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2025 School Spelling Bee Study List

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Asalaamu Alaikum,

Here is everything you will need to prepare for the 2025 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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Grade 1

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| 1. red | 17. gills | 34. sold |
| 2. see | 18. path | 35. king |
| 3. fun | 19. rain | 36. just |
| 4. zoo | 20. burp | 37. even |
| 5. din | 21. tent | 38. carry |
| 6. fall | 22. sick | 39. yelp |
| 7. run | 23. code | 40. jaws |
| 8. ask | 24. maze | 41. mind |
| 9. lad | 25. webs | 42. salt |
| 10. best | 26. boat | 43. city |
| 11. pay | 27. date | 44. eggs |
| 12. hill | 28. trim | 45. away |
| 13. air | 29. yard | 46. pool |
| 14. keep | 30. week | 47. lunch |
| 15. fish | 31. game | 48. happy |
| 16. one | 32. hope | 49. Lima |
| | 33. lake | 50. grapes |

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Grade 2

1. yummy
2. shy
3. dirt
4. spin
5. bugs
6. robe
7. safe
8. badly
9. vine
10. purr
11. done
12. crisp
13. face
14. next
15. mean
16. soggy
17. click
18. grade
19. wings
20. before
21. yawn
22. beets
23. twig
24. tabby
25. cage
26. wool
27. brand
28. paper
29. hurry
30. after
31. litter
32. holding
33. street
34. loft
35. fluffy
36. alarm
37. oink
38. mercy
39. lobby
40. alert
41. tiptoe
42. pillows
43. tinker
44. finch
45. blacktop
46. heater
47. morning
48. worship
49. prophet
50. mercy

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Grade 3

1. ending
2. house
3. kindly
4. relax
5. bacon
6. radar
7. globe
8. yak
9. hobby
10. markers
11. loaf
12. shiny
13. disco
14. sloth
15. maple
16. wary
17. latch
18. view
19. toad
20. family
21. type
22. pudding
23. hours
24. forest
25. moths
26. invent
27. swoosh
28. object
29. plaster
30. lessons
31. shrubs
32. otters
33. sapling
34. tangled
35. quest
36. wry
37. owner
38. pimple
39. orbit
40. birthday
41. royal
42. animals
43. presto
44. splinter
45. wrong
46. unicorn
47. prayer
48. pillars
49. faith
50. Quran

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Grade 4

1. dense
2. groan
3. siren
4. angles
5. fend
6. rubbish
7. tuneful
8. artistic
9. squishy
10. clumsy
11. kibble
12. cues
13. boasted
14. prayer
15. tireless
16. factory
17. borrowed
18. shavings
19. poodles
20. gravity
21. abnormal
22. sneakers
23. crackle
24. inspire
25. pleats
26. shivery
27. briefing
28. obtain
29. portray
30. squeeze
31. rumbling
32. gangplank
33. scratched
34. distorted
35. cardboard
36. interviews
37. guilty
38. lunar
39. custard
40. shriek
41. ghost
42. mission
43. praising
44. justice
45. service
46. ablution
47. sacrifice
48. blessed
49. paradise
50. guidance

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Grade 5

1. pored
2. mulch
3. coiled
4. glands
5. axis
6. radish
7. lure
8. griddle
9. jerkily
10. stylish
11. knelt
12. frayed
13. sprouted
14. relics
15. discomfort
16. creatures
17. dwelling
18. rickety
19. infested
20. despair
21. thirst
22. youthful
23. shrewd
24. molten
25. stalk
26. aromas
27. champion
28. salesclerk
29. dollop
30. gentleman
31. captivity
32. blathering
33. Venus
34. unwavering
35. spectators
36. construction
37. swindle
38. infinity
39. mirror
40. resemble
41. citizen
42. pronounce
43. taut
44. monopoly
45. Florence
46. leopard
47. comrades
48. compassion
49. glorifying
50. command

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Grade 6

1. warped
2. flail
3. clanging
4. qualify
5. solely
6. refined
7. plodding
8. Japanese
9. advanced
10. sensible
11. beneath
12. penalty
13. mockingly
14. compartment
15. achieve
16. hoisted
17. doffing
18. banishment
19. furled
20. immune
21. volley
22. perish
23. dismissal
24. temporary
25. anthem
26. rebuked
27. garret
28. irked
29. prickliness
30. narration
31. dormer
32. realization
33. supposedly
34. ruefully
35. guise
36. pennant
37. fulcrum
38. recognition
39. governess
40. conquering
41. alabaster
42. tendrils
43. invariably
44. scrimmage
45. procession
46. writhing
47. rosette
48. conservatory
49. medicinal
50. obedience

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Grade 7

1. accompany
2. fiddle-faddle
3. pronto
4. calculus
5. fugitive
6. percussion
7. siesta
8. hilarious
9. cooperage
10. paramedic
11. humanitarian
12. culprits
13. stagnant
14. diabolical
15. buzzard
16. martyr
17. garbanzo
18. cliques
19. antagonism
20. couriers
21. miscreant
22. peasantry
23. homily
24. suffocate
25. cavil
26. apprehend
27. guava
28. penitent
29. vexation
30. cherished
31. sturgeon
32. clavicle
33. damask
34. abolition
35. extricates
36. lustrous
37. diminutive
38. sepia
39. rivulets
40. barbarous
41. sagacity
42. gangrene
43. chilblains
44. Jacuzzi
45. pad thai
46. relinquish
47. Caribbean
48. hibiscus
49. stewardship
50. Xanadu

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Grade 8

1. pegasi
2. armada
3. promenade
4. vocational
5. reprimand
6. éclair
7. indelible
8. cologne
9. gondolier
10. muttonchops
11. clichés
12. impregnable
13. trenchant
14. catacombs
15. salutation
16. dervishes
17. consonants
18. velveteen
19. galleon
20. wastrels
21. redundancy
22. inertia
23. bronchitis
24. juniper
25. haberdashery
26. offal
27. garrison
28. felicitously
29. treacle
30. attenuated
31. valise
32. dissertation
33. recompense
34. piedmont
35. sumptuous
36. portentously
37. antecedents
38. gaiters
39. sachet
40. chloroform
41. metallurgy
42. Prague
43. balsam
44. emaciated
45. kelpies
46. corrugated
47. amethyst
48. chivalrous
49. phalanx
50. deliverance

