. acetone | 28.frigate | |
| 7. plaintiff | 29.commodious | |
| 8. reciprocate | 30.machination | |
| 9. laceration | 31.quasar | |
| 10.inclement | 32.corollary | |
| 11.generosity | 33.inimical | |
| 12.arboreal | 34.garrulous | |
| 13.ramifications | 35.tarantula | |
| 14.excursion | 36.mazel tov <i>or</i> | |
| 15.olfactory | 37.esplanade | |
| 16.adhesion | 38.smorgasbord | |
| 17.par excellence | 39.mawkish | |
| 18.shoji | 40.temerity | |
| 19.ostensibly | 41.nascent | |
| 20.appositive | 42.phoenix | |
| 21.soirée | 43.buoyancy | |
| 22.effusive | 44.melee | |
| | 45.ciao | |
| | 46.schnitzel | |

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Grade 8 Challenge Words

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| 1. gossamer | 21.vainglorious | 45.insouciance |
| 2. deciduous | 22.hegemony | 46.jai alai |
| 3. nanotechnology | 23.echelon | 47.desiccate |
| 4. basilica | 24.larynx | 48.Iroquois |
| 5. solstice | 25.concatenate | 49.cheongsam |
| 6. conglomerate | 26.arpeggio | 50.eleemosynary |
| 7. turpitude | 27.obelisk | |
| 8. fungible | 28.sanctimonious | |
| 9. desertification | 29.force majeure | |
| 10.anemone | 30.tungsten | |
| 11.oubliette | 31.auriferous | |
| 12.sakura | 32.pulchritude | |
| 13.xenophobic | 33.de rigueur | |
| 14.gargantuan | 34.nunchaku | |
| 15.corsair | 35.guttural | |
| 16.idiosyncratic | 36.interlocutor | |
| 17.vituperative | 37.joule | |
| 18.Orwellian | 38.freesia | |
| 19.bossa nova | 39.susurration | |
| 20.pachyderm | 40.potpourri | |
| | 41.leitmotif | |
| | 42.Chihuahua | |
| | 43.ecclesiastical | |
| | 44.cozen | |

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Vocabulary

Grade 1

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| 1. | bat | (noun) | a usually wooden piece of sports equipment used to hit a ball. |
| 2. | sock | (noun) | a piece of clothing that covers the foot and is worn inside a shoe. |
| 3. | yam | (noun) | a sweet potato with brown skin and usually orange flesh. |
| 4. | peep | (noun) | a weak, high sound like a chirp or a squeak. |
| 5. | candy | (noun) | a sweet food made with sugar and often flavoring (such as chocolate) and filling. |
| 6. | pull | (verb) | to hold onto something and move it toward yourself or toward the direction you are going. |
| 7. | bark | (verb) | to make a short loud explosive sound (like a dog). |
| 8. | melt | (verb) | to change from a solid to a liquid because of heat. |
| 9. | sky | (noun) | the space surrounding the earth. |
| 10. | lucky | (adjective) | having good fortune. |
| 11. | smug | (adjective) | marked by belief in one's own superiority, virtue and respectability. |
| 12. | vote | (verb) | to give a formal opinion in response to a proposed decision. |
| 13. | truck | (noun) | a vehicle built for moving things in its own frame. |
| 14. | blob | (noun) | a small drop or lump of something thick and wet. |
| 15. | tank | (noun) | a large container for holding liquid. |
| 16. | napkin | (noun) | a piece of fabric or paper used during a meal to wipe your lips or hands. |
| 17. | good | (adjective) | correct, proper or right. |
| 18. | dress | (verb) | to put clothes on. |
| 19. | store | (noun) | a place where things are available to buy. |
| 20. | apart | (adverb) | away from one another. |
| 21. | thing | (noun) | an object whose name is not said or not known. |
| 22. | all-star | (adjective) | made up of the best performers or participants. |
| 23. | five | (adjective) | being one more than four. |
| 24. | jelly | (noun) | a soft food made by boiling sugar and fruit juice. |
| 25. | tiger | (noun) | a large, wild cat that lives in Asia and usually has orange fur with black stripes. |
| 26. | fuzzy | (adjective) | looking furry, soft or fluffy. |
| 27. | trace | (verb) | to copy something (such as a drawing) by putting a see-through piece of paper over it and following the lines. |
| 28. | broom | (noun) | a brush on a long handle that is used for sweeping. |
| 29. | frame | (noun) | an open structure used for holding and supporting something. |
| 30. | hidden | (adjective) | out of sight : concealed. |
| 31. | navy | (noun) | a dark blue with gray and purple tones. |
| 32. | glass | (noun) | a hard, brittle and usually transparent substance used to make windows, drinking vessels and other items. |

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33.	copycat	(<i>noun</i>)	a person who imitates or adopts another person's ideas, style or behavior.
34.	plus	(<i>preposition</i>)	increased by.
35.	down	(<i>adverb</i>)	from a higher place to a lower place.
36.	goldfish	(<i>noun</i>)	a small usually yellow or orange fish that is often kept in ponds or fish tanks.
37.	cheese	(<i>noun</i>)	the curd of milk that has been pressed and ripened for use as a food.
38.	problem	(<i>noun</i>)	something that is a source of difficulty, trouble or worry.
39.	cranny	(<i>noun</i>)	a small space that is easy to overlook and is a likely place to hide something.
40.	grandma	(<i>noun</i>)	the female parent of either of your parents.
41.	patch	(<i>noun</i>)	a piece used to mend or cover a hole or a weak spot.
42.	erase	(<i>verb</i>)	to remove written letters or figures by rubbing or scraping.
43.	tuba	(<i>noun</i>)	a large, low-pitched brass musical instrument.
44.	curly	(<i>adjective</i>)	twisting into round or curved shapes.
45.	soup	(<i>noun</i>)	a liquid food made with broth that often contains pieces of meat, fish, pasta or vegetables.
46.	towel	(<i>noun</i>)	a rectangular piece of absorbent cloth or paper for wiping or drying.
47.	only	(<i>adjective</i>)	alone in a class or category.
48.	sailor	(<i>noun</i>)	a person who works on the crew of a boat or ship.
49.	blue	(<i>adjective</i>)	having the color of the clear sky or the deep sea.
50.	which	(<i>adjective</i>)	being what one or ones out of a group.

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Grade 2

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| 1. | rare | (<i>adjective</i>) | not occurring or appearing very often : unusual. |
| 2. | pamper | (<i>verb</i>) | to treat with a lot of care and attention. |
| 3. | dojo | (<i>noun</i>) | a school for training in judo, karate or other martial arts. |
| 4. | chair | (<i>noun</i>) | a seat for one person that usually has four legs and a back. |
| 5. | forget | (<i>verb</i>) | to not be able to think of or remember. |
| 6. | arch | (<i>noun</i>) | a typically curved structure that goes over the top of and supports an opening (as in a wall). |
| 7. | bedrock | (<i>noun</i>) | the solid stone that is under the ground and soil. |
| 8. | satin | (<i>noun</i>) | a smooth fabric with a shiny front and dull back. |
| 9. | dizzy | (<i>adjective</i>) | feeling like your head is spinning and you might fall. |
| 10. | solo | (<i>noun</i>) | a piece of music played or sung by a single person. |
| 11. | passport | (<i>noun</i>) | an identification document that is issued to a citizen of a country that is used to allow the person to leave and come back to that country. |
| 12. | habits | (<i>plural noun</i>) | normal repeated behaviors. |
| 13. | cream | (<i>noun</i>) | the thick part of milk that contains butterfat. |
| 14. | regular | (<i>adjective</i>) | not showing change in occurrence, practice or habit. |
| 15. | x-ray | (<i>verb</i>) | to examine, treat or photograph with powerful invisible rays that make it possible to see inside things (such as the human body). |
| 16. | teacher | (<i>noun</i>) | a person who helps another learn a subject or a skill. |
| 17. | splashy | (<i>adjective</i>) | showy in a way that attracts attention. |
| 18. | ping-pong | (<i>trademark</i>) | a game played on a table with wooden paddles and a small plastic ball: table tennis. |
| 19. | attic | (<i>noun</i>) | a room or storage space just below the roof of a building. |
| 20. | brunch | (<i>noun</i>) | a meal served usually in the late morning. |
| 21. | hallway | (<i>noun</i>) | the area inside the entrance of a building. |
| 22. | truth | (<i>noun</i>) | the real state of things : fact. |
| 23. | quack | (<i>noun</i>) | the sound a duck makes or an imitation of it. |
| 24. | connect | (<i>verb</i>) | to join, fasten or link (two or more) things together. |
| 25. | newbie | (<i>noun</i>) | a person who has recently started a particular activity: a beginner. |
| 26. | husband | (<i>noun</i>) | a married man. |
| 27. | April | (<i>noun</i>) | the fourth month of the year. |

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28.	exam	(noun)	a test given by a teacher to show how much a student has learned over a period of time.
29.	reward	(noun)	something that is given for a service provided or an achievement reached.
30.	caramel	(noun)	a light brown color.
31.	trademark	(noun)	a name or symbol that is used to identify a maker's products and that can
32.	Velcro	(trademark)	– used for a closure made from fabric with small hooks that sticks to another
33.	atlas	(noun)	a book of maps.
34.	motto	(noun)	a short phrase or sentence that expresses a guiding principle for a person or
35.	frothy	(adjective)	full of foam or light bubbles.
36.	puddle	(noun)	a small, shallow pool of water and especially of muddy or dirty water.
37.	zilch	(noun)	nothing.
38.	length	(noun)	the distance from end to end.
39.	canopy	(noun)	a covering usually for shelter or protection.
40.	surefire	(adjective)	certain to succeed : dependable.
41.	tractor	(noun)	a usually four-wheeled vehicle used mainly on farms to pull or drive
42.	jersey	(noun)	a soft knitted fabric used for making clothing.
43.	sofa	(noun)	a couch usually with arms and a back that is often able to be made into a bed.
44.	likable	(adjective)	having pleasant qualities : easy to enjoy.
45.	hinge	(noun)	a jointed piece on which a swinging part (like a door or a lid) turns.
46.	dozen	(noun)	a group of 12.
47.	people	(plural noun)	human beings in general.
48.	future	(noun)	time that is to come.
49.	cough	(verb)	to force air from the lungs suddenly with a loud noise.
50.	balm	(noun)	a healing ointment.

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Grade 3

1.	gusto	(noun)	enthusiastic enjoyment or delight.
2.	marlin	(noun)	a big fish that lives in the ocean and that people catch for sport.
3.	o'clock	(adverb)	according to the clock.
4.	upshot	(noun)	outcome.
5.	barter	(verb)	to trade goods or services for other things rather than using money.
6.	hefty	(adjective)	impressively large.
7.	glimmer	(noun)	a small amount or degree : a faint trace.
8.	jackpot	(noun)	an unexpected success or reward.
9.	warning	(noun)	a notice, bulletin or signal that serves to caution of the approach of danger.
10.	sonar	(noun)	a device used for finding underwater objects by using reflected sound waves.
11.	garlic	(noun)	the bulb of a plant related to the onion that has a strong smell and taste, is composed of smaller bulbs called cloves, and is used in cooking.
12.	forum	(noun)	a place where open discussion can happen.
13.	plaza	(noun)	a public square in a city or town.
14.	silent	(adjective)	not making noise : completely quiet.
15.	domino	(noun)	a flat rectangular block the face of which is divided into two equal parts that are blank or bear from one to six dots, and that is used to play a game.
16.	naysayer	(noun)	one who denies, refuses or opposes.
17.	around	(adverb)	approximately, about.
18.	glance	(noun)	a quick look.
19.	curries	(plural noun)	foods that are seasoned with a blend of ground spices.
20.	layover	(noun)	a temporary stop in a journey.
21.	splendid	(adjective)	excellent, praiseworthy.
22.	random	(adjective)	lacking or seeming to lack a regular plan, purpose or pattern.
23.	zinger	(noun)	a quick and witty comment that criticizes or insults someone.
24.	Band-Aid	(trademark)	a small bandage.
25.	eyebrow	(noun)	the arch or ridge over the eye, or the covering of hair growing on it.
26.	atomic	(adjective)	of or relating to the smallest particles of an element.
27.	native	(adjective)	born in a particular place or country.
28.	watchdog	(noun)	a dog that is trained to guard property.
29.	dearly	(adverb)	with affection : fondly.
30.	clutch	(verb)	to hold onto something tightly with your hand.
31.	polar	(adjective)	of, relating to or near the north pole or the south pole.

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32.	imposter	(noun)	a person who tricks others by pretending to be someone else.
33.	tirade	(noun)	a long speech marked by harsh language : rant.
34.	field	(noun)	an area, category or division of work or study.
35.	postpone	(verb)	to hold back to a later time : defer, delay.
36.	ocean	(noun)	the salt water that covers nearly three fourths of the surface of the earth.
37.	parade	(noun)	a public procession : the movement of people or things in order.
38.	coward	(noun)	someone who is easily intimidated or frightened.
39.	error	(noun)	an act or statement that is not correct.
40.	owlishly	(adverb)	in a manner resembling or suggesting an owl.
41.	barrel	(noun)	a round container that usually has curved sides, that is taller than it is wide, and that has a flat top and bottom.
42.	kiwi	(noun)	a bird from New Zealand that cannot fly and that has weak wings and a long bill.
43.	beagle	(noun)	a small hunting dog with short legs and smooth fur that is often black, brown and white.
44.	acre	(noun)	any of various units of land area.
45.	bawl	(verb)	cry out loudly and without restraint : yell.
46.	euro	(noun)	the common notes and coins used by most countries of the European Union.
47.	tomorrow	(adverb)	on or for the day after today.
48.	wrinkle	(noun)	a slight fold formed on a surface of a smooth substance : crease.
49.	crumb	(noun)	a tiny piece of food.
50.	dough	(noun)	a mixture of flour and other ingredients that is kneaded or rolled and then baked.

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Grade 4

1.	rattler	(noun)	New World pit vipers that have a series of horned interlocking joints at the end of the tail which make short sharp noises when vibrated.
2.	medley	(noun)	a performance blending together a series of songs or other musical pieces.
3.	difficult	(adjective)	hard to do : not easy.
4.	flattery	(noun)	praise that is excessive or not sincere.
5.	drench	(verb)	to make completely wet.
6.	bonkers	(adjective)	as if broken in mind.
7.	seldom	(adverb)	not often.
8.	mustang	(noun)	the small strong wild horse of western North America descended from horses brought in by the Spaniards.
9.	fringe	(noun)	a decorative border of hanging threads or strips.
10.	calico	(noun)	a blotched or spotted animal.
11.	mutiny	(noun)	refusal to obey authority or orders.
12.	blossom	(noun)	the usually colorful flower of a seed plant.
13.	magma	(noun)	hot liquid rock below the earth's surface.
14.	snippet	(noun)	a small part, piece or thing; specifically : a brief quotable passage.
15.	grumbling	(verb)	complaining in a low voice.
16.	mineral	(noun)	a substance (such as diamond, gold or quartz) that is naturally formed and is not of plant or animal origin.
17.	scarlet	(noun)	any of various bright reds.
18.	granola	(noun)	rolled oats mixed with other ingredients (such as brown sugar, raisins, coconut and nuts) and eaten for breakfast or as a snack.
19.	umpire	(noun)	an official in a sport who rules on the plays.
20.	Americana	(plural noun)	materials concerning or characteristic of America.
21.	nimble	(adjective)	marked by quick light movement : agile.
22.	trinket	(noun)	a small ornament (as a jewel or ring).
23.	shoehorn	(verb)	to force into a small, narrow or insufficient space : squeeze.
24.	aloha	(noun)	love, affection, kindness — often used to express greeting or farewell.
25.	pedigree	(noun)	a list showing the line of ancestors for a person or animal.
26.	hubbub	(noun)	a noisy confusion of sound.
27.	several	(adjective)	being more than two in number but not very many.
28.	galaxy	(noun)	one of billions of large systems of stars that make up the universe.
29.	torrent	(noun)	a raging flood or outpouring.

