

Rules for Spelling Bee (Primary and Elementary)

1. Eligibility

- a. Primary: Students entering Grades 1st through 3rd in school year 2018 – 2019.
- b. Elementary: Students entering Grades 4th through 5th in school year 2018 – 2019.

2. **Phase 1: This consists of a written test.** The total number of words is 25. 15 words will come from the published list and 10 words will come from unpublished list.

3. **Phase 2: This consists of 3 oral rounds (total 6 words) using words from the published list.** All the contestants will be lined up per their ID sequence. In each round, each contestant will be asked 2 words to spell one after another. Based on the total score from Phase 1 and 2, finalists for Phase 3 will be selected. The number of finalists will be about 10, actual number of the finalists will depend on the number of students participated and their scores in Phase 1 and 2.

4. **Phase 3:** In this phase, the contestants will be asked to spell words from **unpublished list**. This phase will be continued until we have winners from 1st position to 5th positions. The winners from 1st position to 5th position will be selected with the elimination process. For instance, if we have 6 contestants qualified for this phase then each of the contestants will be asked to spell a word, if he/she spells correctly, then he/she will go to the next round. If one of the contestants spells the word correctly and rest do not, the contestant who spelled correctly will be the winner at 1st position and then the rest will continue to fight for the next positions (2nd - 5th). The contest will continue until we have identified the winners for all five positions.

5. During oral rounds, contestants are highly recommended to pronounce the word loud enough so that judges can ensure that the contestant has the same understanding of the word.

6. For all rounds in each of the phases, having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from beginning. While retracing, contestant can't change the letters or their sequence of the letters that are already spelled.

7. Parents will be allowed during oral rounds (Phase II and III), but we strongly request to maintain silence at all the times. This is to help the judges listen clearly to the answers of the contestants. Any member of the audience may be asked to leave the room if he/she attempts to help contestants or interfere in the spelling bee process.

8. Contestants are allowed to ask the word to be repeated. They can also ask for the meaning of the word, part of speech, alternate pronunciations (if available), and use the word in a sentence. The Merriam Webster Dictionary 3rd edition will be used to answer all such questions.

9. In case of a homonym, the pronouncer will automatically give the definition.

10. **Appeals:** Appeal may be made at the end of the round. Appeals can only be made for the following four cases: (i) mispronunciation, (ii) homonym not identified, (iii) judges misheard the spelling, or (iv) information given to the contestant is not correct. It is the responsibility of the contestant to make sure he/she heard the word, and ask for the required information.

11. The decision of the presiding judges is always final. Parents are welcome to give suggestions or ask questions at the end of the contest.

Primary Words List (Grades 1st to 3rd)

abandon	basket	butterfly	coma	drizzle
about	batter	cabinet	compared	earlier
absorb	beaming	cakewalk	condone	edge
across	bean	calculator	continent	eight
advocate	because	called	continue	empire
afraid	before	camera	cook	empty
after	behind	campfire	cookies	endless
again	between	camping	could	escape
alley	bike	candy	crawl	ethics
almost	biscuit	cardinal	crowd	even
alter	blast	carries	crutch	every
angry	blew	carry	cusp	everyone
another	blind	cartoon	dairy	exact
anyone	bliss	catch	dangerous	extend
anything	board	cement	dare	eyelid
apron	bonus	cents	deafen	falling
around	bouncing	chapter	demand	family
attend	bounty	cherry	digit	farmer
attic	bowl	chest	dinner	feast
audio	boxes	childhood	disgust	feeding
avenue	brace	choose	distract	feeling
average	branches	chowder	district	fellow
aware	bread	chuckle	dock	fifty
babies	breakfast	circus	dolt	fight
background	bridge	cite	doubt	firefly
badge	bright	clasp	drank	fleet
badly	brown	clinic	drawer	flew
bagpipe	brush	cloth	drawing	flies
baked	bucket	cluster	dream	float
balloon	bump	coat	drifting	floor
ballroom	bunch	cobra	driven	floral
barefoot	butter	coffee	driving	fluffy