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Vocabulary

Grade 1

Word - Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **red** - primary color, the color of strawberries – Adjective - She likes red apples better than green ones.
2. **see** - to look at or visualize with the eyes – Verb - My eyeglasses help me to see more clearly.
3. **fun** - enjoyable or amusing – Adjective - I like to play tag because it is fun.
4. **ZOO** - place where people can view captive animals – Noun - The tiger lives in a cage at the zoo.
5. **din** - loud unpleasant noise – Noun - The din of the crowd grew louder as we waited.
6. **fall** - to drop to the ground – Verb - Be careful not to fall on the slippery ice.
7. **run** - to move fast by foot or to flow – Verb - We run fast laps around the track.
8. **ask** - to question or seek information – Verb - I would like to ask the teacher a question.
9. **lad** - a young man; a boy – Noun - My dad played soccer when he was a young lad.
10. **best** - of the greatest quality – Adjective - Her best work was the most excellent of all.
11. **pay** - to give someone money for objects or work – Verb - Pay the store for the candy before eating it.
12. **hill** - a natural or artificial mound or elevation – Noun - The mountain is taller than the grassy hill.
13. **air** - invisible gases that we breathe – Noun - Balloons are filled up with air.
14. **keep** - to have, hold on to, or store – Verb - We'll keep one puppy and give the others to good homes.
15. **fish** - water animal with gills, fins and tail fin – Noun - The fish were swimming in the pond.
16. **one** - cardinal number less than two – Noun - One plus zero equals one.
17. **gills** - respiratory organs of fish and amphibians – Noun - Fish breathe through their gills.

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18. **path** - a track or trail – Noun - We followed a stone path up to the cottage.
19. **rain** - to drop water from the clouds – Verb - Today it will rain, so take your umbrella.
20. **burp** - to belch or release gas through the mouth – Verb - I need to burp the baby after she eats.
21. **tent** - a shelter made of fabric stretched on poles – Noun - We slept in our tent when we went camping.
22. **sick** - affected by illness – Adjective - He sneezes when he is sick with a cold.
23. **code** - set of rules or laws – Noun - The dress code prohibits shorts and sandals.
24. **maze** - intricate network of pathways, a puzzle – Noun - The exit is hard to find in a confusing maze.
25. **webs** - silk-like nets created by an arachnid – Noun - The webs on the ceiling were made by spiders.
26. **boat** - a vessel for traveling on water – Noun - The boat is docked in the marina.
27. **date** - a statement of time in day, month, and year – Noun - The day I was born is the date of my birth.
28. **trim** - neaten by cutting or removing – Verb - Trim around the edges with scissors.
29. **yard** - a unit of length equal to three feet – Noun - A yard is a length equal to three feet.
30. **week** - a period of seven days in a row – Noun - There are seven days in a week.
31. **game** - a type of activity involving play – Noun - Kickball is my favorite game.
32. **hope** – chance – Noun - I was in last place with no hope of winning.
33. **lake** - body of water encircled by land – Noun - We saw a big freshwater lake near the city.
34. **sold** - gave in exchange for money – Verb - I sold my car to the buyer with the best offer.
35. **king** - a male monarch of a country or nation – Noun - The powerful king sat on his royal throne.
36. **just** - precisely and nothing more – Adverb - He had just enough time to finish the test.
37. **even** - moreover, despite – Adverb - We will play outside even if it rains.
38. **carry** - to hold or transport; to support or contain – Verb - A moving truck will carry our belongings.

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39. **yelp** - shrill, sharp cry – Noun - He gave a loud yelp when he bumped his head.
40. **jaws** - the mouth with its bones and teeth – Noun - A shark's jaws contain many rows of teeth.
41. **mind** - to have a problem with or object to – Verb - Do you mind if I play with your toys?
42. **salt** - a white crystalline food seasoning – Noun - I sprinkled salt and butter on the popcorn.
43. **city** - a populated area larger than a town – Noun - Los Angeles is California's largest city.
44. **eggs** - oval, shelled reproductive bodies – Noun - The hen sat on her eggs until the chicks hatched.
45. **away** - at a distance – Adjective - Stay far away from the hot stove.
46. **pool** - small natural or human-made body of water – Verb - The water in the swimming pool has chlorine.
47. **lunch** - the midday meal between breakfast and dinner – Noun - We ate lunch at noontime in the cafeteria.
48. **happy** - cheerful or in good spirits – Adjective - The opposite of sad is happy.
49. **Lima** - the capital city of the country of Peru – Noun - The capital of Peru is Lima.
50. **grapes** - fruit that grows in bunches on a vine – Noun - Raisins are dried grapes.

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Grade 2

Word - Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **yummy** - tasty and delicious – Adjective - She ate every last crumb of the yummy cake.
2. **shy** - timid or lacking self-confidence – Adjective - The shy boy was too timid to dance with me.
3. **dirt** - earth or soil – Noun - Fill the pot with dirt to plant the seeds.
4. **spin** - to cause to quickly rotate – Verb - Can you spin the top around and around?
5. **bugs** - small insects or germs that cause illness – Noun - Ants and beetles are both types of bugs.
6. **robe** - casual gown worn around the house – Noun - She wore a loose and flowing robe to bed.
7. **safe** - free from danger or harm – Adjective - I felt safe because there were no dangers.
8. **badly** - in a serious or desperate way – Adverb - I was thirsty and needed water badly.
9. **vine** - a climbing or trailing woody-stemmed plant – Noun - The grapes grew on the climbing vine.
10. **purr** - a low rumbling sound made by contented cats – Verb - Happy cats make a rumbling noise called a purr.
11. **done** - finished or completed – Verb - I have done all my school work.
12. **crisp** - firm but easily crumbled into pieces – Adjective - The crisp cracker crunched as I bit into it.
13. **face** - the front of the head – Noun - I have a smile on my face.
14. **next** - very close to – Preposition - Have a seat next to me so that we can talk.
15. **mean** - to intend or express – Verb - I do not understand what you mean by that.
16. **soggy** - waterlogged or damp – Adjective - The soggy shirt was too waterlogged to wear.
17. **click** - a single snapping sound – Noun - Turn the knob until you hear a click.
18. **grade** - measure of quality or performance – Noun - My test grade was the highest in the class.