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30.	announcer	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who introduces television or radio programs and gives information.
31.	beverage	<i>(noun)</i>	a liquid for drinking.
32.	waist	<i>(noun)</i>	the part of the body between the chest and hips.
33.	valiant	<i>(adjective)</i>	showing courage : brave
34.	thigh	<i>(noun)</i>	the part of the leg from the hip to the knee.
35.	everglades	<i>(plural noun)</i>	swampy grasslands at least seasonally covered by slowly moving water.
36.	summary	<i>(noun)</i>	a short restatement of the main points.
37.	atrium	<i>(noun)</i>	a square hall from which other rooms open and which is often used as a sitting room.
38.	truce	<i>(noun)</i>	an agreement between opponents to stop fighting for a period of time.
39.	masterpiece	<i>(noun)</i>	a supreme intellectual or artistic achievement ; specifically : a work that marks the high point of a person's creativity.
40.	emerald	<i>(noun)</i>	a highly prized gemstone of rich green color.
41.	nonfiction	<i>(noun)</i>	writing that is about facts or real events (rather than novels or stories).
42.	platoon	<i>(noun)</i>	a unit of soldiers consisting of two or more squads led by a lieutenant.
43.	junior	<i>(adjective)</i>	designed for or done by young people, especially adolescents.
44.	kangaroo	<i>(noun)</i>	a marsupial from Australia that moves by hopping on its strong rear legs.
45.	excuse	<i>(noun)</i>	a reason given to justify a fault, mistake or defect.
46.	astronaut	<i>(noun)</i>	a traveler in interplanetary space.
47.	lyrics	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the words of a song.
48.	breadwinner	<i>(noun)</i>	a family member whose wages pay for the household's expenses.
49.	worrywart	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who worries too much or who worries for no reason.
50.	cymbals	<i>(plural noun)</i>	large brass plates that make a clashing sound when struck together or hit with a drumstick.

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Grade 5

1.	dispel	(verb)	clear away : make something go away.
2.	phrasing	(noun)	style of expression : wording.
3.	coffee	(noun)	a drink made from the roasted and ground seeds of certain trees or shrubs that have cherrylike fruits.
4.	dwindled	(verb)	became steadily less : diminished in size, amount or quality.
5.	median	(noun)	a value that falls in the middle of a list of values arranged from smallest to largest, or which is the average of the two middle values if there is no one middle number.
6.	soprano	(noun)	the highest voice part in four-part harmony.
7.	tropical	(adjective)	of, relating to, occurring in or used in the region near the equator.
8.	catalogue	(noun)	a pamphlet or book that contains a list of items arranged systematically often with other related matter.
9.	lactose	(noun)	a type of sugar that is found in milk.
10.	diploma	(noun)	a document that records that a person has completed a course or graduated from a school.
11.	smidge	(noun)	a small amount.
12.	tarnish	(verb)	to become dull, discolored or stained in appearance.
13.	fondant	(noun)	a creamy sugar preparation that is used as a basis for candies or icings.
14.	cyberspace	(noun)	the online world of computer networks and the Internet.
15.	prowess	(noun)	extraordinary ability : excellence.
16.	measly	(adjective)	contemptibly small.
17.	origin	(noun)	ancestry : parentage.
18.	trellis	(noun)	a frame made of crossing pieces of wood that is used as a screen or as a support for climbing plants.
19.	autumn	(noun)	the season comprising the months of September, October and November — called also “fall.”
20.	variety	(noun)	the quality or state of having numerous forms or types.
21.	moxie	(noun)	audacity, nerve.
22.	parable	(noun)	a short story that teaches a moral or religious lesson.
23.	chemistry	(noun)	a science that deals with the composition, structure and properties of substances and transformations that they undergo.
24.	splurge	(verb)	to indulge in some unusual activity, expense, pleasure or luxury.
25.	balderdash	(noun)	nonsense : empty talk or discourse.
26.	hodgepodge	(noun)	a mixture or medley of different things.
27.	swollen	(adjective)	distended or puffed up, as by disease or injury.
28.	diagonal	(adjective)	running across from corner to corner.

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29.	superlative	<i>(adjective)</i>	surpassing all others.
30.	macaw	<i>(noun)</i>	a large long-tailed parrot that has bright, showy feathers and lives in Central and South America.
31.	Victorian	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to or typical of the art, letters or taste during Queen Victoria's reign.
32.	fulfilling	<i>(verb)</i>	carrying out or accomplishing.
33.	columnist	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who writes a regular newspaper feature or conducts a radio or television program similar to a feature.
34.	bewilder	<i>(verb)</i>	to confuse.
35.	hammock	<i>(noun)</i>	a swinging couch or bed usually made of netting or canvas and hanging by cords from supports at each end.
36.	squander	<i>(verb)</i>	to spend extravagantly or foolishly : throw away.
37.	curfew	<i>(noun)</i>	the hour at which persons (such as juveniles, military personnel, or other specified types) must be off the streets or at which businesses or places of assembly must be closed.
38.	absurd	<i>(adjective)</i>	extremely silly, foolish or unreasonable : completely ridiculous.
39.	hoity-toity	<i>(adjective)</i>	affecting superiority : haughty and patronizing.
40.	whiff	<i>(noun)</i>	an inhalation of odor, smoke, gas or vapor.
41.	nurture	<i>(verb)</i>	to further the development of : promote the growth of : foster.
42.	vicinity	<i>(noun)</i>	a surrounding area or district.
43.	wharf	<i>(noun)</i>	a structure built at the water's shore so that ships can load and unload cargo and passengers.
44.	eerily	<i>(adverb)</i>	mysteriously or weirdly.
45.	lavender	<i>(noun)</i>	a fragrant mint plant with narrow leaves and spikes of lilac-purple flowers.
46.	gauze	<i>(noun)</i>	a loosely woven cotton fabric used to bandage wounds.
47.	mirthful	<i>(adjective)</i>	full of gladness or merriment.
48.	beret	<i>(noun)</i>	a soft flat hat that is usually woolen and has no visor.
49.	evaporation	<i>(noun)</i>	the change by which a liquid is turned into a gas or a substance that consists of very small drops mixed with the air.
50.	vigorously	<i>(adverb)</i>	forcefully, actively or energetically.

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Grade 6

1.	boycott	(verb)	combine against someone or something in a policy of absence of relations for economic or political reasons.
2.	impulse	(noun)	a sudden spontaneous desire to do something.
3.	winsome	(adjective)	causing joy or pleasure : agreeable, pleasant.
4.	alternate	(verb)	take or do in turns.
5.	ottoman	(noun)	an overstuffed footstool.
6.	entertain	(verb)	to cause the time to pass pleasantly : amuse.
7.	anorak	(noun)	a hooded jacket or pullover made of heavy windproof fabric.
8.	documentary	(noun)	a film or television presentation that is factual.
9.	jargon	(noun)	the technical language of specialists or workers in a particular activity or area of study.
10.	gratis	(adverb)	without charge : free.
11.	sympathy	(noun)	the feeling of being sensitive to or affected by someone else's emotions, experiences or especially sorrows.
12.	paragon	(noun)	a model of excellence or perfection.
13.	festooned	(verb)	suspended in a decorative chain hanging typically in a curve between two points.
14.	tonsils	(plural noun)	a pair of masses of spongy tissue that lie one on each side of the throat.
15.	mogul	(noun)	a dominant person in a particular business or field.
16.	udon	(noun)	a Japanese noodle made from wheat flour.
17.	frequently	(adverb)	at short intervals.
18.	pomposity	(noun)	a self-important demeanor, speech or action.
19.	marathon	(noun)	a footrace that is usually 26.2 miles in length.
20.	polemic	(adjective)	of, relating to or of the nature of a controversial discussion or argument.
21.	casserole	(noun)	a type of food cooked and served in a dish made of earthenware, glass or metal usually having a cover.
22.	platinum	(adjective)	of, relating to, or made of a heavy, expensive silver metallic element that is difficult to melt and is often used in electronic devices and jewelry.
23.	mundane	(adjective)	characterized by human affairs, concerns, and activities that are often practical, immediate, temporary and ordinary.
24.	alpaca	(noun)	a South American animal like a llama with fine long woolly hair.
25.	billiards	(plural noun)	any of several games played on a table by hitting balls into one another or into pockets using a long stick.
26.	cyclone	(noun)	a storm with very high winds that rotate around a center of low atmospheric pressure.
27.	Scrooge	(noun)	a person that hates to spend money.
28.	genteel	(adjective)	not vulgar or rude : polite.
29.	collude	(verb)	to connive with another : conspire, plot.

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30.	guardian	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who is legally appointed to the care of another person or another person's property.
31.	mosaic	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or relating to a colored surface pattern or picture made of inlaid tile, marble or glass.
32.	personnel	<i>(plural noun)</i>	individuals of a particular (as professional or occupational) group.
33.	tapioca	<i>(noun)</i>	a preparation of cassava starch processed and used as a thickening agent in liquid foods, such as pudding, soups or juicy pies.
34.	electrode	<i>(noun)</i>	a conductor used to establish electrical contact with a nonmetallic portion of a circuit.
35.	modular	<i>(adjective)</i>	capable of being easily joined to or arranged with other parts or units.
36.	quagmire	<i>(noun)</i>	a complex situation that is hard to get out of.
37.	enunciate	<i>(verb)</i>	to pronounce words or sounds clearly.
38.	melodramatic	<i>(adjective)</i>	extremely or overly emotional.
39.	epoxy	<i>(noun)</i>	any of various sticky, flexible resins that usually become rigid when heated, are resistant to chemicals, and are often used in coatings and adhesives.
40.	chortle	<i>(noun)</i>	a sound expressing pleasure or joy.
41.	WYSIWYG	<i>(noun)</i>	a display on a computer that shows the exact appearance of a printed document.
42.	yurt	<i>(noun)</i>	a circular domed tent of skins or felt used by Mongol nomads of Siberia.
43.	banquet	<i>(noun)</i>	an elaborate meal attended by many people usually to celebrate a special event.
44.	escarpment	<i>(noun)</i>	a long cliff or steep slope separating two flat or slightly sloped areas.
45.	zealous	<i>(adjective)</i>	filled with passionate support for a person or a cause.
46.	décor	<i>(noun)</i>	arrangement of accessories in interior ornamentation.
47.	revelation	<i>(noun)</i>	something that is revealed : disclosure.
48.	vague	<i>(adjective)</i>	not clearly expressed.
49.	cumulus	<i>(noun)</i>	a cloud form with a flat base and rounded outlines that often looks like a mountain.
50.	montage	<i>(noun)</i>	a quick sequence of images in a film or television program that develop a single theme, suggest a state of mind or bridge a time lapse.

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Grade 7

1.	query	(noun)	a request for information.
2.	maximum	(noun)	the greatest quantity or value attainable in a given case.
3.	territory	(noun)	a geographical area belonging to or controlled by a political authority.
4.	nationalism	(noun)	a feeling characterized by an exaltation of one country above all others, and an emphasis on loyalty to and the promotion of one country as opposed to other countries.
5.	latency	(noun)	the state or period of living and developing in a host without producing symptoms : incubation period.
6.	obscure	(adjective)	difficult to understand : not clear.
7.	Gemini	(plural noun)	the third sign of the zodiac.
8.	fundamental	(adjective)	basic : underlying.
9.	badger	(verb)	harass or pester someone in an attempt to confuse, annoy or wear down.
10.	alfresco	(adjective)	open-air.
11.	sustainable	(adjective)	capable of lasting for a long time without interruption, weakening, or losing in power or quality.
12.	tarmac	(noun)	a road or runway made of asphalt.
13.	approximate	(adjective)	near to correctness or accuracy : nearly exact.
14.	hypnotic	(adjective)	tending to produce sleep.
15.	tranquil	(adjective)	free from disturbance or turmoil : quiet, peaceful.
16.	synthetic	(adjective)	produced by artificial processes : man-made.
17.	organelle	(noun)	a specialized part of a cell performing functions like the organs of many-celled animals.
18.	maverick	(noun)	a member of any group who refuses to follow the rules or traditions of the group.
19.	infrastructure	(noun)	the underlying foundation or basic framework (as of an organization or a system).
20.	kaftan	(noun)	an ankle-length coatlike garment with very long sleeves.
21.	résumé	(noun)	a brief account of one's education and professional experience.
22.	cylindrical	(adjective)	relating to or shaped like a tube.
23.	hubris	(noun)	arrogance.
24.	pathogen	(noun)	a specific cause of disease (such as a type of bacteria or virus).
25.	carnitas	(plural noun)	small pieces of meat (especially pork) that are fried or roasted until crisp.
26.	stagflation	(noun)	continual increases in the costs of goods and services combined with low demand for those goods and services and relatively high unemployment.
27.	esoteric	(adjective)	difficult to understand.
28.	pinnacle	(noun)	a high top of a hill or mountain.
29.	molasses	(noun)	thick brown syrup made from raw sugar.
30.	contentious	(adjective)	marked by a wearisome tendency to disputes.

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31.	acoustic	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or relating to sound or to the sense of hearing.
32.	supine	<i>(adjective)</i>	lying on the back or with the face upward.
33.	tenement	<i>(noun)</i>	a single room or set of rooms for use by one resident or family : an apartment.
34.	philharmonic	<i>(noun)</i>	a musical concert or musical organization (as a society or orchestra).
35.	quid pro quo	<i>(noun)</i>	something that is given to or done for you in return for something you have given to or done for someone else.
36.	iambic	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to or consisting of a unit of rhythm usually of one unstressed syllable followed by one stressed syllable.
37.	legislature	<i>(noun)</i>	an organized group of people with the authority to make or change laws.
38.	spectacles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	glasses.
39.	methodology	<i>(noun)</i>	a set of methods, procedures and rules employed by a science, art or discipline.
40.	umbrage	<i>(noun)</i>	displeasure : resentment : annoyance.
41.	diametrically	<i>(adverb)</i>	completely : utterly.
42.	commandeer	<i>(verb)</i>	to take arbitrary or forcible possession of.
43.	proprietary	<i>(adjective)</i>	made and marketed by a person or persons having the exclusive right to manufacture and sell.
44.	Celsius	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to the international thermometric scale on which 0 is the freezing point and 100 is the boiling point of water.
45.	migraine	<i>(noun)</i>	a severe headache that usually affects one side of the head, is often accompanied by nausea, and is followed by sleep.
46.	cartouches	<i>(plural noun)</i>	oval or oblong figures (as on ancient Egyptian monuments) enclosing a sovereign's name.
47.	resilience	<i>(noun)</i>	the ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.
48.	pancetta	<i>(noun)</i>	unsmoked bacon used in Italian cuisine.
49.	braille	<i>(noun)</i>	a system of writing for the blind that uses letters represented by raised dots.
50.	gibbous	<i>(adjective)</i>	seen with more than half but not all of the visible surface lit up — used of a moon or planet.

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Grade 8 and Grade 8 Challenge

1.	germane	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to a subject in an appropriate way : pertinent.
2.	augment	<i>(verb)</i>	enlarge or increase in size, amount or degree.
3.	serpentine	<i>(adjective)</i>	winding or turning one way and another.
4.	jurisdiction	<i>(noun)</i>	the area within which authority may be exercised.
5.	languish	<i>(verb)</i>	to lose strength or animation : fade.
6.	acetone	<i>(noun)</i>	a volatile fragrant flammable liquid used chiefly as a solvent.
7.	plaintiff	<i>(noun)</i>	one who commences a personal action suit or lawsuit to obtain a remedy for an injury to one's rights.
8.	reciprocate	<i>(verb)</i>	return in kind or degree : repay.
9.	laceration	<i>(noun)</i>	a wound made by tearing or rending roughly.
10.	inclement	<i>(adjective)</i>	of weather: harsh, rough or stormy.
11.	generosity	<i>(noun)</i>	the quality of being willing to give money and other valuable things to others.
12.	arboreal	<i>(adjective)</i>	inhabiting or frequenting trees.
13.	ramifications	<i>(plural noun)</i>	resulting developments : consequences.
14.	excursion	<i>(noun)</i>	a usually brief trip for pleasure.
15.	olfactory	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or connected with the sense of smell.
16.	adhesion	<i>(noun)</i>	steady or firm attachment to a person, party, principle or idea : adherence.
17.	par excellence	<i>(adjective)</i>	being the best of its kind.
18.	shoji	<i>(noun)</i>	a paper screen serving as a wall, partition or sliding door.
19.	ostensibly	<i>(adverb)</i>	to all outward appearances.
20.	appositive	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to a grammatical construction where one noun or noun phrase follows another noun or noun phrase but refers to the same person or thing.
21.	soirée	<i>(noun)</i>	an evening party or reception.
22.	effusive	<i>(adjective)</i>	expressing unrestrained emotion.
23.	impervious	<i>(adjective)</i>	not allowing entrance or passage through : impenetrable.
24.	Sanskrit	<i>(noun)</i>	an ancient language that is the classical language of India and of Hinduism.
25.	espadrille	<i>(noun)</i>	a sandal with a fabric upper and a flexible often rope sole.
26.	patrician	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or characteristic of gentle or noble birth or of breeding and cultivation.
27.	estuary	<i>(noun)</i>	a water passage where the tide meets the current of a stream.
28.	frigate	<i>(noun)</i>	a warship that is smaller than a cruiser and larger than a destroyer.
29.	commodious	<i>(adjective)</i>	large or roomy and convenient.
30.	machination	<i>(noun)</i>	a scheme or subtle maneuver intended to accomplish some end.
31.	quasar	<i>(noun)</i>	a bright celestial object that resembles a star, is extremely distant from earth and has a huge energy output.
32.	corollary	<i>(noun)</i>	a proposition that follows one just demonstrated and that requires no additional proof.
33.	inimical	<i>(adjective)</i>	viewing with disfavor: hostile.