folly	hamper	join	mice	piece
former	handcuffs	kept	might	pilot
fragrance	handle	kettle	migrate	pitch
fray	hang	keyhole	minor	pitcher
freezer	happen	kitchen	mobile	plainly
frog	happiest	kite	more	playground
front	harmless	kitten	mouth	please
frugal	having	knew	move	plural
fruits	hawk	knock	muddy	point
funny	heal	knot	mumble	poison
furnace	heard	know	neckwear	pore
fuzzy	herbs	lamb	newspaper	powerful
garnish	hiding	lamp	nibble	pretty
gentle	hiked	laundry	noisy	prize
ginger	himself	leapfrog	nudge	proud
grades	hired	learn	occupy	public
grape	holiday	length	off	pudding
grapevine	homework	library	offal	punchy
gravel	honest	liked	olden	purse
gravy	horrible	listener	olive	queen
greedy	hour	litter	once	quick
grew	house	lived	organic	quickly
griddle	human	loaves	other	rabbit
grinding	imagine	locker	ounce	race
grinned	import	lonely	outside	racing
grizzly	inches	lump	owing	raised
groom	increase	lung	pancakes	rake
ground	indirect	magical	party	ranch
grumble	innocent	magnet	passage	range
grumpy	inside	mailbox	peaches	rascal
guard	intense	main	penny	rattle
guess	itself	makeshift	phone	reaching
hacked	jeans	meet	picked	really
hammer	jewel	merry	picnic	release

remember	should	straight	together	waiting
repackage	shovel	straw	tongs	wake
reporter	siesta	streak	tough	walked
respell	singer	stream	towel	walnut
riding	sitting	stretch	track	wanting
roasting	skinned	string	trade	warp
rough	skunk	strong	traded	watching
royalty	slammed	student	trait	water
rubber	slogan	study	trap	waver
running	soccer	suggest	treasure	wedge
rustle	sock	suitcase	trick	weigh
sail	solar	summer	trunk	whip
sales	solve	Sunday	trust	whole
salute	some	sunflower	truthful	wicked
sandal	someone	sunny	Tuesday	wily
scan	something	super	tune	window
scent	speech	supply	turtle	winter
scornful	sport	surround	twice	wipe
scramble	spread	suspect	twig	witty
scratch	spring	tail	twin	wizard
scream	squash	taste	twirl	woke
season	squeeze	tasteless	umbrella	woman
second	squeezing	tasting	under	wooden
section	squint	terrible	uniform	wore
seed	stairs	terrific	until	work
seem	stamp	therapy	urgent	worthless
selling	staring	thought	useful	would
semifinal	station	thousand	vent	wrap
serious	steep	thrill	vision	wreck
service	stern	throw	voice	wrote
seven	stole	Thursday	volley	yawn
shelter	stomach	tickled	volume	yeast
shine	stool	tire	vow	yoga
shiny	stopped	tissue	wagging	youth

Elementary Words List (Grades 4th to 5th)

abominable	calories	deteriorate	flashlight	happily
abracadabra	capillary	diabetes	floating	harpoon
abscissa	Caribbean	diagonal	fluorescent	harvest
absurd	celestial	diamond	forgave	hawk
abysmally	centennial	dimension	forgetful	headache
accomplice	century	directory	fossilize	hearsay
accordionist	chaperonage	disobey	fracture	heavily
achromatism	chasm	eclipse	furiously	helmet
acquiescence	Chihuahua	economist	furniture	hemisphere
adorned	coffin	elevation	future	hexagonal
agricultural	commentary	ellipse	galaxy	hiding
allergy	concentrate	encore	gangly	highway
allocate	congestion	endocrine	generalize	hoped
anthropology	consonant	enormous	geocentric	hopeless
applause	coronary	entrepreneur	geologist	hopped
appoint	correspond	enzyme	gimmick	horizon
apprentice	cosmicity	epidermis	glaucoma	hornet
arthritis	cosmozoic	equator	glaze	hospice
ascending	cosovereignty	espionage	globalization	hundred
astigmatism	cotangent	establishment	glowworm	hurriedly
baggage	couac	euphoria	graduate	hustle
bargain	counterfeit	examine	grammarian	hydrant
beautiful	counterfoil	exercise	gravity	hysterical
biscotti	countermand	exoskeleton	grievance	iceberg
blurred	couquette	expectant	gristle	ignorant
bookkeeper	courage	extinct	growth	illiteracy
bouquet	crocodile	facsimile	grumpy	imagine
breadth	dangle	fallacy	gunnysack	impress
burdensome	decade	feloniously	habit	impromptu
cabbage	delicacy	ferryboat	hacked	inanimate
cabinet	desolate	feverishly	hammer	incapable
calcium	despicable	flamenco	handkerchief	incendiary