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19. **wings** - organs or structures which allow flight – Noun - The bird flaps its wings to fly.
20. **before** - earlier than something else – Adverb - The day before Friday is Thursday.
21. **yawn** - involuntarily inhale with a wide open mouth – Verb - I yawn when I'm bored or sleepy.
22. **beets** - edible root vegetables, often red in color – Noun - Beets are dark red root vegetables.
23. **twig** - a small branch – Noun - A little twig is much smaller than a branch.
24. **tabby** - brown or gray cat with a mottled coat – Noun - My grey cat with black stripes is a tabby.
25. **cage** - structure made to prevent escape – Noun - The bird sang happily in its wire cage.
26. **wool** - fiber spun from animal hair, usually sheep – Noun - A sweater is woven from the wool of a sheep.
27. **brand** - a unique product or manufacturer name – Noun - Which brand of cereal do you like the best?
28. **paper** - thin material for writing or drawing – Noun - He practices writing on a piece of paper.
29. **hurry** - the act of moving quickly – Noun - I'm in a hurry because I need to leave.
30. **after** - following or later in time – Preposition - Don't go swimming after dark.
31. **litter** - to throw trash carelessly – Verb - Do not litter by throwing trash on the road.
32. **holding** - having something in your hands – Verb - We're holding hands as we cross the street.
33. **street** - a paved path for walking or driving – Noun - We cross the street at the green light.
34. **loft** - a floor or space usually found in a roof – Noun - We store things in the loft above our garage.
35. **fluffy** - soft and light; fuzzy – Adjective - The fluffy teddy bear is soft and fuzzy.
36. **alarm** - a loud sound that wakes or warns someone – Noun - Set the alarm on the clock to wake you early.
37. **oink** - grunt, as in that made by a pig – Verb - The pig will oink loudly for his dinner.
38. **mercy** - an act or feeling of compassion or kindness – Noun - I showed mercy to a hungry dog, and fed him.
39. **lobby** - the main entry hall of a building or home – Noun - The elevators were in the hotel's lobby.

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40. **alert** - wide awake and attentive – Adjective - Someone who is alert always pays attention.
41. **tiptoe** - straining upward with the feet – Adverb - She stood on tiptoe to see over the fence.
42. **pillows** - stuffed cases that prop the head during sleep – Noun - She rested her head on a stack of pillows.
43. **tinker** - to try to repair or fix something – Verb - I will tinker with the car and try to fix it.
44. **finch** - a small bird such as a sparrow, canary, etc. – Noun - A finch has an ideal beak for cracking seeds.
45. **blacktop** - an asphalt or bituminous road-paving material – Noun - The blacktop of the road was repaved.
46. **heater** - an instrument for heating something – Noun - With the heater broken, the room got cold.
47. **morning** - beginning of the day – Noun - I will wake up early in the morning.
48. **worship** - the act of showing reverence and adoration for a deity or divine being – Noun - Worship of Allah is the central practice in Islam.
49. **prophet** - a person chosen by Allah to deliver His messages and guidance to humanity. – Noun - The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is regarded as the last messenger of Allah in Islam.
50. **mercy** - compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. – Noun - The mercy of Allah is vast and encompasses all things, offering forgiveness to those who sincerely repent.

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Grade 3

Word: Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **ending:** the finale or last part – Noun - They clapped after the ending of his speech.
2. **house:** a building where people live – Noun - I live in the blue house on the corner.
3. **kindly:** acting in a friendly, considerate – Adverb - He kindly opened the door for her.
4. **relax:** to be calm, to lessen tension or restrictions – Verb - A soothing massage will certainly relax you.
5. **bacon:** a breakfast meat of salty, smoked pork – Noun - I had two strips of bacon with my eggs.
6. **radar:** method of location or device using radio waves – Noun - An image from radar on the weather shows rain.
7. **globe:** a spherical object; a round model of earth – Noun - We examine Earth on a round spinning globe.
8. **yak:** an animal like an ox or cow with long hair – Noun - The yak is a common animal in the Himalayas.
9. **hobby:** activity one enjoys in their spare time – Noun - Stamp collecting is my favorite hobby.
10. **markers:** large pens with colorful inks – Noun - The colorful markers were used on the whiteboard.
11. **loaf:** a shaped mass of bread or other food – Noun - She shaped and baked a loaf of bread.
12. **shiny:** having a bright and sparkling appearance – Adjective - We polished the silver so it would be shiny.
13. **disco:** dance music popular in the nineteen seventies – Noun - She danced to disco music at the nightclub.
14. **sloth:** a slow-moving tropical mammal with long arms – Noun - A sloth moves slowly through the rain forest.
15. **maple:** species of deciduous tree – Noun - Harvest sweet tree syrup from a sugar maple.
16. **wary:** feeling caution about possible dangers – Adjective - The wary girl is cautious on the dark path.

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17. **latch:** a fastening device for a door or gate – Noun - The latch will keep the gate closed.
18. **view:** to look at, watch or inspect – Verb - They will view fireworks from the window.
19. **toad:** frog-like amphibian with drier skin and warts – Noun - The warty toad croaked and hopped away.
20. **family:** related persons or things – Noun - I am the youngest grandchild in my family.
21. **type:** a kind or sort of thing, class – Noun - Lollipops are my favorite type of candy.
22. **pudding:** sweet, creamy dessert, similar to custard – Noun - We have gooey chocolate pudding for dessert.
23. **hours:** units of time equal to sixty minutes – Noun - There are twenty-four hours in one day.
24. **forest:** an area with many large trees and other plants – Noun - There are a great many trees in this forest.
25. **moths:** nocturnal insects resembling butterflies – Noun - At night, moths will fly toward the light.
26. **invent:** to create something original – Verb - He will invent and create a new product.
27. **swoosh:** make or move with rushing sound – Noun - I heard a swoosh as the player made a basket.
28. **object:** a purpose or goal – Noun - The object of the game is to win.
29. **plaster:** a mixture used to coat walls and ceilings – Noun - My dad used plaster to repair our wall.
30. **lessons:** things to be learned – Noun - Teachers give us new lessons to learn daily.
31. **shrubs:** squat bushes or hedges – Noun - The bushy shrubs formed a hedge by the house.
32. **otters:** semiaquatic mammals in the weasel family – Noun - The cute, furry otters swam in the lake.
33. **sapling:** a young tree; a cute word for a young person – Noun - An oak sapling is smaller than a mature tree.
34. **tangled:** mixed or twisted in a mess – Adjective - It was hard to separate the tangled wires.
35. **quest:** the act of pursuing or seeking something – Noun - His quest for treasure led him to the island.
36. **wry:** humorous, sarcastic, or mocking – Adjective - My joke earned a wry grin, but no laughter.
37. **owner:** a person who possesses something – Noun - I am the proud owner of a brand new car.