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34.	garrulous	(<i>adjective</i>)	loquacious : talkative.
35.	tarantula	(<i>noun</i>)	a large hairy spider that is capable of biting but is not significantly poisonous to humans.
36.	mazel tov	(<i>interjection</i>)	— used among Jewish people to express congratulations.
37.	esplanade	(<i>noun</i>)	a level open stretch of paved or grassy ground often designed for walking or driving.
38.	smorgasbord	(<i>noun</i>)	a buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes.
39.	mawkish	(<i>adjective</i>)	falsely or immaturely sentimental.
40.	temerity	(<i>noun</i>)	unreasonable or foolhardy contempt of danger or opposition.
41.	nascent	(<i>adjective</i>)	emerging : beginning to exist.
42.	phoenix	(<i>noun</i>)	a legendary bird that is consumed in fire by its own act and then rises from its own ashes.
43.	buoyancy	(<i>noun</i>)	the tendency to float on the surface of a liquid or in a fluid.
44.	melee	(<i>noun</i>)	a confused fight, contest or struggle between individuals.
45.	ciao	(<i>interjection</i>)	— used conventionally as an utterance at meeting or parting.
46.	schnitzel	(<i>noun</i>)	a seasoned and garnished veal cutlet.
47.	porcelain	(<i>noun</i>)	a hard, white, delicate ceramic substance that is fired at a high temperature, and is used especially for table and ornamental goods.
48.	evanescent	(<i>adjective</i>)	lasting a very short time : fleeting.
49.	acquiesce	(<i>verb</i>)	to accept something or comply with something passively or by not arguing.
50.	pharaoh	(<i>noun</i>)	a ruler of ancient Egypt.
51.	gossamer	(<i>noun</i>)	a fine filmy substance consisting of fragments or strands of cobweb often seen floating in air or caught on grass or bushes.
52.	deciduous	(<i>adjective</i>)	falling off or shed at the end of the growing period, after blooming, during certain seasons, or at certain stages of development.
53.	nanotechnology	(<i>noun</i>)	the art of manipulating atoms and molecules especially to build extremely small devices (such as robots).
54.	basilica	(<i>noun</i>)	an oblong building with a wide central hall flanked by colonnaded aisles or porticoes and ending in a semicircular wall.
55.	solstice	(<i>noun</i>)	one of the two points on the path of the sun at which its distance from the celestial equator is greatest and which is reached by the sun each year about June 22nd and December 23rd.
56.	conglomerate	(<i>noun</i>)	a corporation that acquires other companies whose activities are unrelated to the corporation's primary activity.
57.	turpitude	(<i>noun</i>)	a base or vile way of thinking or acting : depravity.
58.	fungible	(<i>adjective</i>)	capable of being used in place of each other : interchangeable.
59.	desertification	(<i>noun</i>)	the process of becoming an area of dry land with few plants and little rainfall.

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60.	anemone	(noun)	a brightly colored sea animal that resembles a flower and has a cluster of tentacles around the mouth.
61.	oubliette	(noun)	a dungeon with an opening only at the top and often a concealed pit below the floor.
62.	sakura	(noun)	a type of ornamental cherry hybrid developed in Japan that bears white or pink fragrant flowers.
63.	xenophobic	(adjective)	characterized by fear and hatred of anything strange or foreign, especially people.
64.	gargantuan	(adjective)	of tremendous size or volume : gigantic.
65.	corsair	(noun)	a pirate of any kind or period.
66.	idiosyncratic	(adjective)	marked by a peculiar way of behaving, being or thinking.
67.	vituperative	(adjective)	containing or characterized by wordy abuse.
68.	Orwellian	(adjective)	relating to or suggestive of George Orwell or his writings; especially : relating to or suggestive of his novel <i>1984</i> .
69.	bossa nova	(noun)	music resembling the samba with jazz passages.
70.	pachyderm	(noun)	one of a group of hoofed mammals usually having a thick skin (such as an elephant or rhinoceros).
71.	vainglorious	(adjective)	marked by excessive pride in one's achievements : boastful.
72.	hegemony	(noun)	preponderant influence or authority (as of a government or state) : domination.
73.	echelon	(noun)	a level (as of leadership or responsibility) in an organization or field of activity.
74.	larynx	(noun)	the upper part of the respiratory passage of air-breathing vertebrates with the glottis above it and continuous below with the trachea.
75.	concatenate	(verb)	link together : unite in a series or chain.
76.	arpeggio	(noun)	production of the tones of a chord in succession rather than at the same time.
77.	obelisk	(noun)	an upright, four-sided pillar that gradually tapers as it rises and terminates in a pyramid.
78.	sanctimonious	(adjective)	displaying high-mindedness in order to impress.
79.	force majeure	(noun)	an event or effect that cannot reasonably be anticipated or controlled.
80.	tungsten	(noun)	a gray-white hard metal that is used in its pure form mainly for electrical purposes (such as for thin wires used in light bulbs).
81.	auriferous	(adjective)	gold-bearing — used of gravels and rocks.
82.	pulchritude	(noun)	physical beauty.
83.	de rigueur	(adjective)	required by fashion, etiquette or custom especially among sophisticated or informed persons : proper.
84.	nunchaku	(noun)	a Japanese weapon made of two sticks with one end of each joined by rawhide, cord or chain.
85.	guttural	(adjective)	being a speech sound that is formed in the throat.
86.	interlocutor	(noun)	a person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation.

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87.	joule	<i>(noun)</i>	a unit of measurement that represents absolute meter-kilogram-second unit of work or energy.
88.	freesia	<i>(noun)</i>	a sweet-scented plant of the iris family with narrow tubular red, white or yellow flowers.
89.	susurratio	<i>(noun)</i>	a whispering sound : a murmur.
90.	potpourri	<i>(noun)</i>	a jar of flower petals mixed with spices and used for scent or perfume.
91.	leitmotif	<i>(noun)</i>	a dominant recurring theme.
92.	Chihuahua	<i>(noun)</i>	a very small round-headed large-eared short-coated dog reputed to predate Aztec civilization.
93.	ecclesiastical	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or suitable for use in a church or church service.
94.	cozen	<i>(verb)</i>	to deceive by artful persuasion or tricky dishonesty : cheat.
95.	insouciance	<i>(noun)</i>	an attitude of not worrying about what others think of your work or behavior.
96.	jai alai	<i>(noun)</i>	a ball game played on a large walled court by two or four players who wear long curved wicker baskets strapped to their wrists.
97.	desiccate	<i>(verb)</i>	to dry up or cause to dry up.
98.	Iroquois	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to, or characteristic of Native American people comprising a confederacy of the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga and Seneca.
99.	cheongsam	<i>(noun)</i>	a dress of southern Chinese origin with a slit skirt and a mandarin collar.
100.	eleemosynary	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or relating to charity : philanthropic.

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OGS Spelling Bee Challenge Words

Beginner Challenge Words – Grades 4/5

1. **abscess** is a localized collection of pus in tissues of the body.
2. **accessible** means easy to approach
3. **accommodate** is to do a kindness or a favor to; oblige.
4. **accordion** is a musical instrument.
5. **annulment** is the declaration that annuls a marriage.
6. **appellate** is of or pertaining to appeals.
7. **assassin** is a murderer, especially in politics.
8. **atrium** is the central room of an ancient roman house.
9. **automaton** is another word for a robot.
10. **baboon** is a large monkey found in Africa or Arabia.
11. **balloon** is an inflated bag.
12. **barbiturate** is used to medicine as a sedative.
13. **barrette** is a clasp used to hold a girl's hair in place.
14. **bassoon** is a large woodwind instrument.
15. **bazaar** is a marketplace, especially in the middle east.
16. **beige** is a very light brown.
17. **benign** is having a kindly disposition.
18. **bizarre** is markedly unusual.
19. **bobbin** is a reel upon which yarn or thread is wound.
20. **bonsai** is a tree that has been dwarfed, as by pruning.
21. **bough** is a branch of a tree.
22. **bouillon** is a clear usually seasoned broth.
23. **bouquet** is a bunch of flowers.
24. **bursar** is a treasurer or business officer.
25. **butte** is an isolated hill or mountain rising abruptly.
26. **cache** is a hiding place.
27. **calendar** is a table of days and weeks in a year.
28. **camaraderie** is good fellowship.
29. **campaign** is a military operation for a specific objective.
30. **canvass** is to solicit votes.
31. **carafe** is a wide-mouthed bottle used to serve beverages.
32. **caribou** is a large, north American deer.
33. **cataclysm** is any violent upheaval.
34. **caterpillar** is the larva of a butterfly or moth.
35. **cellist** is a person who plays a cello.
36. **cemetery** is a place set apart for graves or tombs.

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37. **censor** is an official who examines material to suppress all or part of it.
38. **census** is an official enumeration of the population.
39. **chameleon** is a lizard that can, as protection, change color.
40. **charisma** is a personal quality that gives one power over a group of people.
41. **chauffeur** is a person employed to drive an automobile.
42. **cliche** is a trite, stereotyped expression.
43. **codeine** is used as a sedative or analgesic.
44. **colloquy** is a conversational exchange, dialogue.
45. **colonel** is an officer in the army or air force.
46. **conceit** is an excessively favorable opinion of oneself.
47. **concessionaire** is someone to whom a concession has been granted.
48. **conscious** is being aware of one's own existence.
49. **consensus** is a majority of opinion.
50. **consomme** is a clear soup.
51. **cough** is to expel air through the lungs harshly, often violently.
52. **counsel** is advice.
53. **coyote** is a smaller, wolf-like animal.
54. **crescent** resembles a segment of a ring tapering to points at the ends.
55. **crochet** is needlework with a needle having a hook at one end.
56. **croquet** is a game played by knocking balls through metal wickets with a mallet.
57. **crouton** is a small piece of fried or toasted bread.
58. **crypt** is a subterranean chamber or vault.
59. **cuckoo** is a common European bird.
60. **cursor** is a movable symbol on a computer.
61. **cymbal** is a concave plate that produces a sharp, ringing sound when struck, played in pairs.
62. **debris** is the remains of things broken down or destroyed.
63. **deceive** is to mislead by a false appearance or statement.
64. **deductible** means capable of being deducted.
65. **defendant** is a person against whom a charge is brought against in court.
66. **descender** is the part of the letter that goes below the body.
67. **detached** means not attached or separated.
68. **deuce** is a card having two spots.
69. **dialogue** is conversation with two or more people.
70. **dictionary** is a book containing a selection of words or a language.
71. **diocese** is a district under the jurisdiction of a bishop.
72. **diphtheria** is an infectious disease.
73. **disappear** is to cease to be seen.
74. **discernible** means capable of being distinguished.
75. **distraught** means deeply agitated.
76. **doubt** is to be uncertain about.
77. **dough** is flour or meal combined with water.
78. **drought** is a period of dry weather.

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79. **ecstasy** is rapturous delight.
80. **eerie** is uncanny, weird.
81. **elite** is the choice or the best of anything.
82. **embarrass** is to cause confusion and shame to.
83. **ensign** is a flag or banner.
84. **entourage** is a group of attendants or associates.
85. **entrepreneur** is a person who organizes or manages an enterprise.
86. **enzyme** is one of various proteins.
87. **etiquette** is conventional requirements to social behavior.
88. **eulogy** is a speech in praise of a dead person.
89. **exacerbate** is to make something worse.
90. **exchequer** is a treasury.
91. **facade** is the front of a building.
92. **farce** is a light, humorous play.
93. **fatigue** is weariness from exertion.
94. **faucet** is a device to control the flow of liquid.
95. **feasible** is capable of being done.
96. **feign** is to represent fictitiously.
97. **feint** is a movement made to deceive an opponent.
98. **fiery** is containing fire or impetuous.
99. **fight** is a battle or combat.
100. **finesse** is extreme delicacy or skill in performance.
101. **finicky** means difficult to please.
102. **flaunt** means to display oneself conspicuously.
103. **fledgling** is a young bird or an inexperienced person.
104. **floe** is a sheet of floating ice.
105. **flour** is the finely ground meal of grain.
106. **flourish** means to thrive.
107. **flower** is the blossom of a plant.
108. **flue** is a passage for smoke in a chimney.
109. **foray** is a quick raid.
110. **forbear** is to refrain or abstain from.
111. **frappe** is a milkshake made with ice cream.
112. **freight** is goods or cargo transported for pay.
113. **fugue** is a composition in music.
114. **furlough** is a leave of absence granted to an enlisted person.
115. **galloping** is running or moving quickly.
116. **gambol** means to skip about, as in dancing.
117. **gauge** is to determine the capacity of or to measure.
118. **geisha** is a Japanese woman trained as a singer or dancer.
119. **gerbil** is a small, burrowing rodent.
120. **gerund** is a verb functioning as a noun.
121. **geyser** is a hot spring that sends up jets of water and steam.

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122. **gherkin** is the immature fruit of a cucumber, used in pickling.
123. **ghoul** is an evil demon, a grave-robber.
124. **giraffe** is a long-necked African animal.
125. **glitch** is a defect or malfunction in a plan or machine.
126. **glower** is to look or stare at with anger.
127. **gnarl** is a knotty protuberance on a tree.
128. **gnu or wildebeest** is a stocky, ox-like antelope.
129. **goad** is a stick with a pointed end.
130. **governor** is the chief executive of a state.
131. **gorgeous** means splendid or magnificent.
132. **gorilla** is the largest of the anthropoid apes.
133. **gourmet** is a connoisseur of fine food and drink.
134. **graffiti** are markings on walls.
135. **grammar** is the study of the way sentences are constructed.
136. **grotesque** is odd or unnatural in appearance or shape.
137. **gruel** is a light, thin, cooked cereal.
138. **guild** is an organization of people with related interests.
139. **gypsum** is a common mineral.
140. **hackney** is a carriage or coach for hire.
141. **haggard** is having a wasted appearance.
142. **hallow** means to make holy.
143. **hallucinogen** is a substance that produces hallucinations.
144. **halve** is to divide into two equal parts.
145. **hangar** is a shelter for airplanes.
146. **harangue** is a scolding or intense verbal attack.
147. **harass** is to disturb persistently.
148. **harbinger** is a herald, or one who goes before.
149. **harlequin** is a buffoon.
150. **hassle** is a disorderly dispute.
151. **havoc** is great destruction or devastation.
152. **hearken** is to pay attention or listen to.
153. **hearth** is the floor of a fireplace.
154. **heifer** is a cow over one year old that has not produced a calf.
155. **height** is the extent or distance upward.
156. **helix** is a spiral.
157. **hemisphere** is half of the terrestrial globe.
158. **heresy** is opinion at odds with the accepted doctrine, esp. church.
159. **hiatus** is a break in the action.
160. **hideous** is horrible or frightful.
161. **hindrance** is an impeding or a stopping.
162. **hippopotamus** is called the river horse, from Africa.
163. **hoax** is something intended to deceive or defraud.
164. **hobnob** is to associate on friendly terms.