increment	lumber	modernize	owing	precedent
indicate	luminosity	monetary	oxygen	prejudice
indirect	lunatic	morbid	painful	preliminary
innermost	lunge	movement	palatable	prism
inoculate	luxury	muddy	pancakes	prisoner
insidious	magnet	muskrat	pandemic	prodigal
intellectual	malleable	mustang	pardon	protection
intention	mammal	muzzle	passage	providing
inventor	mandate	naive	patience	pudding
isolation	manufacture	narrate	patio	punchy
ivory	margin	nausea	patrol	quadrilateral
jockey	marshmallow	navigator	pavement	quarantine
journalism	mascara	necessity	payment	question
journey	matches	neither	peaceful	quiet
junction	matriarchal	nephew	peaches	quiver
juvenile	meadow	newspaper	peddle	quizzical
kangaroo	measles	Newton	pedicure	quotient
knack	meditate	nominee	penalty	Ramada
kneel	memories	noncommittal	peninsula	raspberry
knock	message	nonprofit	peppery	rattle
knot	migraine	nostalgia	perchance	reaching
knowingly	mildew	nostril	percolate	receive
lackadaisical	millennium	novice	phobia	recess
lamb	million	nurture	photograph	reclining
laughing	mimicking	nuzzle	pivot	recyclable
laughter	miraculous	oblige	planetary	referee
lawful	misanthropic	offal	plaza	relevant
liberation	mischievous	omission	pleasant	repackage
lightning	misdemeanor	orphan	pleasure	represent
likable	misinterpret	orthographize	polling	repress
literacy	misplace	ought	population	rescued
loaves	missile	ounce	position	reservoir
lobbyist	misspelled	overhead	potatoes	respond
lounge	mistake	overpowering	powerful	resulted

reversible	scopolamine	straighten	turmoil	whirlpool
rhombus	scornful	straightforward	turned	whisper
ridiculous	scramasax	strengthen	twentieth	whistle
roasting	sculpture	stucco	ultramarine	whoever
robberies	semester	subside	unanimous	wholesale
rodeo	senator	suffrage	underneath	widespread
routine	sensibility	supersonic	understood	wigwam
royalty	sentient	supplement	unfurl	wince
rural	septuplet	suspend	unkempt	windfall
rustle	service	syllable	unknown	witloof
rutabaga	shampoo	syrup	unnecessarily	wizard
sailed	sheepishly	tartar	vacation	wonderful
sanction	shelter	teaspoon	valedictory	wondrous
sanitary	siesta	tenant	valley	woodburytype
sapphire	significant	tentacled	vampire	woodchuck
sapremia	sincerely	terrible	variegated	wordle
sarcophagus	skillet	testimony	verbatim	worried
sardine	skunk	textbook	verdict	wound
sarrazin	skyscraper	theory	versatile	wrasse
sashay	slammed	thermal	vetoed	wreck
satisfactory	slippery	thirteen	vice-president	wrestle
sauger	softness	thorax	vintage	Wrestling
sauna	solemn	thoughtful	volcano	writhe
savvy	solicit	thrown	walrus	xanthic
scallion	somebody	thunder	wanton	xenomania
scansion	soprano	tolerant	watermelon	xenophobia
scent	spectrum	tornado	weasel	xoanon
scentless	speculate	totality	weekend	xylography
schedule	spoiled	traffic	weigh	xylophilous
scherzo	sponsor	transitory	weird	xylophonist
schiafone	stalagmite	treasure	welcome	yagi
schipperke	stamina	treatment	whaleboat	yamen
science	stomach	tricycle	wheelbarrow	yesterday
scobiform	stopping	trinket	wherever	zoology