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38. **pimple:** a small eruption or swelling of the skin – Noun - The pimple on her nose was red and painful.
39. **orbit:** the path of an object rotating around another – Noun - The orbit of the earth is around the sun.
40. **birthday:** the date on which a person is born – Noun - He will be one year older on his birthday.
41. **royal:** relating to king or queen – Adjective - A royal and majestic king rules the state.
42. **animals:** living beings, other than humans – Noun - How many animals live in this zoo?
43. **presto:** according to musical notation for speed – Adjective - The presto movement was played very quickly.
44. **splinter:** small, sharp-edged fragment of wood or glass – Noun - I got a tiny splinter of wood in my finger.
45. **wrong:** incorrect, not in agreement – Adjective - I turned the wrong way and got lost.
46. **unicorn:** make-believe horse with a horn on its forehead – Noun - A unicorn looks like a horse with a horn.
47. **prayer:** A form of worship or communication with God – Noun - Muslims perform their prayer facing the Kaaba in Mecca.
48. **pillars:** refer to essential, foundational elements or principles that support or uphold something – Noun - The Five Pillars of Islam are central to a Muslim's religious practices
49. **faith:** a strong belief and trust – Noun - Having faith in Allah is essential for every Muslim to lead a righteous life.
50. **Quran:** The holy book of Islam – Noun - Muslims recite verses from the Quran during their prayers.

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Grade 4

Word: Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **dense:** thick, heavy, solid; hard to penetrate – Adjective - The fog was so dense that we could not see.
2. **groan:** a low, deep cry of pain or sadness – Noun - The injured boy released a pained groan.
3. **siren:** a loud warning signal – Noun - A siren goes off to warn people of a tornado.
4. **angles:** measures of circle arc in degrees or radians – Noun - A square has four sides and right angles.
5. **fend:** to ward off or defend against – Verb - He can fend off his fans without any help.
6. **rubbish:** material that should be thrown away – Noun - Rubbish is another word for trash.
7. **tuneful:** pleasantly musical; having a catchy melody – Adjective - The tuneful melody was a joy to hear.
8. **artistic:** relating to or of the arts – Adjective - Drawing is an artistic subject to study.
9. **squishy:** soft or mushy, easy to deform or mold – Adjective - The damp sponge is very squishy.
10. **clumsy:** awkward in movement or handling things – Adjective - The newborn calf was clumsy on his new legs.
11. **kibble:** ground meal shaped into pellets, especially for pet food – Noun - She tossed a couple kibbles under the bed and heard the cat crunch them.
12. **cues:** a reminder or signal – Noun - A finger on the lips or up in the air are cues to be silent.
13. **boasted:** bragged, or spoke about with pride – Verb - We boasted and bragged about our victory.
14. **prayer:** a request for help or thanks – Noun - A prayer is a request for help or thanks.
15. **tireless:** without stopping or becoming weary – Adjective - Tireless, she worked fourteen hours a day.
16. **factory:** building with facilities for manufacturing – Noun - The chocolate factory manufactures candy bars.
17. **borrowed:** took temporarily, with permission – Verb - He borrowed my pen when he lost his own.
18. **shavings:** a thin slice or shaving – Noun - The thin metal shavings were sharp.

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19. **poodles:** dog breed with distinctive curly hair – Noun - Her two curly white poodles liked other dogs.
20. **gravity:** a force that pulls things towards the Earth – Noun - Falling is easy since gravity pulls me down.
21. **abnormal:** atypical, unusual – Adjective - An abnormal amount of snow trapped us at home.
22. **sneakers:** footwear for running, exercising and sports – Noun - I laced up my sneakers and made a jump shot.
23. **crackle:** to make bubbly, fizzy noises – Verb - My toasted rice cereal will crackle in milk.
24. **inspire:** to create a feeling in a person – Verb - My powerful music will inspire people to act.
25. **pleats:** folds stitched into a garment or cloth – Noun - The pleats in her skirt were flattened.
26. **shivery:** cold enough to induce shaking – Adjective - The frigid wind left me shivery and cold.
27. **briefing:** giving information or instructions to – Verb - Briefing him will ensure he's well informed.
28. **obtain:** to get or acquire – Verb - I will go to school to obtain a diploma.
29. **portray:** to appear as or make something out to be as – Verb - The actor will portray a king in the play.
30. **squeeze:** to compress inward – Verb - Squeeze the toothpaste slowly out of the tube.
31. **rumbling:** making a low rolling sound, like thunder – Verb - I could hear thunder rumbling in the sky.
32. **gangplank:** a bridge or connecting structure – Noun - The narrow gangplank linked ship and dock.
33. **scratched:** rubbed or scraped – Verb - My cat scratched my arm with her claw.
34. **distorted:** twisted or misshapen, damaged – Adjective - The distorted car took a hard hit.
35. **cardboard:** a material made of thick stiffened paper – Noun - I put my things into a brown cardboard box.
36. **interviews** - face to face conversations sharing information – Noun - The star gave interviews on talk shows.
37. **guilty:** responsible for having done something wrong – Adjective - He felt guilty after stealing the candy.
38. **lunar:** having to do with the moon – Adjective - Lunar vehicles are driven on the moon.