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165. **hodgepodge** means a jumble.
166. **homily** is a sermon, usually on a biblical topic.
167. **honest** is honorable on intentions and principles.
168. **honeycomb** is a structure bees use to store honey, pollen and eggs.
169. **horizon** is the line that forms the apparent border between earth and sky.
170. **horrendous** is shockingly dreadful.
171. **humiliate** is to cause a loss of pride or dignity.
172. **humongous** means extraordinarily large.
173. **hurrah** is an exclamation of joy.
174. **hustle** is to proceed or work rapidly.
175. **hyacinth** is a plant of the lily family.
176. **hybrid** is the offspring of two different breeds or species.
177. **hygiene** is the science that deals with preservation of health.
178. **hymn** is a song in praise of god.
179. **hyperbole** is obvious exaggeration.
180. **hyphen** is a short line used to connect parts of compound word.
181. **hypocrisy** is pretending to something that one doesn't believe.
182. **icon** is a picture, image or other representation.
183. **illegible** is hard to read or decipher because of poor handwriting.
184. **illicit** is not legally permitted.
185. **illiteracy** is a lack of ability to read and write.
186. **imbecile** is a person having a mental age of seven or eight.
187. **impasse** is a deadlock.
188. **impede** is to retard in movement by means of obstacles.
189. **incense** is a substance producing sweet odor when burned, used in religious ceremonies to enhance a mood.
190. **incessant** means continuing without interruption.
191. **incite** is to stir, encourage or urge on.
192. **incognito** is to have one's identity concealed.
193. **indictment** is a formal accusation in a criminal case.
194. **inertia** is lack of motion, sluggishness.
195. **inevitable** is something that can't be avoided.
196. **inflammable** is capable of being set on fire.
197. **influenza** is a viral, acute, sometimes epidemic disease.
198. **innate** is existing in one from birth.
199. **innocence** is without sin, the state of being innocent.
200. **inquisition** is an official investigation, especially political or religious, without regard for individual rights.
201. **instinct** is an inborn pattern of activity or tendency to action.
202. **intercede** is to act in behalf of someone in difficulty.
203. **intravenous** means within a vein.
204. **invincible** is incapable of being conquered or defeated.
205. **irritable** is easily irritated or annoyed.

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- 206. **island** is land entirely surrounded by water.
- 207. **issue** is the act of sending out or putting forth.
- 208. **italicize** is to print in italic type.
- 209. **jackknife** is a large pocketknife.
- 210. **jaguar** is the largest cat in the western hemisphere.
- 211. **jamb** is a vertical side of a doorway.
- 212. **janitor** is a person employed to keep things clean.
- 213. **jaundice** is a yellow discoloration of the skin or eyes.
- 214. **jealous** is feeling resentment against someone because of success of advantages.
- 215. **jeer** is to scoff at someone.
- 216. **jeopardy** is risk to loss, harm, death or injury.
- 217. **jinx** is someone supposed to bring bad luck.
- 218. **jostle** is to brush against, to push or shove.
- 219. **journal** is a daily record.
- 220. **judgmental** is involving the use of judgment.
- 221. **judicious** is discreet or prudent.
- 222. **juice** is the fluid that can be extracted from something.
- 223. **junction** is a place where things are joined.
- 224. **karate** is a method of self-defense.
- 225. **katydid** is a large, American grasshopper.
- 226. **kayak** is an eskimo canoe.
- 227. **kerosene** is a mixture of hydrocarbons used as fuel, or cleaning material.
- 228. **kettle** is a metal container in which to cook foods.
- 229. **khaki** means dull yellowish brown.
- 230. **kidnapped** means being stolen, abducted or carried off by force.
- 231. **kiln** is an oven to fire pottery.
- 232. **kitchen** is a room or place equipped for cooking.
- 233. **kiwi** is a flightless bird of New Zealand.
- 234. **knack** is a special skill or aptitude.
- 235. **knead** is to work dough into a uniform mixture.
- 236. **knight** is a mounted soldier in the middle ages.
- 237. **knowledge** is acquaintance with facts, as from study or investigation.
- 238. **knuckle** is a joint of the finger.
- 239. **labor** is productive activity for the sake of economic gain.
- 240. **lacquer** is a protective coating.
- 241. **ladle** is a long-handled utensil used for dipping.
- 242. **lamb** is a young sheep.
- 243. **language** is a body of words common to a people.
- 244. **larceny** is the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another with the intent to convert them to the taker's own use.
- 245. **laud** is to praise or extol.
- 246. **laugh** is to express pleasure audibly.
- 247. **league** is a unit of distance, usually about 3 miles.

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- 248. **lectern** is a stand with a slanted top, used to hold a speech or book, etc.
- 249. **lecture** is a speech read or delivered before an audience.
- 250. **legible** is capable of being read or deciphered with ease.
- 251. **leisure** is freedom from the demands of work.
- 252. **length** is the longest extent of something from end to end.
- 253. **leopard** is a large, spotted cat of Asia or Africa.
- 254. **lesion** is an injury; hurt; wound.
- 255. **levy** is an imposing or collecting, as a tax, by force or authority.
- 256. **liaison** is the contact maintained between groups to insure concerted action or cooperation.
- 257. **libelous** is maliciously defamatory.
- 258. **lieutenant** is a military rank.
- 259. **lightning** is a brilliant electric spark discharge.
- 260. **limousine** is a large, luxurious car, especially one driven by a chauffeur.
- 261. **liquor** is a distilled or spirituous beverage.
- 262. **loge in a theater** is the front section of the lowest balcony.
- 263. **lubricant** is a substance for lessening friction.
- 264. **lucid** means easily understood; completely understandable.
- 265. **luminous** is radiating or reflecting light.
- 266. **lyricist** is a person who writes the lyrics for a song.
- 267. **macabre** is gruesome and horrifying.
- 268. **macaroni** is a small tubular pasta.
- 269. **machete** is a large, heavy knife used to cut underbrush or sugar cane.
- 270. **magnificent** is making a splendid appearance or show.
- 271. **mahogany** is a tree or a reddish-brown color.
- 272. **maim** is to cripple.
- 273. **maintenance** is the act of keeping things in good order.
- 274. **malaria** is a disease characterized by chills or fever, caused by the bite of a mosquito.
- 275. **malice** is the desire to inflict harm on someone.
- 276. **malign** is to speak harmful untruths about.
- 277. **malleable** is capable of being shaped by hammering or pressure.
- 278. **manacle** is a shackle for the hand; handcuffs.
- 279. **mantel** is a construction framing the opening of a fireplace.
- 280. **margarine** is a butter-like product made from refined vegetable oils.
- 281. **marina** is a boat basin offering dockage and other service for small craft.
- 282. **maroon** is a dark brownish-red.
- 283. **marriage** is the social institution under which a man and woman decide to live as husband and wife by legal commitments, religious ceremonies.
- 284. **martial** is inclined or disposed to war.
- 285. **martyr** is a person who suffers death rather than give up religion.
- 286. **massacre** is the unnecessary killing of human beings, as in a war.
- 287. **mauve** is a pale bluish purple.
- 288. **mayonnaise** is a thick dressing of different ingredients.

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- 289. **maze** is a confusing network of intercommunication paths or passages.
- 290. **meager** is deficient in quantity or quality.
- 291. **mechanical** is having to do with machinery.
- 292. **mediocre** is of only ordinary or moderate quality.
- 293. **melancholy** is a gloomy state of mind.
- 294. **memoir** is a record written by a person based on personal observation.
- 295. **metaphor** is a figure of speech in which a term is applied to something to which it isn't literally applicable, as in a mighty fortress is our god.
- 296. **militia** is a body of citizens enrolled for military service, and called out periodically for drill.
- 297. **mirth** is amusement or laughter.
- 298. **miscellaneous** is of mixed character.
- 299. **mischievous** is maliciously or playfully annoying.
- 300. **miscue** is a mistake.
- 301. **miserable** is very unhappy, uneasy or uncomfortable.
- 302. **mistletoe** is a plant used in Christmas decorations.
- 303. **moccasin** is a heelless shoe made entirely of soft leather.
- 304. **moderator** is a person who presides over a discussion.
- 305. **modify** is to alter partially, to amend.
- 306. **molasses** is a thick syrup produced during the refining of sugar.
- 307. **monarch** is a hereditary sovereign.
- 308. **monitor** is a student appointed to assisted in the conduct of a class.
- 309. **monopoly** is exclusive control of a commodity of service in a particular market.
- 310. **morale** is emotional or mental condition with respect to confidence, especially in the face of hardship.
- 311. **mortgage** is a conveyance of an interest in property as security for the repayment of money borrowed.
- 312. **mosquito** is an insect that bites, some passing on certain diseases.
- 313. **mourn** is to feel or express sorrow or grief.
- 314. **muscle** is a tissue, the contraction of which produces movement.
- 315. **myriad** is a very great or indefinitely great number.
- 316. **myth** is a traditional or legendary story, usually concerning some being or hero, without a determinable basis of fact.
- 317. **naive** means unsophisticated or ingenuous.
- 318. **nasal** is of or pertaining to the nose.
- 319. **nausea** is sickness at the stomach, especially when loathing food.
- 320. **necessary** is being essential; indispensable.
- 321. **nectar** is the secretion of a plant, which attracts insects or birds that pollinate the flower.
- 322. **nephew** is a son of one's brother or sister.
- 323. **nestle** is to lie close and snug.
- 324. **nicotine** is an alkaloid found in tobacco and valued as an insecticide.
- 325. **noble** is distinguished by rank or title.

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- 326. **nocturnal** is of or pertaining to the night.
- 327. **novice** is a person who is new to something.
- 328. **nurture** is to feed and protect.
- 329. **nutritious** is providing nourishment, especially to a high degree.
- 330. **obelisk** is a tapering, four-sided shaft of stone, with a pyramidal top.
- 331. **obese** means very fat or overweight.
- 332. **obituary** is the notice of the death of a person.
- 333. **obey** is to follow the directions of someone.
- 334. **oblique** means slanting; sloping.
- 335. **oblivious** means unaware of.
- 336. **obvious** is easily understood or recognizable.
- 337. **odious** is hateful or detestable.
- 338. **ogle** is to look at impertinently.
- 339. **omission** is the act of omitting.
- 340. **opaque** is not allowing light to pass through.
- 341. **operator** is a person who runs a machine, apparatus or the like.
- 342. **orator** is a public speaker.
- 343. **orchestra** is a group of performers on various musical instruments.
- 344. **orchid** is a flower of a plant of temperate and tropical regions.
- 345. **ordinance** is a decree or command.
- 346. **outweigh** is to exceed in value or influence.
- 347. **pact** is an agreement, covenant or compact.
- 348. **pageant** is an elaborate public spectacle.
- 349. **palace** is the official residence of an exalted person.
- 350. **palate** is the roof of the mouth.
- 351. **pantry** is a room in which food is kept.
- 352. **papaya** is a large, yellow, melon like fruit.
- 353. **paprika** is a red, powdery condiment.
- 354. **paraffin** is a substance used in candles or to waterproof paper.
- 355. **parallel** is extending in the same direction, but never converging.
- 356. **parcel** is a small package, a bundle.
- 357. **parfait** is a dessert of ice cream and fruit, or ice cream and syrup.
- 358. **partial** means incomplete.
- 359. **particle** is a tiny or very small bit.
- 360. **patience** is the quality of being patient.
- 361. **patio** is an area of a house used for outdoor lounging, dining, etc.
- 362. **paws** are the feet of an animal having claws.
- 363. **pedal** is a foot-operated lever used for various things.
- 364. **peddle** is to carry things from place to place for sale.
- 365. **pedestrian** is a person who goes on foot.
- 366. **peek** is to look or glance quickly or furtively.
- 367. **pension** is a fixed amount other than a salary paid to a person.
- 368. **perceive** is to become aware of.

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- 369. **perceptive** is having or showing keenness of insight, understanding or intuition.
- 370. **perplex** is to cause to be puzzled over what is not understood.
- 371. **personnel** is a body of persons employed in an organization or place or work.
- 372. **perturb** is to disturb in mind; agitate.
- 373. **petite** means short or diminutive.
- 374. **phantom** is an apparition or specter.
- 375. **phase** is a stage in a process of change or development.
- 376. **phrase** is a series of words in grammatical construction and acting as a unit in a sentence.
- 377. **piccolo** is a small flute sounding an octave higher than an ordinary flute.
- 378. **pickle** is a cucumber that has been preserved in brine.
- 379. **piece** is a separate or limited quantity of something.
- 380. **pizza** is a flat, baked pie of Italian origin, with various ingredients and toppings.
- 381. **plague** is an epidemic disease that causes high mortality.
- 382. **plaque** is a tablet or plate of metal, intended for use as an ornament.
- 383. **plateau** is a land area having a relatively level surface considerably raised above adjoining land.
- 384. **plural** pertains to more than one.
- 385. **poise** is composure.
- 386. **policy** is a definite course of action.
- 387. **pollute** is to make foul or unclear.
- 388. **populace** is the common people of a nation.
- 389. **possess** is to have as belonging to one; to own.
- 390. **posterior** is situated behind or at the rear of.
- 391. **potency** is power or authority.
- 392. **precede** is to go before.
- 393. **precinct** is a district marked out for governmental purposes, or police protection.
- 394. **precious** is of high price or great value.
- 395. **principal** is first or highest in rank or importance.
- 396. **python** is a big constricting snake.
- 397. **quartz** is one of the most common minerals.
- 398. **quash** is to put down or suppress.
- 399. **queer** is strange or odd.
- 400. **quirk** is a peculiarity.
- 401. **raccoon** is an animal with a mask-like stripe across the eyes.
- 402. **racquetball** is a game similar to handball, but played with a racquet.
- 403. **raise** is to move to a higher position.
- 404. **ramble** is to wander around in an aimless manner.
- 405. **rapport** is relation or connection.
- 406. **rapture** is ecstatic joy or delight.
- 407. **ravine** is a narrow, steep-sided valley.
- 408. **razor** is an instrument used for shaving.
- 409. **reactor** is an apparatus in which a nuclear chain-reaction can be obtained.

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- 410. **receipt** is a written acknowledgment of having received something.
- 411. **receive** is to take something into one's possession.
- 412. **recess** is a temporary withdrawal from work or activity.
- 413. **recite** is to repeat words from memory.
- 414. **recommend** is to present as worthy of confidence or acceptance.
- 415. **reduce** is to bring down to a smaller amount.
- 416. **refrigerator** is a container in which items are kept cool or cold.
- 417. **refugee** is a person who flees his country in time of upheaval or war.
- 418. **regular** is usual or normal.
- 419. **relieve** is to ease or alleviate pain, distress or anxiety.
- 420. **reservoir** is a place where water is collected or stored.
- 421. **resign** is to give up an office or position.
- 422. **review** is going over a subject.
- 423. **rhyme** is a word agreeing with another word in terminal sound.
- 424. **rhythm** is movement with uniform recurrence of a beat or accent.
- 425. **ritual** is a prescribed or established procedure.
- 426. **routine** is a customary or usual procedure.
- 427. **rumor** is a story without confirmation or certainty as to facts.
- 428. **scene** is the place where some action or event occurs.
- 429. **scent** is a distinctive color.
- 430. **schedule** is a plan of procedure.
- 431. **scheme** is an underhand plot, intrigue.
- 432. **scholar** is a learned person.
- 433. **science** is a branch of knowledge or study.
- 434. **scissors** is a cutting instrument.
- 435. **seize** is to take hold of forcibly.
- 436. **shear** is to cut something.
- 437. **sheer** is transparently thin.
- 438. **shepherd** is a person who tends or guards sheep.
- 439. **sheriff** is the law-enforcement officer of a county.
- 440. **shield** is a piece of armor worn on the arm of defensive purposes.
- 441. **siege** is the act of surrounding and attacking a fortified place in such a way as to isolate it from aid or supplies.
- 442. **sigh** is to let out one's breath audibly.
- 443. **sight** is the power or faculty of seeing.
- 444. **sign** is a token or indication.
- 445. **sincere** is free of deceit or falseness.
- 446. **site** is the position or location of something.
- 447. **soccer** is football as it is played around the world.
- 448. **source** is anything from which something comes or arises.
- 449. **souvenir** is a usually inexpensive reminder of a place visited.
- 450. **spaghetti** is a white, starchy pasta of Italian origin.
- 451. **stationary** means standing still, not moving.

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- 452. **stature** is the height of a human or animal body.
- 453. **straight** is without a bend or angle, not curved.
- 454. **strength** is the quality or state of being strong.
- 455. **successor** is a person or thing that succeeds or follows.
- 456. **suede** is kid or other leather finished with a soft, nappy surface.
- 457. **superintendent** is a person who oversees or directs some work.
- 458. **supervisor** is a person who supervises the work done by others.
- 459. **sword** is a weapon consisting of a blade and a hilt.
- 460. **tablespoonful** is the amount a tablespoon can hold.
- 461. **tabloid** is a newspaper whose pages are about half the size of a standard-sized newspaper.
- 462. **tackle** is equipment, apparatus or gear, especially for fishing.
- 463. **tailor** is a person who makes, mends or alters clothing.
- 464. **tale** is a narrative that relates details or some event or incident.
- 465. **talk** is to communicate by speaking.
- 466. **tantrum** is a violent demonstration of rage.
- 467. **tardy** means late.
- 468. **tattle** is to let out secrets.
- 469. **tattoo** is an indelible marking on the skin.
- 470. **tease** is to irritate or provoke.
- 471. **teethe** means to grow or cut teeth.
- 472. **telescope** is an instrument to make distant objects appear larger.
- 473. **tension** is the act of stretching or straining.
- 474. **terrace** is a raised level with a vertical or sloping front or sides.
- 475. **thaw** is to pass from a frozen to a liquid state.
- 476. **theme** is a subject of discourse or discussion.
- 477. **thief** is a person who steals.
- 478. **tight** is firmly or closely fixed in place.
- 479. **tissue** is as in tissue paper.
- 480. **toad** is an amphibian, a close relative of the frog.
- 481. **toast** is sliced bread that has been browned by heat.
- 482. **toboggan** is a long, narrow, flat-bottomed sled.
- 483. **tombstone** is a marker on a tomb or grave.
- 484. **tough** means strong and durable.
- 485. **trample** is to tread or stamp heavily.
- 486. **tricycle** is a three-wheeled vehicle for children.
- 487. **typewriter** is a machine to produce letters and characters on paper.
- 488. **ukulele** is a small, guitar-like instrument.
- 489. **unanswerable** is not capable of being answered.
- 490. **unconscious** means without awareness or cognition.
- 491. **vacuum** is a space entirely devoid of matter.
- 492. **vanilla** is as in the flavor.
- 493. **villain** is a cruelly malicious person.

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- 494. **warranty** is assurance.
- 495. **weigh** is to determine the force of gravity on an object by using a scale.
- 496. **weird** is unearthly or uncanny.
- 497. **wield** is to exercise power or authority.
- 498. **yacht** is a private cruising vessel.
- 499. **yolk** is the yellow substance of an egg.

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Intermediate Challenge Words – Grades 6-8 (List 1)

1. **aardwolf** is a hyena-like animal of southern and eastern Africa.
2. **aberration** is departing from the usual course.
3. **abridgment** is a shortened form of a book.
4. **abscission** is sudden termination.
5. **acerbate** is to make sour or bitter.
6. **aficionado** is a devotee of something.
7. **algorithm** is a set of rules for solving a problem.
8. **alignment** is arrangement in a straight line.
9. **allocution** is a formal speech.
10. **ancillary** is a subordinate or subsidiary.
11. **apocalypse** is widespread destruction or disaster.
12. **applique** is ornamentation applied to a material.
13. **archetype** (arkitype) is the original model.
14. **avenge** is to exact satisfaction for.
15. **babushka** is a woman's scarf.
16. **baccalaureate** is a religious service held before commencement day.
17. **balalaika** is a Russian musical instrument.
18. **baroque** pertains to architecture and art from 17th century Italy.
19. **barracuda** is a long, predaceous fish.
20. **bayou** is a marshy arm of a river, usually sluggish or stagnant.
21. **beleaguer** is to surround with troubles.
22. **belligerence** is a hostile attitude.
23. **beret** is a soft, visorless cap.
24. **bivouac** is a military encampment.
25. **blithe** is joyous, glad or cheerful.
26. **boatswain** is a warrant officer on a warship.
27. **bourgeois** is to be a member of the middle class.
28. **boutique** is a small shop within a larger [store](#).
29. **boutonniere** is a flower worn by a man in his lapel.
30. **boysenberry** is a blackberry-like fruit.
31. **buoy** is a float used to mark a water channel.
32. **cabaret** is a restaurant providing food, drink and music.
33. **calisthenics** are gymnastic exercises.
34. **callous** is hard or indifferent.
35. **camouflage** is hiding oneself from one's enemy.
36. **cannoneer** is an artilleryman.
37. **cantankerous** is disagreeable to deal with.
38. **cardiopulmonary** pertaining to the heart and lungs.
39. **carnivorous** means flesh-eating.
40. **catastrophe** is a sudden and widespread disaster.

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41. **celerity** is swiftness, speed.
42. **censer** a container in which incense is burned.
43. **changeable** is liable to change or to be changed.
44. **chaparral** is a dense growth of shrubs or trees (southwest).
45. **commemorate** is to serve as a reminder of.
46. **committal** is an act or instance of committing.
47. **connoisseur** is a person competent to pass critical judgment.
48. **convalescence** is the gradual recovery to health after illness.
49. **cornucopia** is the horn of plenty in mythology.
50. **corruptible** is that which can be corrupted.
51. **crevasse** is a fissure in ice or the earth.
52. **croissant** is a rich, buttery crescent-shaped roll.
53. **curmudgeon** is a bad-tempered, cantankerous person.
54. **cynic** is a person who believes in selfishness as prime motivation.
55. **dachshund** is a long, German dog.
56. **decaffeinate** is to extract caffeine from.
57. **deliverance** is an act or instance of delivering.
58. **denouement** is the final resolution of the intricacies of a plot.
59. **diaphragm** is a part of the human body.
60. **dichotomy** is division into two parts.
61. **dietitian** is a person who is an expert on nutrition.
62. **diphthong** is an unsegmented gliding speech sound
63. **docile** is easily handled or manageable.
64. **echo** is a repetition of sound produced by reflection of sound waves.
65. **eclair** is a finger-shaped creampuff.
66. **eczema** is an inflammatory condition of the skin.
67. **effervescent** is bubbling, vivacious or gay.
68. **eloquence** is using language with fluency and aptness.
69. **encumbrance** is something burdensome.
70. **exquisite** is of special beauty or charm.
71. **extemporaneous** is done without special preparation.
72. **facsimile** is an exact copy.
73. **fallacious** means logically unsound.
74. **fascinate** is to attract and hold attentively.
75. **fauna** are the animals of a region considered as a whole.
76. **flocculent** is like a clump of wool.
77. **foliage** is the leaves of a plant.
78. **forage** is food for cattle or horses.
79. **forsythia** is a shrub of the olive family.
80. **fraught** means full of or accompanied by.
81. **fuchsia** is a bright, purplish-red color.
82. **gauche** means lacking in social grace.
83. **genre** is a class of artistic endeavor having a particular form.

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84. **germane** means relevant.
85. **gerrymander** is dividing election districts to suit one group or party.
86. **glockenspiel** is a musical instrument.
87. **gnash** is to grind or strike the teeth together.
88. **granary** is a storehouse for grain.
89. **grippe** is the former name for influenza.
90. **guillotine** a device for execution.
91. **hallelujah** means praise ye the lord.
92. **handwrought** is formed or shaped by hand, esp. metal objects.
93. **harebrained** means giddy or reckless.
94. **harpsichord** is a keyboard instrument, precursor of the piano.
95. **haughty** is disdainfully proud.
96. **heir** is a person who inherits.
97. **hemorrhage** is a profuse discharge of blood.
98. **heterogeneous** is different in kind, unlike.
99. **hoard** is a supply that is carefully guarded or hidden.
100. **holocaust** is a great or complete destruction.
101. **homogenize** is to form by blending unlike elements.
102. **homonym** is a word the same in spelling and sound, but different in meaning.
103. **horde** is a large group, a multitude.
104. **humoresque** is a musical composition of humorous character.
105. **hydraulic** is employing water or other liquids in motion.
106. **hydrolysis** is chemical decomposition by reacting with water.
107. **hypothesis** is a proposition set forth to explain some occurrence.
108. **hysterical** is of or pertaining to hysteria.
109. **idyll** is a composition, usually describing pastoral scenes or any appealing incident, or the like.
110. **iguana** is a large lizard native to central and south America.
111. **imperceptible** is very slight, gradual or subtle.
112. **impetuous** is characterized by sudden or rash action.
113. **impossible** means not possible or unable to be done.
114. **impromptu** means done without previous preparation.
115. **incidence** means the rate of change or occurrence.
116. **indicator** is a person or thing that indicates.
117. **infallible** is absolutely trustworthy or sure.
118. **inferior** is lower in station, rank or degree.
119. **insurgence** is an act of rebellion.
120. **interfere** is to meddle in the affairs of others.
121. **invoice** is an itemized bill for goods or services.
122. **iridescent** is displaying a play of bright colors, like a rainbow.
123. **isle** is a small island.
124. **isthmus** is a narrow strip of land with water on both sides, connecting two larger strips of land.

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125. **jackal** is a wild dog of Asia and Africa.
126. **Jacuzzi** is a trade name for a whirlpool bath and related products.
127. **joist** is a beam used to support ceilings or floors or the like.
128. **juxtaposition** is the act of placing close together.
129. **Kaiser** is a German or Austrian emperor.
130. **kaleidoscope** is a continually shifting pattern or scene.
131. **ketch** is a two-masted sailing vessel.
132. **knave** is an unprincipled or dishonest person.
133. **knell** is the sound made by a bell rung slowly, at a death.
134. **knoll** is a small, rounded hill.
135. **labyrinth** is an intricate combination of paths in which it is difficult to find the exit.
136. **laconic** is using few words, being concise.
137. **laggard** is a lingerer; loiterer.
138. **lagoon** is an area of shallow water separated from the sea by sandy dunes.
139. **laryngitis** is the inflammation of the larynx.
140. **larynx** is the structure in which the vocal cords are located.
141. **lavender** is a pale bluish purple.
142. **legionnaire** is a member of any legion.
143. **leprechaun** is a dwarf or sprite in Ireland.
144. **liege** is a feudal lord entitled to allegiance or service.
145. **luau** is a feast of Hawaiian food.
146. **luscious** is highly pleasing to the taste or smell.
147. **lyre** is a musical instrument of ancient Greece, harp-like.
148. **lymphatic** is pertaining to, containing or conveying lymph.
149. **mace** is a club-like, armor-breaking weapon, used in the middle ages.
150. **magnanimous** is generous in forgiving insult or injury.
151. **magnify** is to increase the apparent size of, as does a lens.
152. **malfeasance** is wrongdoing by a public official.
153. **maneuver** is a planned movement of troops or warships, etc.
154. **mantle** is a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape.
155. **marquee** is a projection above a theater entrance, usually containing the name of the feature at the theater.
156. **masquerade** is a party of people wearing masks and other disguises.
157. **mature** is complete in natural growth or development.
158. **maul** is a heavy hammer.
159. **melee** is a confused, hand-to-hand fight among several people.
160. **memento** is a keepsake or souvenir.
161. **mercenary** is working or acting merely for money or reward.
162. **mesquite** is a spiny tree found in western north America.
163. **mettle** is courage or fortitude.
164. **minuscule** means very small.
165. **mirage** is something illusory, without substance or reality.
166. **momentous** is of great or far-reaching importance.

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167. **monastery** is a house occupied by usually monks.
168. **monocle** is an eyeglass for one eye.
169. **morgue** is a place in which bodies are kept.
170. **morphine** is a narcotic used as a pain-killer or sedative.
171. **mosque** is a Muslim temple or place of public worship.
172. **motif** is a recurring subject, theme or idea.
173. **mousse** is a sweetened dessert with whipped cream as a base.
174. **mozzarella** is a mild, white, semi-soft Italian cheese.
175. **muenster** is a white cheese made from whole milk.
176. **municipal** is of or pertaining to a town or city or its government.
177. **mysterious** is full of or involving mystery.
178. **mystique** is an aura of mystery or mystical power surrounding a particular occupation or pursuit.
179. **naughty** means disobedient or mischievous.
180. **neuter** is gender that is neither masculine nor feminine.
181. **nickel** is a coin of the u.s., 20 of which make a dollar.
182. **nickelodeon** is an early motion-picture theater.
183. **nomenclature** are names or terms comprising a set or system.
184. **nonchalant** is coolly unconcerned, unexcited.
185. **nonpareil** is having no equal.
186. **noxious** is harmful or injurious to health.
187. **nuance** is a subtle difference in meaning.
188. **nucleus** is the core.
189. **nuisance** is an obnoxious or annoying person.
190. **nuptial** is of or pertaining to marriage or the ceremony.
191. **nylons** are stockings worn by women.
192. **obnoxious** is highly objectionable or offensive.
193. **obsolescent** means passing out of use, as a word.
194. **occurrence** is the action, fact or instance of happening.
195. **ocelot** is a spotted, leopard-like cat, ranging from Texas to south America.
196. **ogre** is a monster in fairy tales.
197. **onyx** is black.
198. **ophthalmology** is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.
199. **ordnance** is cannon or artillery.
200. **orphan** is a child who has lost both parents through death.
201. **oscillate** is to swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum.
202. **overwrought** is extremely excited or agitated.
203. **oxygen** is the element constituting about one-fifth of the atmosphere.
204. **pacifist** is a person who is opposed to war or to violence of any kind.
205. **palette** is a board with a thumb hole, used by painters to mix colors.
206. **palomino** is a horse with a golden coat, and a white mane and tail.

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- 207. **pamphlet** is a short essay, generally controversial, on some subject of contemporary interest.
- 208. **pantomime** is the art of conveying things through gestures, without speech.
- 209. **papacy** is the office, dignity or jurisdiction of the pope.
- 210. **parable** is a short story designed to illustrate some truth.
- 211. **paralysis** is a loss of movement in a body part, caused by disease or injury.
- 212. **paraphernalia** is apparatus necessary for a particular activity.
- 213. **parishioner** is one of the inhabitants of a parish.
- 214. **parochial** is of or pertaining to a parish or parishes.
- 215. **parody** is a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature.
- 216. **parquet** is a floor composed of strips or blocks of wood forming a pattern.
- 217. **partition** is a division into portions or shares.
- 218. **pasture** is grass used to feed livestock.
- 219. **patriarch** is the male head of a family or tribal line.
- 220. **patrician** is a person of noble rank; an aristocrat.
- 221. **paunchy** is having a large and protruding belly.
- 222. **pause** is a temporary stop or rest.
- 223. **pavilion** is a building used for shelter, concerts, or exhibits.
- 224. **peak** is the pointed top of a mountain.
- 225. **penchant** is a strong inclination or liking for something.
- 226. **penguin** is a flightless bird of the southern hemisphere.
- 227. **penicillin** is an antibiotic of low toxicity.
- 228. **penitentiary** is a prison maintained for serious offenders.
- 229. **perennial** is lasting for a long time; enduring.
- 230. **periphery** is the external boundary of any area.
- 231. **perjury** is lying under oath.
- 232. **perseverance** is doggedness, steadfastness.
- 233. **persuade** is to prevail on a person to do something.
- 234. **peruse** is to read through with care.
- 235. **pesticide** is a chemical preparation to destroy pests.
- 236. **petition** is a formally drawn request.
- 237. **phalanx** is a body of troops in close array.
- 238. **phenomenon** is a fact or occurrence observed or observable.
- 239. **philosopher** is one who offers views on profound subjects.
- 240. **phoenix** is a mythical bird able to rise from its own ashes.
- 241. **physics** is the science that deals with matter, energy, motion and force.
- 242. **picturesque** is visually charming or quaint.
- 243. **peace** is a country's condition when not involved in war.
- 244. **pinnacle** is a lofty peak.
- 245. **pinafore** is a child's apron.
- 246. **pixie** is a fairy or sprite, especially a mischievous one.
- 247. **placard** is a paperboard sign or notice.
- 248. **placebo** is a pill with no medicine but used to soothe a patient.

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- 249. **plaid** is any fabric woven of differently colored yarns in a cross-barred pattern.
- 250. **plight** is a condition or situation especially an unfavorable one.
- 251. **plumber** is a person who installs and repairs piping, fixtures, etc.
- 252. **pneumonia** is inflammation of the lungs with congestion.
- 253. **poignant** is keenly distressing to the feelings.
- 254. **poinsettia** is sometimes called the Christmas flower.
- 255. **politicize** is to bring a political flavor to.
- 256. **populous** means heavily populated.
- 257. **porridge** is a food made of cereal, boiled to a thick consistency in water or milk.
- 258. **posse** is a force armed with legal authority.
- 259. **posthumous** is arising, occurring, or continuing after one's death.
- 260. **potpourri** is any mixture of unrelated objects, subjects, etc.
- 261. **practitioner** is a person engaged in the practice of a profession or occupation.
- 262. **prairie** is a tract of grassland; a meadow.
- 263. **precise** is definitely or strictly stated.
- 264. **prerogative** is an exclusive right or privilege.
- 265. **prestigious** is having a high reputation.
- 266. **prey** is an animal hunted or seized for food.
- 267. **principle** is an accepted or professed rule of action or conduct.
- 268. **pronunciation** is an accepted standard of the sound and stress patterns of a syllable or word.
- 269. **psalm** is a sacred song or hymn.
- 270. **psychology** is the science of the mind or of mental states and processes.
- 271. **purge** is to cleanse or to purify.
- 272. **quaff** is to drink a beverage.
- 273. **quandary** is a state of uncertainty.
- 274. **quarantine** is a strict isolation.
- 275. **questionnaire** is a list of questions submitted for replies.
- 276. **queue** is a braid of hair or a line of people.
- 277. **quiche** is a dish with cheeses and other vegetables.
- 278. **quintessence** is the pure and concentrated essence of a substance.
- 279. **rabble** is a disorderly crowd; mob.
- 280. **raffle** is a form of a lottery.
- 281. **rambunctious** is difficult to control or handle.
- 282. **rancid** is having an unpleasant smell or taste.
- 283. **raspberry** is the fruit of a shrub.
- 284. **ratchet** is a tool.
- 285. **rationale** is the fundamental reason serving to account for something.
- 286. **recede** means to go or move away.
- 287. **recluse** is a person who lives apart or in seclusion.
- 288. **reconnaissance** is the act of reconnoitering.
- 289. **rectify** is to make or set right.
- 290. **recurrence** is an act of something happening again.