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39. **custard:** a pudding made with eggs and milk – Noun - Custard is a thick, rich egg pudding.
40. **shriek:** a brief loud cry, often at a high pitch – Noun - She let out a loud shriek when he scared her.
41. **ghost:** the spirit of a dead person – Noun - A ghost is said to haunt the old house.
42. **mission:** a task with specific goals – Noun - The agent accomplished the mission he was given.
43. **praising:** expressing admiration or approval for someone or something. – Verb - Muslims are constantly praising Allah for His mercy and guidance.
44. **justice:** fairness or the quality of being just, which includes giving each person their due rights and making decisions based on fairness. – Noun - Islam emphasizes justice for all people, regardless of their background.
45. **service:** the act of helping or doing work for someone else. – Noun - Muslims believe that serving others is a way to earn rewards from Allah.
46. **ablution:** the act of washing oneself before performing prayers – Noun - Before performing prayer, Muslims must perform ablution to ensure cleanliness.
47. **sacrifice:** the act of giving up something valuable, often as an offering or in obedience to a higher power – Noun - During Eid al-Adha, Muslims make a sacrifice to commemorate Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son for Allah.
48. **blessed:** favoured or bestowed with divine grace or favour – Adjective - The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is considered a blessed individual in Islam.
49. **paradise:** the ultimate reward for the righteous in the afterlife – Noun - Muslims believe that those who live a righteous life will be rewarded with eternal bliss in paradise, known as Jannah.
50. **guidance:** that act of giving counsel or direction – Noun - His guidance led me to make the right choice.

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Grade 5

Word: Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **pored:** be absorbed in the reading or study of – Verb - They pored over the map
2. **mulch:** protective layer around the bases of plants – Noun - A layer of mulch or compost improves soil.
3. **coiled:** wound into continuous rings – Adjective - The garden hose was coiled in rings.
4. **glands:** body cells or organs that produce secretions – Noun - Swollen glands are a sign of infection.
5. **axis:** a line around which something rotates – Noun - The earth rotates on its axis.
6. **radish:** a red, spicy, pungent-tasting edible root – Noun - I cut the red and white radish into my salad.
7. **lure:** to coax, attract, or entice – Verb - A spider will lure a fly into his web.
8. **griddle:** a flat iron plate for cooking – Noun - He cooked pancakes on a hot iron griddle.
9. **jerkily:** characterized by jerks or sudden starts; spasmodic – Adverb - I pushed with all my might and, slowly and jerkily, the dingy slid off the shoal.
10. **stylish:** in the latest fashion – Adjective - She wears trendy and stylish new clothes.
11. **knelt:** rested on the knees – Verb - He knelt on his knees to pick up the keys.
12. **frayed:** tattered or worn on the edges – Adjective - The jacket was frayed with broken threads.
13. **sprouted:** began to grow and develop – Verb - The seeds sprouted quickly in the garden.
14. **relics:** important historical objects – Noun - His stone age relics included arrowheads.
15. **discomfort:** a lack of ease and well-being – Noun - He felt some discomfort after the surgery.
16. **creatures:** living beings, persons or animals – Noun - Sharks and whales are creatures of the ocean.
17. **dwelling:** a living space – Noun - This dark cave is a dwelling for bats.
18. **rickety:** decrepit; lacking strength, frail – Adjective - The rickety chair is too old and weak to use.

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19. **infested:** overrun with undesirable pests – Verb - The infested building will be sprayed for bugs.
20. **despair:** lack of hope – Noun - He quit in despair as the work was too hard.
21. **thirst:** a need for water or other liquid – Noun - I quench my thirst with water on a hot day.
22. **youthful:** relating to young people or being young – Adjective - Even older people enjoy some youthful music.
23. **shrewd:** clever and smart – Adjective - I was smart and shrewd in my business deals.
24. **molten:** liquefied by heat – Adjective - The molten lead was very hot.
25. **stalk:** a supporting structure or plant stem – Noun - I dip the celery stalk into the sauce.
26. **aromas:** distinctive or pleasant odors – Noun - Sweet aromas waft from the baker's kitchen.
27. **champion:** one who is superior or undefeated – Noun - The undefeated winner was the champion.
28. **salesclerk:** someone who serves customers in a shop – Noun - I asked the salesclerk to help me look for the shoes in my size.
29. **dollop:** shapeless mass or blob; a small portion – Noun - I put a dollop of whipped cream on my pie.
30. **gentleman:** a courteous and well-mannered man – Noun - A courteous man is called a gentleman.
31. **captivity:** a state of confinement, often against one's will – Noun - The animal at the zoo is held in captivity.
32. **blathering:** talk long-windedly without making very much sense – Verb - I have no idea what you are blathering about.
33. **Venus:** the second planet from the sun – Noun - Venus is the second planet from the sun.
34. **unwavering:** steady and firm – Adjective - The team's unwavering effort was constant.
35. **spectators:** observers of a game or event – Noun - Spectators in the stands watched the game.
36. **construction:** the act of building or putting together – Noun - Construction of a barn takes many builders.
37. **swindle:** to trick or fool with the intent to steal – Verb - The fraudulent salesman will swindle buyers.
38. **infinity:** something which never ends – Noun - The never ending universe goes to infinity.

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39. **mirror:** a polished surface which reflects an image – Noun - I see my reflection in the silvery mirror.
40. **resemble:** appear similar to – Verb - These desks resemble the ones at our school.
41. **citizen:** someone who lives in a particular town, state, or country – Noun - The good citizen obeyed the laws of his city.
42. **pronounce:** to speak correctly – Verb - How do you pronounce your name?
43. **taut:** pulled or drawn tight, not slack – Adjective - The rope was pulled taut and ready to climb.
44. **monopoly:** control of something by one business or person – Noun - A monopoly gave him sole control of his industry.
45. **Florence:** ninth largest city in Kentucky – Noun - Florence is the ninth largest city in Kentucky.
46. **leopard:** a large cat with a spotted coat – Noun - A spotted leopard is a large cat.
47. **comrades:** those sharing the same activities – Noun - They were comrades and friends in the club.
48. **compassion:** a deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering, along with a desire to help alleviate that suffering – Noun - The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught his followers to show compassion to the poor and the need.
49. **glorifying:** praising or honoring someone or something in a way that emphasizes its greatness or excellence – Verb – Muslims spend time glorifying Allah during their prayers and daily routines."
50. **command:** an order or instruction given by someone in authority. – Noun - Following the commands of Allah is central to the life of a Muslim.