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- 291. **reggae** is a style of Jamaican popular music.
- 292. **rehearse** is to practice.
- 293. **reign** is the period during which a sovereign sits on a throne.
- 294. **rein** is the leather strap used to control a horse.
- 295. **remembrance** is a memory.
- 296. **reminiscence** is the process of recalling experiences.
- 297. **requisition** is the act of requiring or demanding.
- 298. **rescind** is to annul or repeal.
- 299. **respondent** is a person who responds or makes replies.
- 300. **resume** is a summing up, a summary.
- 301. **resurrection** is the act of rising from the dead.
- 302. **revise** is to amend or alter.
- 303. **rhapsodic** is ecstatic or extravagantly enthusiastic.
- 304. **rhetoric** is bombast or the undue use of exaggeration or display.
- 305. **rhubarb** is a plant of the buckwheat family.
- 306. **right** is in accordance with what is good or just.
- 307. **rigor** is strictness, severity or hardness.
- 308. **rotor** is a rotating part of a machine.
- 309. **rouge** is any of various red cosmetics for cheek and lips.
- 310. **roulette** is a game of chance.
- 311. **rubella** is a disease also called German measles.
- 312. **sable** is an old world weasel-like animal.
- 313. **sachet** is a small bag containing perfuming powder or the like.
- 314. **sacrilegious** is pertaining to the violation of anything sacred.
- 315. **saffron** is a crocus having showy, purple flowers.
- 316. **salutatorian** is the person ranking second in the graduating class.
- 317. **sanctimonious** is making a hypocritical show of religious devotion.
- 318. **sapphire** is a gem with a blue color.
- 319. **sarcasm** is harsh or bitter derision or irony.
- 320. **satellite** is a body that revolves around a planet, a moon.
- 321. **sauerkraut** is cabbage allowed to ferment until sour.
- 322. **sauna** is a bath that uses dry heat to induce perspiration.
- 323. **scandalous** is disgraceful or shocking behavior.
- 324. **scarab** is a beetle regarded as sacred by the ancient Egyptians.
- 325. **scenario** is the outline of a plot of a dramatic work.
- 326. **scepter** is a rod held as an emblem of regal or imperial power.
- 327. **schizophrenia** is a severe mental disorder.
- 328. **schnauzer** is a German breed of medium-sized dogs.
- 329. **sciatic** is pertaining to the back of the hip.
- 330. **scour** is to remove dirt by hard scrubbing.
- 331. **scourge** is a cause of affliction or calamity.
- 332. **scrod** is a young Atlantic codfish or haddock.
- 333. **scruple** is a moral standard that acts as a restraining force.

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- 334. **sculptor** is a person who practices the art of sculpture.
- 335. **seance** is a meeting in which people try to communicate with spirits.
- 336. **seclude** is to withdraw into solitude.
- 337. **seine** is a fishing net.
- 338. **semaphore** is an apparatus for conveying visual signals.
- 339. **sensuous** means pertaining to or affecting the senses.
- 340. **separate** means to keep apart or divide.
- 341. **sepulcher** is a tomb, grave or burial place.
- 342. **sequoia** is a large tree, aka redwood.
- 343. **sergeant** is a noncommissioned officer above the rank of corporal.
- 344. **serial** is anything published in short installments at regular intervals.
- 345. **sew** is to join or attach by stitches.
- 346. **shackle** is something used to secure the wrist, leg, etc.
- 347. **sheathe** is to put a sword into a sheath.
- 348. **sheen** is luster, brightness, radiance.
- 349. **shrew** is a woman of violent temper and speech.
- 350. **shroud** is a cloth or sheet in which a corpse is wrapped for burial.
- 351. **sierra** is a chain of hills or mountains, the peaks of which suggest the teeth of a saw.
- 352. **silhouette** is a two-dimensional representation of the outline of an object.
- 353. **simile** is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, as in she is like a rose.
- 354. **simultaneous** is occurring or operating at the same time.
- 355. **singe** is to burn slightly, to scorch.
- 356. **siphon** is a tube bent into legs of unequal length, for getting liquid from one container to another.
- 357. **skeptic** is a person who questions the validity of something.
- 358. **skew** is to turn aside or swerve.
- 359. **slaughter** is the killing of cattle, etc., for food.
- 360. **sleigh** is a vehicle on runners, especially used over snow or ice.
- 361. **sleight** is skill or dexterity.
- 362. **sleuth** is a detective.
- 363. **slough (sloo)** is an area of soft, muddy ground.
- 364. **sojourn** is a temporary stay.
- 365. **solder** is an alloy fused and applied to the joint between metal objects to unite them.
- 366. **solemn** is grave or sober or mirthless.
- 367. **sovereign** is a monarch or a king.
- 368. **spasm** is a sudden involuntary muscular contraction.
- 369. **specter** is a ghost, phantom or apparition.
- 370. **sponsor** is a person who vouches for or is responsible for a person.
- 371. **squabble** is to engage in a petty quarrel.
- 372. **squeak** is a short, sharp, shrill cry.
- 373. **squint** is to look with the eyes partly closed.
- 374. **stationery** is writing paper.

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- 375. **stimulus** is something that incites to action or exertion.
- 376. **strait** is a narrow passage of water between 2 larger bodies of water.
- 377. **straitjacket** is a garment made of strong material and designed to bind the arms.
- 378. **stroganoff** is a dish of meat sauteed with onions and cooked in a sauce of sour cream.
- 379. **suave** is smoothly agreeable or polite.
- 380. **subpoena** is the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses.
- 381. **subtle** is thin, tenuous or delicate in meaning.
- 382. **succinct** means expressed in few words, concise, terse.
- 383. **sufficiency** is adequacy.
- 384. **suite** is a number of things forming a set.
- 385. **supersede** is to replace in power, or acceptance.
- 386. **supposition** is something that is supposed; assumption.
- 387. **surety** is security against loss or damage.
- 388. **surrey** is a light carriage for four persons.
- 389. **surrogate** is a person appointed to act for another; a deputy.
- 390. **surveillance** is a watch kept over a person or group.
- 391. **swerve** is to turn aside abruptly.
- 392. **symposium** is a meeting to discuss some subject.
- 393. **synod** is an assembly of church delegates.
- 394. **synonym** is a word having nearly the same meaning as another.
- 395. **syntax** is the study of the rules for the formation of grammatical sentences in a language.
- 396. **tabernacle** is a place or house of worship.
- 397. **tableau** is a picture of a scene.
- 398. **tabular** means arranged into a table.
- 399. **tachometer** is a machine to measure velocity or speed.
- 400. **tacky** is not tasteful or fashionable.
- 401. **tact** is a sense of what to say without raising offense.
- 402. **taffy** is a chewy candy.
- 403. **tail** is the hindmost part of an animal.
- 404. **taint** is a trace of something bad or harmful.
- 405. **tally** is an account or reckoning.
- 406. **tambourine** is a small drum consisting of a circular frame with skin stretched over it and several pairs of metal jingles attached.
- 407. **tandem** is one following or behind the other.
- 408. **tangible** is capable of being touched.
- 409. **tantalize** means to torment with.
- 410. **tapestry** is a fabric used for wall hangings or furniture coverings.
- 411. **tassel** is an ornament consisting of a bunch of threads hanging from a round knob, used on clothing or jewelry.
- 412. **taught** is the past participle of teach.
- 413. **taunt** means to mock.
- 414. **tawdry** means showy or cheap.

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- 415. **tea** is something to drink.
- 416. **tee** is a golfer's aid.
- 417. **technique** is the manner in which the technical skills of a particular art or field of endeavor are used.
- 418. **tedious** means long and tiresome.
- 419. **teeter** means to move unsteadily.
- 420. **telegraph** is an apparatus to send messages to a distant place.
- 421. **telepathy** is communication between minds.
- 422. **telephone** is an apparatus to send sound to distances.
- 423. **temblor** is a tremor; earthquake.
- 424. **tempt** means to entice or allure to do something often considered wrong.
- 425. **tenor** is the meaning that runs through something written or spoken.
- 426. **tense** is stretched tight; high-strung or nervous.
- 427. **terrain** is a tract of land.
- 428. **terse** is neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy.
- 429. **tetanus** is a disease, commonly called lockjaw.
- 430. **thatch** is a material used to cover roofs.
- 431. **thermometer** is a device for measuring temperature.
- 432. **thesaurus** is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms.
- 433. **thesis** is a proposition put forth to be considered.
- 434. **thigh** is between the hip and the knee.
- 435. **thimble** is a small cap, worn over the fingertip to protect it when pushing a needle through a cloth in sewing.
- 436. **third** is next after the second.
- 437. **thistle** is a prickly plant.
- 438. **thorough** is executed without negligence or omissions.
- 439. **thumb** is the short, thick inner digit of the human hand.
- 440. **tier** is one of a series of rows rising one behind or above another.
- 441. **tinsel** is a glittering, metallic substance, usually in strips.
- 442. **titanic** meaning gigantic.
- 443. **titlist** is a titleholder, champion.
- 444. **tobacco** is the plant used in making cigarettes.
- 445. **tongue** is the movable organ in the mouth of humans.
- 446. **tonsillectomy** is the operation removing one or both tonsils.
- 447. **topaz** is a mineral used as a gem.
- 448. **torque** is something that produces rotation.
- 449. **tout** is to solicit business.
- 450. **toxicity** is the degree of being poisonous.
- 451. **traceable** is capable of being traced.
- 452. **trachea** is the windpipe.
- 453. **trait** is a distinguishing characteristic or quality.
- 454. **tranquil** is calm or peaceful.
- 455. **transcend** is to rise above or go beyond.

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- 456. **transient** means not lasting or enduring.
- 457. **translucent** is letting pass through, but not clearly.
- 458. **trapeze** is an apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar attached to two suspending ropes.
- 459. **trauma** is a body wound or shock produced by sudden physical injury.
- 460. **trestle** is a type of frame, used in railroad spans.
- 461. **trichotomy** means divided into three parts.
- 462. **trivial** means of little significance or importance.
- 463. **trough** is a receptacle, usually for drinking from.
- 464. **troupe** is a group of actors or performers, esp. travelers.
- 465. **truancy** is the act of being truant or late.
- 466. **tyrannize** is to exercise absolute control or power.
- 467. **ulcer** is a sore on the skin.
- 468. **uncollectible** means it can't be collected.
- 469. **unkempt** is disheveled or messy.
- 470. **vaccinal** pertaining to vaccine or vaccination.
- 471. **vague** is not clearly expressed or identified.
- 472. **vaudeville** is a theatrical entertainment.
- 473. **vehemence** meaning ardor or fervor.
- 474. **veneer** is a thin layer of wood.
- 475. **vengeance** means violent revenge or getting back.
- 476. **vermicelli** is a form of pasta.
- 477. **victuals** are food supplies.
- 478. **viscount** is a nobleman just below an earl or count.
- 479. **vogue** means something in fashion.
- 480. **vying** is competing or contending.
- 481. **waive** is to give up or to forgo.
- 482. **whack** is to strike with a sharp blow or blows.
- 483. **wheelwright** is a person whose trade is to make wheels.
- 484. **wherever** is in, at or to whatever place.
- 485. **wince** is to draw back or tense the body.
- 486. **wrack** is wreck or wreckage.
- 487. **wreak** to inflict or execute as punishment or vengeance.
- 488. **wren** is a small, active songbird.
- 489. **yeoman** is a petty officer in a navy.
- 490. **zeppelin** is a rigid airship or dirigible.
- 491. **zoological** is of or pertaining to zoology.
- 492. **zucchini** is a variety of summer squash.

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Advanced Challenge Words – Grades 6-8 (List 2)

1. **abaciscus** is a small abacus.
2. **abatjour** is a device, as a skylight, for diverting light into buildings.
3. **abattoir** is a slaughterhouse.
4. **abecedarian** is a person who is learning the letters of the alphabet.
5. **abeyant** means temporarily suspended.
6. **absorbefacient** means causing absorption.
7. **acaulescent** means either stemless or without a visible stem.
8. **accoucheur** is a person who assists during childbirth.
9. **acquiesce** means to comply or submit.
10. **aerogramme** is a pre-stamped, lightweight paper that folds into its own envelope.
11. **affenpinscher** is a breed of dog with wiry hair.
12. **Afrikaans** is an official language of south Africa.
13. **ageusia** is the loss of the sense of taste.
14. **albescent** means to become whitish.
15. **alette** (*ahleet*) is a small wing of a building.
16. **amethyst** is a purple quartz, used as a gem.
17. **amphitheater** is an oval or round building with an open central area.
18. **ampullaceous** means bottle-shaped.
19. **anathematize** means to denounce or to curse.
20. **androgynous** means being both male and female.
21. **ankh** is an Egyptian cross used as a symbol of enduring life.
22. **anopheles** is a malaria-causing mosquito.
23. **apartheid** a rigid policy of segregation in south Africa.
24. **appaloosa** is a hardy breed of riding horse.
25. **aqueous** is of or pertaining to water, watery.
26. **armoire** is a large wardrobe or movable cupboard.
27. **arrhythmia** is any interruption in the heartbeat.
28. **ascetic** is a person who practices self-denial for religious reasons.
29. **aurochs** is a black European wild ox, extinct since 1627.
30. **autocephalous** is a bishop subordinate to no superior authority.
31. **avuncular** pertains to an uncle.
32. **azimuth** is the angle of horizontal deviation of a bearing from a standard direction.
33. **babiche** is a thong used in making snowshoes.
34. **bacchanal** is a drunken revelry.
35. **bacciferous** means bearing or producing berries.
36. **badinage** is light, playful banter.
37. **bagatelle** is something of little value.
38. **bagheera** is a velvet used to make evening wear and wraps.
39. **baize** is a felt used on tops of billiard tables.
40. **baksheesh** is a tip or gratuity _ used in the middle east.

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41. **banquette** is a long bench with an upholstered seat.
42. **bassarisk** is a carnivorous mammal.
43. **bdellium** is a resin obtained from plants (dellium).
44. **bellwether** is someone who assumes leadership.
45. **beneficence** is the doing of good.
46. **beriberi** is a disease caused by a vitamin b1 deficiency.
47. **beryllium** is a hard, light metallic element.
48. **bight** is the middle part of a rope.
49. **bludgeon** is a short, heavy club with one heavier end.
50. **boudoir** is a woman's private sitting room.
51. **bouffant** means puffed out, as in a teased hairdo.
52. **brooch** is a clasp or ornament.
53. **bucolic** is of or pertaining to shepherds.
54. **bumbershoot** is a name for an umbrella.
55. **cacophony** is a harsh discordance of sound.
56. **caique** is a single-masted sailing vessel (Mediterranean).
57. **caliph** is a spiritual leader of Islam.
58. **cantle** is the hind part of a saddle.
59. **carillon** is a set of bells sounded by manual or pedal action.
60. **Carrefour** (*carrefour*) is a crossroads, a road junction.
61. **cartouche** a surface for receiving a painted decoration.
62. **casque** is an open conical helmet with a nose guard (medieval).
63. **catafalque** is a raised structure on which the body of a dead person lies.
64. **catarrh** an inflammation of a mucous membrane.
65. **caterwaul** is to utter long wailing cries, as a cat.
66. **cauterize** is to burn for curative purposes.
67. **cayuse** is an Indian pony.
68. **ceraceous** is waxlike or waxy.
69. **chancre** is the initial lesion of infectious diseases.
70. **chattel** is a movable item of personal property.
71. **chlorofluorocarbon** is a substance blamed for the hole in the ozone layer.
72. **cirrhosis** is a disease of the liver.
73. **claque** a group of people hired to applaud an act or performer.
74. **colonnade** a series of regularly spaced columns.
75. **contemn** means to treat with disdain or scorn.
76. **continuum** is a continuous extent, series or whole.
77. **convivial** means friendly or agreeable.
78. **copacetic** means fine, completely satisfactory.
79. **corporeity** is materiality.
80. **cuirass** (*kwirass*) is defensive armor for the torso.
81. **culottes** are women's trousers, usually knee or calf-length.
82. **dahlia** is a flower.
83. **daguerreotype** is an obsolete photographic process.