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Grade 6

Word: Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **warped:** made or became misshapen or twisted – Verb - Humidity bent and warped the wood.
2. **flail:** to thrash the body or arms around – Verb - They flail and jump to get attention.
3. **clanging:** making a ringing sound such as metal clashing – Verb - Clanging bells on the cow's neck rang loudly.
4. **qualify:** to be fit or competent for something – Verb - My resume shows that I qualify for the job.
5. **solely:** to the exclusion of others or anything else – Adverb - You are solely to blame for your poor grades.
6. **refined:** having been made pure by industrial process – Adjective - Refined oil has been made pure.
7. **plodding:** slogging through at a slow pace – Verb - Plodding through a dull book is tedious.
8. **Japanese:** of or relating to the large Asian island nation – Adjective - The Japanese family returned to Tokyo.
9. **advanced:** at a higher level, further ahead – Adjective - He's better than I am, so he's more advanced.
10. **sensible:** having good judgment – Adjective - She is sensible and makes sound decisions.
11. **beneath:** in a lower position than; below – Preposition - Duck beneath the branch; don't climb over it.
12. **penalty:** a consequence for something done wrong – Noun - The penalty for illegal parking is a fine.
13. **mockingly:** in a way that makes fun of someone or something; derisively – Verb - She laughed at me mockingly.
14. **compartment:** a separate section or part of something – Noun - Put your bag in the overhead compartment.
15. **achieve:** succeed in doing or getting something as a result of your actions – Verb - Hard work will help you achieve your goals.
16. **hoisted:** raised or lifted – Verb - The crane hoisted the rock, lifting it high.
17. **doffing:** to remove or take off, as clothing – Verb - He bowed to her with courtesy, doffing his hat and casting it upon a chair.

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18. **banishment:** exile or dismissal – Noun - His banishment meant he could not attend.
19. **furled:** rolled up compactly, neatly and securely – Verb - We furled the flag before storing it away.
20. **immune:** exempt or protected from – Adjective - I'm immune to chickenpox and can't get it.
21. **volley:** outpouring or burst of many things together – Noun - The volley of arrows was launched together.
22. **perish:** die or be ruined – Verb - Plants will dry up and perish without water.
23. **dismissal:** the act of releasing or discharging – Noun - We go home after dismissal from school.
24. **temporary:** not lasting; short in duration – Adjective - Your temporary sunburn will fade with time.
25. **anthem:** a song identified with a particular group – Noun - The scouts sang out their anthem loudly.
26. **rebuked:** reprovved sharply; scolded – Verb - They rebuked him for his bad behavior.
27. **garret:** an attic – Noun - We stored our things up in the house's garret.
28. **irked:** irritated, annoyed, or exasperated – Verb - They were irked by his unpleasant attitude.
29. **prickliness:** the quality of being covered with prickly thorns or spines – Noun - The prickliness of the bush was annoying me.
30. **narration:** a spoken or written account – Noun - An actor voiced a narration of the tale.
31. **dormer:** window that projects vertically from a sloping roof – Noun - In the past year, crews completed exterior work, which included a new roof and a dormer.
32. **realization:** a sudden understanding of something – Noun - The realization of his loss hit him hard.
33. **supposedly:** put forth as true despite lack of evidence – Adverb - He supposedly saw an elf, but I have doubts.
34. **ruefully:** in a manner causing pity or regret – Adverb - The farmer ruefully described the drought.
35. **guise:** dress, outward appearance, act – Noun - An impostor adopted the guise of another.
36. **pennant:** a long, tapering, triangular flag – Noun - A triangular baseball pennant blew in the wind.
37. **fulcrum:** the point at which a lever turns or pivots – Noun - The seesaw tipped at the fulcrum.

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38. **recognition:** acknowledgment for something done – Noun - I got an award in recognition of graduating.
39. **governess:** woman hired to care for and raise children – Noun - A governess, like a nanny, cares for children.
40. **conquering:** overcoming or defeating; triumphing over – Verb - Instead of conquering us, he was defeated.
41. **alabaster** - fine-grained, translucent gypsum stone – Noun - We broke the alabaster vase today.
42. **tendrils** - threadlike curling support of climbing plants – Noun - The vine's tendrils anchor it to the lattice.
43. **invariably:** always or without fail – Adverb - Invariably, my cat always drinks from the sink.
44. **scrimmage:** an informal game or practice for a team – Noun - Divide the team in two for the scrimmage.
45. **procession:** an orderly line of people, usually parading – Noun - The procession of soldiers marched forward.
46. **writhing:** to twist (the body or a bodily part) in pain – Verb - She lay on the floor, writhing in pain after twisting her leg.
47. **rosette:** a disk of foliage or a floral design usually in relief used as a decorative motif – Noun - A huge rosette is carved in the base of the statue.
48. **conservatory:** a school for fine arts – Noun - The music prodigy studied at a conservatory.
49. **medicinal:** having therapeutic properties – Adjective - Medicinal herbs can be used to treat illness.
50. **obedience:** the act of following orders, rules, or instructions; compliance with authority or control – Noun - Obedience to Allah's commands is essential for a Muslim to lead a righteous life.

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Grade 7

Word: Definition - Part of Speech - Sentence

1. **accompany:** to be with or go with – Verb - I'm happy to accompany you to your destination.
2. **fiddle-faddle:** nonsense – Noun - She told them some fiddle-faddle about bees.
3. **pronto:** without delay – Adverb- I want that document, pronto!
4. **calculus:** crust that forms on teeth and gums – Noun - A dentist scraped calculus off his tooth.
5. **fugitive:** a person who is illegally running away – Noun - The fugitive escaped from prison a week ago.
6. **percussion:** a striking of objects to produce noise and rhythm – Noun - The percussion section has drums and cymbals.
7. **siesta:** a nap after lunch – Noun - He took a siesta and slept after lunch.
8. **hilarious:** extremely funny and amusing – Adjective - The hilarious comedian made everyone laugh.
9. **cooperage:** the art of making barrels and casks – Noun - Cooperage is the barrel maker's craft.
10. **paramedic:** person trained to give aid in an emergency – Noun - The paramedic arrived by ambulance to help.
11. **humanitarian:** having to do with caring about human welfare – Adjective - The humanitarian group helped the poor.
12. **culprits:** one guilty of an offense or crime – Noun - You're one of the culprits who has been taking the cookies?
13. **stagnant:** still and stale, not moving or flowing – Adjective - A river flows, but pond water is stagnant.
14. **diabolical:** devilish or wicked – Adjective - Their diabolical plan is a devilish scheme.
15. **buzzard:** a large bare-headed bird that eats carrion – Noun - A buzzard circled the sky looking for carrion.
16. **martyr:** someone who will die for their beliefs – Noun - A martyr is one who dies for their beliefs.

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17. **garbanzo:** chickpea – Noun - Garbanzo beans are high in fiber.
18. **cliques** - people who form a group and exclude others – Noun - The two cliques threw an invitation-only party together.
19. **antagonism:** state of hostility – Noun - Antagonism between nations may lead to war.
20. **couriers:** someone who carries messages or packages – Noun - The couriers delivered the papers to the office.
21. **miscreant:** somebody who does wrong – Noun - The miscreant was not allowed entry.
22. **peasantry:** the position, rank, or behaviour of a peasant – Noun - He went to the countryside to learn about farming from the peasantry.
23. **homily:** a sermon or a moral lecture or proverb – Noun - The preacher delivered a homily on sin.
24. **suffocate:** to deprive something of air – Verb - Leave a vent so you don't suffocate the plant.
25. **cavil:** make petty objections – Verb - He will cavil, interrupting the trial.
26. **apprehend:** to catch or understand – Verb - The police will apprehend the thief.
27. **guava:** a tropical pear-shaped or oval fruit – Noun - We ate the pink fruit of the green guava.
28. **penitent:** feeling sorrow and repentance for wrongdoing – Adjective - He was penitent and regretful for his crimes.
29. **vexation:** the state of being annoyed or frustrated – Noun - Annoying mosquitoes are a source of vexation.
30. **cherished:** felt for and treated with loving tenderness – Verb - She loved and cherished her children.
31. **sturgeon:** a large fish from which caviar is obtained – Noun - I caught a huge sturgeon at the fishing pond.
32. **clavicle:** bone linking the scapula and sternum – Noun - The clavicle is also called the collarbone.
33. **damask:** reversible woven fabric often lustrous – Noun - The king's throne is covered in a rich damask.
34. **abolition:** act of forbidding, doing away with something – Noun - He proposed an abolition of unfair taxes.
35. **extricates:** to free from uncomfortable circumstances – Verb - She extricates her belongings from the trap!

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36. **lustrous:** shiny, bright, reflecting light – Adjective - The dog's lustrous coat shone in the daylight.
37. **diminutive:** tiny; very small – Adjective - A child looks diminutive beside the tall man.
38. **sepia:** shades of brown, used to color old photos – Noun - The old photo was in sepia tones.
39. **rivulets** - a small flowing stream – Verb - The three rivulets flow into the large river north of the city.
40. **barbarous:** uncivilized or cruel – Adjective - Cruel treatment of prisoners is barbarous.
41. **sagacity:** the quality of having wisdom – Noun - His sagacity is conveyed through his wisdom.
42. **gangrene:** local death of soft tissues due to loss of blood supply – Noun - Surgeons worked fast to beat pain and gangrene.
43. **chilblains:** skin inflammation, on hands or feet, from cold – Noun - Cold weather caused inflammatory chilblains.
44. **Jacuzzi:** bubbling hot tub for relaxation – Noun - I relaxed in the warm, bubbling Jacuzzi.
45. **pad thai:** a Thai dish consisting of rice noodles stir-fried usually with any of various additional ingredients – Noun - I will get the chicken pad thai for lunch.
46. **relinquish:** give up or surrender – Verb - He will relinquish his title and step down.
47. **Caribbean:** a tropical sea between the Americas – Noun - The cruise goes to the islands of the Caribbean.
48. **hibiscus:** woody tropical plant with bright flowers – Noun - A hibiscus is the state flower of Hawaii.
49. **stewardship:** the responsible management and care of something, especially resources or property, on behalf of others – Noun - Stewardship of the environment is a key principle in Islam, where humans are seen as caretakers of the earth.
50. **Xanadu:** place of luxury, contentment and beauty – Noun - The posh tropical resort is a real Xanadu.

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Grade 8

Word: Definition - Part of – Speech - Sentence

1. **pegasi:** Plural of Pegasus - a winged horse – Noun - I thought I saw three pegasi flying in the sky.
2. **armada:** group of military ships or aircraft – Noun - The navy sent an armada to attack the fort.
3. **promenade:** a public area for strolling or walking – Noun - We walked along the promenade through town.
4. **vocational:** connected to specific occupations or trades – Adjective - Vocational schools train you for jobs.
5. **reprimand:** to tell off, rebuke – Verb - Teachers reprimand and scold unruly students.
6. **éclair:** a long cream puff – Noun - A long, doughy éclair was topped with icing.
7. **indelible:** unable to be removed – Adjective - The indelible ink mark could not be removed.
8. **cologne:** a sweet-smelling liquid, perfume – Noun - He splashed on some spicy-smelling cologne.
9. **gondolier:** someone who rows a canoe-like Venetian boat – Noun - A gondolier rowed tourists down the canal.
10. **muttonchops:** long hair growing down each side of a man's face, fashionable especially in Europe and America in the 19th century – Noun - He was a tall man with black hair and muttonchops.
11. **clichés:** an overused expression that has lost meaning – Noun - Those trite expressions are clichés.
12. **impregnable:** resistant to attack and invasion – Adjective - We can't break through the impregnable fort.
13. **trenchant:** piercing and incisive – Adjective - The trenchant argument cut to the point.
14. **catacombs:** burial tunnels under ancient Rome – Noun - Christians hid in catacombs under Rome, to avoid persecution.
15. **salutation:** courteous greeting or recognition – Noun - He received a formal salutation this morning.
16. **dervishes:** a Muslim who dances in devout meditation – Noun - The Muslim dervishes whirled and danced.
17. **consonants:** a letter of the alphabet that is not a vowel – Noun - How many consonants are there?
18. **velveteen:** brushed material with a soft, short pile – Noun - Her favorite plush toy was made of velveteen.