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84. **deign** to think fit or to condescend.
85. **demagoguery** are methods or practices of a demagogue.
86. **demesne** is possession of land as one's own.
87. **demitasse** is a small cup for serving strong black coffee.
88. **desiccate** is to dry thoroughly.
89. **dhow** is a sailing vessel used by Arabs.
90. **diaphanous** means very sheer and light.
91. **dilettante** is a person who takes up an occupation as an amusement.
92. **dinghy** is a small boat designed as a lifeboat.
93. **dispossess** is to put a person out of a possession, esp. property.
94. **dormouse** is a small rodent resembling a small squirrel.
95. **doubloon** is a former gold coin of Spain.
96. **dysentery** is an infectious disease.
97. **ecru** is a very light brown.
98. **edelweiss** is a small plant growing in the alps.
99. **egregious** is extraordinary in some bad way.
100. **emphysema** is an irreversible disease of the lungs.
101. **ephemeral** is lasting a very short time.
102. **epiphany** is a Christian festival.
103. **equestrienne** is a woman who rides horses.
104. **ersatz** means serving as a substitute.
105. **escutcheon** is a shield on which a coat of arms is depicted.
106. **euchre** is a game of cards.
107. **eviscerate** is to disembowel.
108. **exsiccate** is to remove the moisture from.
109. **facetious** means not to be taken seriously.
110. **fasciation** is the act of bandaging.
111. **fiefdom** is the estate of a feudal lord.
112. **finagle** is to cheat or swindle someone.
113. **fizgig** is a firework that makes a hissing sound.
114. **flaccid** means soft and limp.
115. **fluxion** is an act of flowing.
116. **formaldehyde** is a colorless, toxic gas.
117. **frankincense** is an aromatic gum resin used as incense.
118. **fricassee** is meat browned, stewed and served in its own sauce.
119. **frieze** is a decorative band on an outside wall.
120. **fulsome** means offensive to good taste.
121. **fusillade** is a simultaneous discharge of firearms.
122. **gabardine** is a firm, tightly woven fabric.
123. **gallimaufry** is a hodgepodge, a jumble.
124. **garrote** is a method of capital punishment.
125. **gesundheit** is used to wish good health after a sneeze.
126. **gewgaw** is a trinket or bauble.

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127. **ghillie** is a low-cut, tongueless shoe.
128. **glaucescent** means becoming a light bluish-green.
129. **glyph** is a pictograph or hieroglyph.
130. **gneiss** is a metamorphic rock.
131. **gnome** is a small being that guards the interior treasures of earth.
132. **gnosis** is knowledge of spiritual matters.
133. **godet** is a triangular piece of fabric inserted to give fullness.
134. **golliwogg** is a grotesque person.
135. **grandiloquence** is a speech that is lofty, often to being pompous.
136. **guillemot** is a seabird of northern waters.
137. **gyve** is a shackle for the leg.
138. **habiliments** is clothing.
139. **hackamore** is a simple, looped bridle for a horse.
140. **halcyon** means calm or peaceful.
141. **halophyte** is a plant that thrives in saline soil.
142. **handbreadth** is a unit of linear measure.
143. **hartebeest** is a large African antelope.
144. **hegemony** is leadership or predominant influence by one nation.
145. **hematozoon** is a parasitic protozoan that lives in the blood.
146. **herbage** (*erbij*) nonwoody vegetation.
147. **hierarchy** is a system of things ranked above each other.
148. **hieroglyphic** is the pictograph type of script used by Egypt.
149. **hirsute** is hairy or shaggy.
150. **histrionic** is of or pertaining to actors or acting.
151. **hoatzin** is a blue-faced bird of the Amazon forests.
152. **hootenanny** is a social gathering featuring folk singing.
153. **horripilation** is also known as goose flesh or goose bumps.
154. **howdah** is a seat placed on the back of an elephant.
155. **hoyden** is another name for a tomboy.
156. **hydrangea** is a plant with showy flower clusters.
157. **hydrofluoric** is of or derived from hydrofluoric acid.
158. **hyena** is a doglike carnivore of Africa.
159. **hyperpyrexia** is an abnormally high fever.
160. **hypnotize** is to put into the hypnotic state.
161. **hypotenuse** is the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.
162. **ichneumon** (*iknoomen*) is also called the African mongoose.
163. **ichthyophagist** is a person who subsists on fish.
164. **idiosyncrasy** is a characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual, incident, or the like.
165. **impeccable** is faultless or flawless.
166. **imprecise** means not precise or exact.
167. **incise** (*insize*) means to cut into.
168. **indubitable** is something that can't be doubted.
169. **inexorable** is unyielding or unalterable.

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- 170. **ingurgitate** is to swallow greedily.
- 171. **iniquitous** is wicked, sinful.
- 172. **innuendo** is an indirect intimation about a person or thing, usually of a derogatory nature.
- 173. **inscrutable** is incapable of being investigated or analyzed.
- 174. **insomnolence** is sleeplessness.
- 175. **intermezzo** is a short musical entertainment, between the acts of a drama or opera.
- 176. **interregnum** is the time between the close of reign and the beginning of the next.
- 177. **intransigent** is refusing to agree or compromise.
- 178. **inveigle** is to entice by flattery or artful talk.
- 179. **inveigh** is to protest strongly or attack vehemently with words.
- 180. **irascible** is easily provoked to anger.
- 181. **jalousie** is a window made of glass slats.
- 182. **jambalaya** is a dish of creole origin.
- 183. **jocose** is given to joking or jesting.
- 184. **juvenescent** is being youthful; young.
- 185. **kepi** is a French military cap.
- 186. **kinkajou** is an arboreal animal of central and south America.
- 187. **klaxon** is a loud, electric horn.
- 188. **klieg** is a powerful type of arc light once used in the movies.
- 189. **kowtow** is to show servile deference.
- 190. **lacerate** is to tear roughly; mangle.
- 191. **lachrymal** is of or pertaining to tears.
- 192. **languid** is lacking in vigor or vitality.
- 193. **layette** is an outfit of clothing or bedding for a newborn baby.
- 194. **legerdemain** is sleight of hand or trickery.
- 195. **licit** is legal or lawful.
- 196. **limn** is to represent in drawing or painting.
- 197. **locus** is a place or a locality.
- 198. **loquacious** is talking or tending to talk too freely.
- 199. **lucent** means shining.
- 200. **lynx** is a wildcat of Canada and the northern u.s.
- 201. **macaque** is a monkey, characterized by cheek pouches and short tail.
- 202. **maelstrom** is a large, powerful, or violent whirlpool.
- 203. **manatee** is an aquatic mammal of coastal waters, with 2 front flippers and a broad, spoon-shaped tail.
- 204. **maraud** is to make a raid for booty.
- 205. **marionette** is a puppet manipulated from above by strings.
- 206. **marten** is an animal of northern forests.
- 207. **mastiff** is a large, powerful, short-haired dog.
- 208. **matriarch** is the female head of a tribal or family line.
- 209. **mellifluous** is sweetly or smoothly flowing.
- 210. **menace** is something that threatens to cause harm or evil.

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- 211. **mendacious** is telling lies, especially habitually.
- 212. **meringue** is a topping for pies, pastry, etc.
- 213. **mesmerize** is to hypnotize.
- 214. **metamorphose** is to change the form or nature of, to transform.
- 215. **meticulous** is taking extreme care about tiny details.
- 216. **mezzanine** is the lowest balcony in a theater.
- 217. **microcosm** is a world in miniature.
- 218. **millennium** is a period of 1,000 years.
- 219. **mnemonic** is assisting or intended to assist the memory.
- 220. **mocha** is a choice variety of coffee.
- 221. **monocoque** is a type of aircraft in which the shell carries most of the stresses.
- 222. **morass** is a tract or low, soft, wet ground.
- 223. **morose** is gloomy or sullenly ill-humored.
- 224. **mote** is a small particle, as in dust.
- 225. **mottle** is a diversifying spot or blotch of color.
- 226. **mufti** are civilian clothes.
- 227. **multiplicand** is a number to be multiplied by another.
- 228. **munificent** means one who is very generous.
- 229. **myrrh** is an aromatic resinous exudation from certain plants.
- 230. **naphtha** (*nafta*) is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate.
- 231. **narcissism** is excessive self-love; vanity.
- 232. **nascent** is beginning to exist or develop.
- 233. **nebulous** is hazy, vague or indistinct.
- 234. **neigh** is to utter the cry of a horse; to whinny.
- 235. **nemesis** is something a person can't conquer.
- 236. **newt** is a brilliantly colored salamander.
- 237. **nexus** is a means of connection; a tie; a link.
- 238. **niche** is an ornamental recess in a wall.
- 239. **nigh** means near in space, time or relation.
- 240. **nihilism** is total rejection of established laws and institutions.
- 241. **nonce** is the present, or immediate, occasion or purpose.
- 242. **nouveau** is newly or recently created, developed, or come to prominence.
- 243. **obeisance** is a bow or a curtsy.
- 244. **objurgate** is to denounce vehemently; to upbraid sharply.
- 245. **obloquy** is abusive language aimed at a person.
- 246. **obsequious** showing servile deference; fawning on someone.
- 247. **obstreperous** means unruly.
- 248. **occlude** is to close, shut, or stop up.
- 249. **oleaginous** means having the nature or qualities of oil.
- 250. **omniscience** is infinite knowledge.
- 251. **onerous** is burdensome or troublesome.
- 252. **opalesce** is to exhibit a play of colors like that of the opal.
- 253. **opprobrious** is outrageously disgraceful or shameful.

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- 254. **ostracism** is exclusion from social acceptance.
- 255. **oxymoron** is a seemingly contradictory figure of speech, like cruel kindness.
- 256. **pachyderm** is an elephant.
- 257. **paean** is a song of praise, joy or triumph.
- 258. **panacea** is a remedy for all disease or ills.
- 259. **panache** is a grand or flamboyant manner.
- 260. **panegyric** is a lofty oration in praise of a person or thing.
- 261. **panoply** is a wide-ranging and impressive array or display.
- 262. **papyrus** is a tall, aquatic plant, native to the Nile valley.
- 263. **pariah** is an outcast.
- 264. **parlance** is a way or manner of speaking.
- 265. **parry** is to ward off a thrust, as in fencing.
- 266. **parsec** is a unit of distance equal to 3.26 light-years.
- 267. **patella** is the kneecap.
- 268. **peccadillo** is a very minor or slight sin or offense.
- 269. **peccary** is a piglike hoofed animal of north and south America.
- 270. **peignoir** is a woman's dressing gown.
- 271. **pendulous** is hanging down loosely.
- 272. **penultimate** the next to the last.
- 273. **penury** is extreme poverty.
- 274. **perfidy** is a deliberate breach of trust; treachery.
- 275. **perihelion** is the point at which a planet is closest to the sun.
- 276. **perniciou** means ruinous; injurious; hurtful.
- 277. **perquisite** is a gratuity or tip.
- 278. **perspicuous** is clearly expressed or presented.
- 279. **pestle** is a tool to grind substances in a mortar.
- 280. **pharmaceutical** pertains to pharmacy or pharmacists.
- 281. **phlegmatic** is not easily excited to action.
- 282. **pique** is to affect with sharp irritation.
- 283. **piranha** is a small south American fish that eat fish, animals and sometimes attack humans.
- 284. **pirogue** is an American boat, a dugout.
- 285. **pirouette** is a whirling about on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing.
- 286. **plagiarize** is to take ideas and works of another and pass it off as one's own.
- 287. **platypus** is a small, egg-laying animal of Australia.
- 288. **plebeian** is belonging or pertaining to the common people.
- 289. **plebiscite** is a direct vote of the voters of a state in regard to some important public question.
- 290. **polychrome** is being of many or various colors.
- 291. **posit** is to place, put or set.
- 292. **precocious** is prematurely developed.
- 293. **precursor** is a person or thing that precedes.

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- 294. **prescience** is knowledge of things before they exist or happen.
- 295. **propitious** means favorable.
- 296. **psilosis** means a falling out of the hair.
- 297. **psoriasis** is a common skin disease.
- 298. **ptosis** is a drooping of the upper eyelid.
- 299. **pulchritude** is physical beauty; comeliness.
- 300. **pyrrhic** is consisting of two short or unaccented syllables.
- 301. **quadriceps** is a large muscle in front of the thigh.
- 302. **quadrille** is a square dance for four couples.
- 303. **quay** is a landing place along a body of water.
- 304. **querulous** means full of complaints.
- 305. **quiescent** is being at rest; quiet; inactive.
- 306. **quinella** is a type of bet on horse races.
- 307. **quirt** is a riding whip.
- 308. **quoin** is the external solid angle of a wall.
- 309. **quotidian** means daily.
- 310. **rapier** is a small sword, used for thrusting.
- 311. **rappel** is the way to move down a surface in mountaineering.
- 312. **rarefy** is to make rare or rarer.
- 313. **raucous** is harsh or strident.
- 314. **ravenous** means extremely hungry.
- 315. **recalcitrant** means resisting authority.
- 316. **redoubtable** is that that is to be feared; formidable.
- 317. **regurgitate** is to surge or rush back.
- 318. **reparable** is capable of being repaired.
- 319. **repartee** is a quick, witty reply.
- 320. **repugn** is to oppose or refute.
- 321. **reticent** is someone disposed to be silent or not to speak freely.
- 322. **veille** is a signal to alert military personnel to arise.
- 323. **rheumatism** is a disorder of the extremities or back, characterized by stiffness.
- 324. **rhinoceros** is a large African animal.
- 325. **ricochet** is the motion of an object after deflecting from another object.
- 326. **riposte** is a quick, sharp return in speech or action.
- 327. **rococo** is a style of architecture and decoration.
- 328. **rogue** is a dishonest person, a scoundrel.
- 329. **roil** is to disturb or disquiet.
- 330. **roseate** is tinged with rose; rosy.
- 331. **rough** is having a coarse or uneven surface.
- 332. **rouse** is to bring out of a state of sleep.
- 333. **ruse** is a trick.
- 334. **saboteur** is a person who commits sabotage.
- 335. **saccharin** is a sweetener.
- 336. **sacroiliac** is the joint where the sacrum and ilium meet.

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- 337. **sacrosanct** is extremely sacred or inviolable.
- 338. **sagacious** showing acute mental discernment, or being shrewd.
- 339. **saguaro** is a tall, horizontally branched cactus.
- 340. **salaam** is a salutation meaning peace, especially in Islamic countries.
- 341. **sanguinary** means full of bloodshed, bloody.
- 342. **sarsaparilla** is a soft drink made from the extract of a root.
- 343. **satiate** is to supply something to excess.
- 344. **satyr** is a mythological character, half human and half goat or horse.
- 345. **schiffli** is a large, loomlike machine for working patterns in lace.
- 346. **schism** is division or disunion.
- 347. **schlock** means cheap or trashy.
- 348. **schuss** is a straight downhill run at high speed, skiing.
- 349. **scimitar** is a curved, single-edged sword.
- 350. **scintillate** is to emit sparks.
- 351. **scorpioid** is resembling a scorpion.
- 352. **scrimshaw** is a carved article, especially of whale ivory.
- 353. **scrivener** is a scribe.
- 354. **scythe** is an implement used to cut grass or grain by hand.
- 355. **sebaceous** means fatty.
- 356. **secede** is to withdraw formally from an alliance.
- 357. **sedulous** means persevering.
- 358. **segue** (*segway*) means to continue at once with the next musical composition.
- 359. **seismicity** is the frequency of earthquakes in a given area.
- 360. **seneschal** is an officer having full charge of domestic arrangements.
- 361. **sentient** means conscious.
- 362. **septuagenarian** is between 70 and 80 years of age.
- 363. **sequacious** means following with smooth or logical regularity.
- 364. **sequester** is to remove or withdraw into solitude or retirement.
- 365. **serendipity** means good fortune or luck.
- 366. **serge** is a twilled fabric used for clothing.
- 367. **serrate** is notched on the edge like a saw.
- 368. **setaceous** is bristlelike.
- 369. **severance** is the act of severing or the state of being severed.
- 370. **sexton** is a church official charged with taking care of the edifice and its contents.
- 371. **sheaf** is a bundle of wheat, rye, etc.
- 372. **shoal** is a place where a body of water is shallow.
- 373. **sibyl** is a female prophet or witch.
- 374. **sieve** is an instrument with a meshed bottom, used to separate materials.
- 375. **skein** is a length of yarn wound on a reel for use in manufacturing
- 376. **skink** is a lizard common in both the old and new worlds.
- 377. **sleazy** means contemptibly low or disreputable.
- 378. **sloe** is the small, sour fruit of the blackthorn.
- 379. **sluice** is an artificial channel for conducting water.