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19. **galleon:** large sailing ship from the Middle Ages – Noun - The medieval mariner sailed a galleon.
20. **wastrels:** one who expends resources foolishly and self-indulgently – Noun - The brothers were wastrels.
21. **redundancy:** something unnecessary or repetitive – Noun - The unnecessary redundancy was eliminated.
22. **inertia:** tendency of a body in motion to remain in motion – Noun - The inertia of the ball kept it rolling.
23. **bronchitis:** inflamed lungs due to infection or irritants – Noun - My windpipe infection led to bronchitis.
24. **juniper:** a desert shrub with small white flowers – Noun - The desert juniper has pretty white flowers.
25. **haberdashery:** shop that sells men's clothes and furnishings – Noun - He bought a jacket at the haberdashery.
26. **offal:** the waste or by-product of a process – Noun - There was a large pile of offal after trimming the wool from the sheep.
27. **garrison:** military post – Noun - The corporal was stationed at the garrison.
28. **feliculously:** agreeable and appropriate; happy and fortunate – Adjective - She was behaving feliculously at the party.
29. **treacle:** a blend of molasses, invert sugar, and corn syrup used as syrup – Noun - I love treacle tart.
30. **attenuated:** to become or make thin – Verb - The chef attenuated the dough by stretching it.
31. **valise:** small piece of luggage – Noun - The valise was packed for the weekend trip.
32. **dissertation:** scholarly thesis written for a doctorate – Noun - She wrote a dissertation to get a doctorate.
33. **recompense:** pay back or make up for – Verb - My paycheck will recompense me for my work.
34. **piedmont:** the area of land at the foot of a mountain – Noun - A piedmont is the land at a mountain's base.
35. **sumptuous:** suggesting great cost and excess; extravagant – Adjective - The sumptuous feast was rich and delicious.
36. **portentously:** in a foreboding or momentous manner – Adverb - Menacing black clouds filter in portentously.
37. **antecedents:** prior occurrences or causes; older relatives – Noun - My ancestors are my familial antecedents.

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38. **gaiters:** protective coverings worn below the knees – Noun - Skiers often wear gaiters around their shins.
39. **sachet:** a soft bag with a perfume scent – Noun - The sachet was a soft bag smelling of roses.
40. **chloroform:** colorless liquid once used as an anesthetic – Noun - Chloroform was widely used as an anesthetic.
41. **metallurgy:** the science and technology of metals – Noun - She wanted to study metallurgy when she finished high school.
42. **Prague:** the capital of the Czech Republic – Noun - The capital of the Czech Republic is Prague.
43. **balsam:** tree yielding fragrant resin; plant resin – Noun - A balsam fir has a pleasant pine scent.
44. **emaciated:** very thin, usually from disease or hunger – Adjective - The mean, emaciated dog was very underweight.
45. **kelpies:** any of a breed of energetic working dogs developed in Australia from British sheepdogs – Noun - They had five kelpies to help around at the farm.
46. **corrugated:** having a rippled or ridged shape – Adjective - The sand is corrugated with a rippled look.
47. **amethyst:** a purple quartz or gem – Noun - My ring has a large purple amethyst in it.
48. **chivalrous:** gallant and courteous; courageous or loyal – Adjective - The chivalrous knight bowed to the queen.
49. **phalanx:** a platoon – Noun - The phalanx prepared to invade the enemy land.
50. **deliverance:** The act of being rescued or set free from a dangerous or distressing situation – Noun - Muslims believe that deliverance from hardship comes through faith in Allah and trusting in His wisdom.

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OGS Spelling Bee Challenge Words

Beginner Challenge Words – Grades 4/5
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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. **ensor** 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. **cliché** 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.

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76. **doubt** is to be uncertain about.
77. **dough** is flour or meal combined with water.
78. **drought** is a period of dry weather.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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 or 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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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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. **rappro** 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.
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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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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.
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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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. **appliqué** is ornamentation applied to a material.
13. **archetype** 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.

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39. **carnivorous** means flesh-eating.
40. **catastrophe** is a sudden and widespread disaster.
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 cream puff.
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.

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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.
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 characters.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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- 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.

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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.
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. **catfalque** 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 wax like 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.

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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.
84. **design** 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. **a dinghy** is a small boat designed as a lifeboat.
93. **dispossess** is to put a person out of a possession, esp. property.
94. **a 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.

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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.
127. **ghillie** is a low-cut, tongueless shoe.
128. **glaucous** 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. **goliwogg** 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. **hematozoan** is a parasitic protozoan that lives in the blood.
146. **herbage** (*erbij*) non woody 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.

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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.
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.

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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 a 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.
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** (*naftha*) 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.

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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.
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 diseases 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.

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275. **perihelion** is the point at which a planet is closest to the sun.
276. **pernicious** 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 eats fish, animals and sometimes attacks 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.
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.

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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 personal 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.
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. **satiare** 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.

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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.
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. **spinet** 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.

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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. **sycofanacy** 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 mandolin-like 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.
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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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468. **triskaidekaphobia** is a fear of the number 13.
469. **troglo-dyte** 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. **tumescence** 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.
505. **xylose** is a colorless crystalline sugar.
506. **yttrium** is a rare metallic element.
507. **yurt** is a tent like dwelling of the Mongols.

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- 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.
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

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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 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 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. After the grade 8 words, students will get words from the OGS Challenge Words. The Challenge Words will be used for 3 rounds each (beginner - only for grades 1-5, intermediate and advanced). If there are still spellers remaining after these rounds, an

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additional Extra Words list will be used. This Extra Words list will NOT be provided to the spellers in advance.

16. 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, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
2	Grade 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
3	Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
4	Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
5	Grade 5, 6, 7, 8, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
6	Grade 6, 7, 8, Intermediate Challenge Words (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
7	Grade 7, 8, Intermediate Challenge Words (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
8	Grade 8, Intermediate Challenge Words (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)

School Wide and Inter-Islamic Competitions

Division	Word Order
Grade 1	Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
Grades 2-3	Grade 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
Grades 4-5	Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Beginner Challenge Words (3 rounds), Intermediate (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)
Grades 6-8	Grade 6, 7, 8, Intermediate Challenge Words (3 rounds), Advanced (3 rounds), Extra Words (not given beforehand)

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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/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 acting 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.

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

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retracing of letters, the Judges shall orally inform the Speller of the imminent start of Finish Time.

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 there are two spellers remaining (whether competing for first, second or third place) and they correctly spell the words given to them in ten consecutive rounds.