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- 380. **solecism** is a nonstandard or ungrammatical usage.
- 381. **soliloquy** is a discourse by a person who is talking to himself.
- 382. **sorcerer** is a person who practices black magic.
- 383. **sorghum** is a cereal grass.
- 384. **speciesism** is discrimination in favor of one species over another.
- 385. **specious** is apparently good or right though lacking real merit.
- 386. **sphinx** is a figure of a creature having the head of a man or animal and the body of a lion.
- 387. **spinnet** is a small upright piano.
- 388. **squalor** is filth or misery.
- 389. **squeegee** is an implement edged with rubber to remove water from windows or floors.
- 390. **staid** means of settled character, not flighty.
- 391. **stanchion** is an upright bar as in a window or stall.
- 392. **stiletto** is a short dagger with a thick blade.
- 393. **strafe** is to attack by airplanes with machine-gun fire.
- 394. **strontium** is a strong, metallic element.
- 395. **strychnine** is a colorless, crystalline poison.
- 396. **sturgeon** is a large fish, valued as a source of caviar.
- 397. **subcutaneous** means lying under the skin, as tissue.
- 398. **submersible** is that which is capable of being submerged.
- 399. **suffrutescent** is partially or slightly woody.
- 400. **surcease** is to cease from some action; desist.
- 401. **surfeit** means excess; an excessive amount.
- 402. **suzerain** is a state exercising political control over a dependent state.
- 403. **svelte** is gracefully slender; lithe.
- 404. **sycamore** is a north American tree.
- 405. **sycophancy** is self-seeking or servile flattery.
- 406. **sylph** is a slender, graceful woman or girl.
- 407. **syncopate** is to place accents on beats in music normally not accented.
- 408. **tabasco** is a trademark name for a condiment sauce.
- 409. **tachymeter** is an instrument to rapidly determine distances.
- 410. **taciturn** means inclined to silence.
- 411. **tactician** is a person who is adept at planning tactics.
- 412. **taffeta** is a medium- or light-weight fabric.
- 413. **talisman** is an object that is supposed to possess powers.
- 414. **tallow** is the fatty tissue of animals.
- 415. **talon** is the claw of a bird of prey.
- 416. **tamarind** is the pod of a large tropical tree.
- 417. **tamburitza** is a mandolinlike instrument of southern Slavic regions.
- 418. **tanager** is a songbird found in north America.
- 419. **tankard** is a large drinking cup.
- 420. **tapir** is a three-toed animal resembling a pig in central and south America.

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- 421. **tarantella** is a rapid, whirling Italian dance.
- 422. **tarantula** is a large, hairy spider.
- 423. **tariff** is a list showing duties imposed on imports or exports.
- 424. **tarot** is a card used for fortunetelling.
- 425. **tarry** is to remain or stay awhile.
- 426. **taupe** (*tohp*) is a brownish gray.
- 427. **taut** means tightly drawn.
- 428. **taw** is a fancy marble used as a shooter.
- 429. **tawny** is a shade of brown tinged with yellow.
- 430. **taxable** means capable of being taxed.
- 431. **teak** is a large east Indian tree.
- 432. **tempestuous** means tumultuous or turbulent.
- 433. **tenacious** means holding fast.
- 434. **tenement** is a rundown, often overcrowded apartment house.
- 435. **tenet** is a principle, doctrine or dogma.
- 436. **tequila** is a strong liquor from Mexico.
- 437. **termagant** is a violent or brawling woman.
- 438. **tern** is an aquatic bird.
- 439. **terrarium** is a container for land animals.
- 440. **tertiary** is of the third order.
- 441. **testatrix** is a woman who makes a will.
- 442. **tetrabrach** is a word of four short syllables.
- 443. **thalassic** is of or pertaining to seas or oceans.
- 444. **thence** means from that place.
- 445. **theocracy** is a form of government in which a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler.
- 446. **therapeutics** is the branch of medicine concerned with the remedial treatment of disease.
- 447. **thoracic** is of or pertaining to the thorax.
- 448. **thought** is the product of mental activity.
- 449. **thrall** is one who is in bondage; slave.
- 450. **threshold** is the sill of a doorway.
- 451. **tiara** is a jeweled coronet worn by women.
- 452. **timbre** is the characteristic quality of a sound.
- 453. **tinct** is to tinge or tint, as with color.
- 454. **titillate** is to excite agreeably.
- 455. **tizzy** is a nervous or agitated state.
- 456. **tofu** is a bland, cheeselike food, high in protein content.
- 457. **tome** is a large, heavy book.
- 458. **toque** is a brimless and close-fitting hat for women.
- 459. **tortoise** is a turtle, especially a land turtle.
- 460. **tortuous** means full of twists or turns.
- 461. **toucan** is a large-billed, brightly colored bird.

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- 462. **toupee** is a man's wig.
- 463. **tourniquet** is a device for arresting bleeding.
- 464. **traduce** means to slander or defame.
- 465. **traipse** is to walk or go aimlessly or idly.
- 466. **travois** is a transporting device pulled by an animal.
- 467. **treacle** is contrived sentimentality.
- 468. **triskaidekaphobia** is a fear of the number 13.
- 469. **troglodyte** is a prehistoric cave dweller.
- 470. **troika** is a team of 3 horses driven abreast.
- 471. **trousseau** is clothing, linen, especially for a bride.
- 472. **truculent** is fierce or savagely brutal.
- 473. **truncheon** is a club carried by a police officer.
- 474. **tryst** is an appointment to meet at a certain time and place.
- 475. **tumescant** means swelling.
- 476. **ubiquitous** means omnipresent or being everywhere at the same time.
- 477. **umlaut** is a mark used over a vowel.
- 478. **unconscionable** means unscrupulous or not guided by conscience.
- 479. **unrequited** is not returned or reciprocated.
- 480. **unwonted** is not customary or usual or rare.
- 481. **vacillate** means to waver in opinion.
- 482. **vacuous** means empty.
- 483. **variscite** is a secondary mineral.
- 484. **ventriloquism** means throwing the voice.
- 485. **verisimilitude** means the appearance of truth.
- 486. **vertebrae** are bones composing the spinal column.
- 487. **vertiginous** means whirling or spinning.
- 488. **vexillology** means the study of flags.
- 489. **vicissitude** means a change in the course of things.
- 490. **villein** was an almost free person in the middle ages.
- 491. **virescent** means turning green.
- 492. **viscera** are the organs in the abdominal cavity.
- 493. **viscid** means sticky.
- 494. **vociferous** is crying out noisily.
- 495. **vorticity** is a measure of the circulation of a fluid.
- 496. **waterborne** is floating or moving on water.
- 497. **whet** is to sharpen by grinding or friction.
- 498. **whippoorwill** is a nocturnal north American bird.
- 499. **widgeon** is a common, freshwater duck.
- 500. **wildebeest** is a gnu.
- 501. **wok** is a pan used in cooking Chinese food.
- 502. **wraith** is a visible spirit.
- 503. **xenophobe** is a person who fears or hates foreigners.
- 504. **xyster** is a surgical instrument for scraping bones.

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- 505. **xylose** is a colorless crystalline sugar.
- 506. **yttrium** is a rare metallic element.
- 507. **yurt** is a tentlike dwelling of the Mongols.
- 508. **zephyr** is a gentle breeze.
- 509. **zinciferous** means yielding or containing zinc.
- 510. **zoanthropy** (zoo) is a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.
- 511. **zoopraxiscope** is an early motion projector.
- 512. **zucchetto** is a skullcap worn by roman catholic ecclesiastics.

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Spelling Bee Instructions

1. Line up all the students in front of the room.
2. Ask one student at a time to spell a word.
3. If the student spells it correctly, then he/she remains in the line. If he/she doesn't spell the word correctly, then he/she will be out and asked to sit down.
4. At the end of the CLASS Spelling Bee, the **top 2** students go onto the school Spelling Bee. No "Anticipated Championship word" is required. (Make sure that all students get a chance to finish each round. If in the last round, there are 5 students left and the first 3 students spell incorrectly, the next 2 DO NOT automatically make the School Spelling Bee. They must correctly spell the word in the round first. If only 1 out of the 5 students spells his/her word correctly, then he/she qualifies for the School Spelling Bee. The remaining 4 must continue until only 1 student remains and then he/she will join the other.)
5. Each class list has 50 words. The grade 8 list has 50 words plus 50 challenge words.
6. School Spelling Bee and the Inter-Islamic School Bee will be divided in the following divisions:
 - a. Grade 1
 - b. Grades 2-3
 - c. Grades 4-5
 - d. Grades 6-8
7. For the in class bee, you will start the words according to your grade level and if all the words have been used then move on to the next grade level – or if the judges feel that enough words in a particular grade have been covered, that fairly represent the difficulty of that grade, the pronouncer may begin the words from the next grade.
8. In each division, the words will start off with the lowest grade. So, in the grades 2-3 group, the pronouncer will start with the grade 2 words, in grades 4-5, the words will start with grade 4, and in the grades 6-8, the words will begin from the grade 6 list. Therefore, please encourage your students to practice not only the words in their

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grade but also the words from higher grades and if you teach grades 3, 5 or 7-8, then they should study the words from the lower grades as well in case they make it to the school competition.

9. There are 3 lists of OGS challenge words. If all the words up to the grade 8 challenge list are used (or if the judges feel that enough words in all grades have been covered), the pronouncer may begin the words from the "OGS challenge words". Beginner list for grades 4-5 and starting with the intermediate list for grades 6-8.
10. If parents ask how many words/lists their child should know – potentially all. It's better not to tell them to stop at a certain list because you never know how a competition will turn out.
11. Even though there might be multiple correct spellings of a word (example: parlor and parlour), only the spelling in the lists provided will be used to determine whether the word has been spelled correctly or not.
12. There will be **TWO** winners from each class who will participate in the School Spelling Bee.
13. After the School Spelling Bee, there will be **TWO** winners in each division who will participate in the Inter-Islamic School Spelling Bee.
14. At the Inter-Islamic School Spelling Bee, the rounds will take place at a fast speed. Each division will start with the words from the lowest grade of the division and after each round the words will move onto the next grade level until they reach the OGS Challenge Words. (I.e. grade 6 for the 6-8 division, but after the first round move to 7, then 8, and so on...)
15. All students participating in the School and the Inter-Islamic School Spelling Bees must have a waiver form signed by their parents.

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Spelling Bee Order

In Class

Grade	Word Order
1	Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
2	Grade 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
3	Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
4	Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
5	Grade 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words , Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
6	Grade 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced
7	Grade 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words , Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced
8	Grade 8, 8 Challenge Words , Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced

School Wide and Inter-Islamic Competitions

Division	Word Order
Grade 1	Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
Grades 2-3	Grade 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
Grades 4-5	Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Beginner Challenge Words, Intermediate, Advanced
Grades 6-8	Grade 6, 7, 8, 8 Challenge Words, Intermediate Challenge Words, Advanced

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Spelling Bee Rules & Regulations

The rules have been copied and modified from Canwest CanSpell Spelling Bee.

SPELLER'S ROLE:

After the Pronouncer gives the Speller a word, the Speller shall be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it.

However, no Speller shall be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word before or after spelling it.

The Speller shall make an effort to face the Judges (defined below) and pronounce the word for the Judges before spelling it and after spelling it.

The Speller while facing the judges makes an effort to utter each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the Judges.

The Speller may ask the Pronouncer to pronounce the word again, define it, and use it in a sentence. The Pronouncer shall grant all such requests as long as they are in accordance with applicable time constraints.

If the word starts with a capital, has a hyphen, an apostrophe, a space etc., the speller must clearly indicate that while spelling. Example: Amazon, "capital A-m-a-z-o-n."

Having started to spell a word, a Speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. However, if a Speller in the process of retracing a spelling alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered, he/she will be disqualified.

Upon incorrectly spelling a word, the Speller is immediately eliminated from the respective spelling bee. The next word on the Pronouncer's list is given to the next Speller.

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Misunderstandings: The Speller is responsible for any misunderstanding of the word unless: (1) the Pronouncer never provided a correct pronunciation; (2) the Pronouncer provided incorrect information regarding the definition, or sentence.

Also, if the word is a homophone (where there is another word that sounds like it but has a different spelling/meaning, i.e. week/weak, new/knew, one/won etc.), it's the speller's responsibility to clarify by asking for the definition and/or sentence before proceeding. If the speller spells the incorrect word, they will be disqualified.

While competing in the Spelling Bee, a speller is not permitted to have study material with them, even if it's not their turn to spell a word.

Pronunciation: For the words in the higher grades and the challenge words, dictionary.com will be used for pronunciation by the Pronouncer. Spellers should visit the website if they are unsure of how a word is pronounced.

ROLE OF JUDGES:

The individuals act as judges shall uphold the rules and determine whether or not words are spelled correctly. The Judges will also render final decisions in accordance with the Spelling Bee Rules. The decisions of the Judges shall be final and binding and may not be challenged in any way.

The role of the Judges is to determine whether the Speller has spelled the word correctly. The Judges may not disqualify a Speller for asking a question.

Disqualification for reasons other than clear misspelling: The Judges will disqualify a Speller who: (1) refuses a request to start spelling; (2) does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive a word; (3) engages in unsportsmanlike conduct; (4) in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; and/or (5) in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

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Misunderstandings: The Judges may participate in the exchange of information between the Speller and Pronouncer if they feel that clarification is needed. Also, the Judges listen carefully to the Speller's pronunciation of the word; and, if they sense that the Speller has misunderstood the word, the Judges work with the Speller and Pronouncer until they are satisfied that reasonable attempts have been made to assist the Speller in understanding the word. While the Judges are responsible for attempting to detect a Speller's misunderstanding, it is sometimes impossible to detect a misunderstanding until a spelling error has been made: The Judges are not responsible for the Speller's misunderstanding.

Speller activities that do not merit disqualification: The Judges may not disqualify a Speller for: (1) failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it, (2) asking a question

TIME CONSTRAINTS:

A Speller is expected to spell familiar words without delay and to refrain from routines that employ unnecessary or repetitive questioning. Consequently, the Speller's time at the microphone shall be subject to the prescripts associated with two time phases: Regular Time, and Finish Time.

Regular Time: Regular Time is a two-minute time period that begins when the Pronouncer first pronounces the word. If the Speller has not begun to spell the word at the end of Regular Time, the Judges shall orally notify the Speller of the imminent start of Finish Time. This notification shall occur regardless of the nature of discourse occurring between the Speller and Spelling Bee Officials prior to the conclusion of Regular Time. If the Speller has begun to spell the word at the end of Regular Time, the Judges shall permit the Speller to complete the spelling provided that the spelling proceeds at an even, reasonable pace. If the Speller has begun to spell the word at the end of Regular Time and the spelling is marked by an unreasonable pace, a question, or retracing of letters, the Judges shall orally inform the Speller of the imminent start of Finish Time.

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Finish Time: Finish Time is a 30-second time period that shall begin immediately after the Judges provide oral notification of its imminent start. The Judges and Pronouncer shall not communicate with the Speller during Finish Time. The Judges shall disqualify any Speller who does not provide a complete spelling during Finish Time.

END OF SPELLING BEE PROCEDURE:

If only one Speller in a round spells correctly: If only one (1) Speller spells correctly in any round, a new one-word round begins and the Speller is given an opportunity to spell the next word on the Pronouncer's list (**the "Anticipated Championship Word"**). If the Speller succeeds in correctly spelling the Anticipated Championship Word in this one-word round, the Speller is declared the Winner. If the Speller misspells the Anticipated Championship Word in a one-word round, a new round begins with ALL Spellers who spelled (correctly or incorrectly) in the previous round. These Spellers spell in their original order. **I.E. a speller must spell 2 words correctly in a row to be declared the winner.**

If all Spellers in a round misspell: If none of the Spellers remaining in the Spelling Bee at the start of a round spell a word correctly during that round, all Spellers remain in the competition and a new round begins.

Correction of a misspelling: The Pronouncer and the Judges will not ask the Speller to correct another Speller's misspelling, even in end-of-bee circumstances.

Declaring a Tie: A tie will be declared if two spellers (whether competing for first, second or third place) correctly spell the words given to them in ten consecutive rounds.