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SPELLING BEE



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SUGGESTED LOCAL SPELLING BEE RULES

1. Students will draw a number when they register, and this will determine “the order of spelling”. Words will be given in the order that they appear in the Kentucky Pronouncer’s Guide for the spelling bee.
2. Late arrivals must be registered before round two begins, or they will not be admitted into the spelling bee.
3. Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in the fourth edition of the American Heritage Dictionary.
4. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the contestant a word, the contestant will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it.
5. The contestant may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it and/or use it in a sentence. Language of origin is also available for some of the words upon request.
6. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be no change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
7. The contest shall be conducted in rounds. Each contestant remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in the round.
8. Upon missing the spelling of a word, a contestant immediately drops out of the contest, except as provided in Rule 9. The next word is given to the next contestant.
9. This rule addresses the procedures that should be followed at the end of a spelling bee. This may not be the same as the procedure followed at your local school bee.
 - A. If none of the contestants remaining in the bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly during the round, all shall remain in the competition.
 - B. If only one of the contestants remaining in the bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly during that round, that contestant shall be declared the winner. Once the winner has been declared, a “spell down” will be conducted among the contestants in that round to determine the other place winners.
10. Any question relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the designated official immediately in writing on the official appeal form. Appeals may be filed by a parent, legal guardian, or teacher of the speller who is seeking reinstatement into the contest. No appeals may be filed to try to eliminate another speller from the competition.
11. The judges are in complete control of the spelling bee. Their decision shall be final on all questions.

Learning to spell can be very difficult, but there are some basic rules that can help you. Just remember, there are exceptions to rules!

Learn the *i* before *e* rhyme:

Put **i** before **e** (examples: belief, yield, frieze)

Except after **c** (examples: receive, conceit)

Or when it sounds like **a** (examples: eight, freight, weight)

As in **neighbor** or **neigh**

If there is a final *e* when adding a suffix or verb ending:

If the suffix or verb ending begins with a vowel, drop the final **e**.

Examples: **change + ing = changing**

festive + ity = festivity

If the suffix or verb ending begins with a consonant, keep the final **e**.

Examples: **measure + ment = measurement**

definite + ly = definitely

use + ful = useful

To add a suffix or verb ending when a word ends in *y*:

If the word has a consonant before the **y**, change the **y** to **i**.

Examples: **mercy + less = merciless**

carry + ed = carried

If the word has a vowel before the **y**, keep the **y**.

Example: **employ + ed = employed**

The letter *q* in a word is followed by a *u*.

Examples: **relinquish**

equation

quality

Double final consonants when adding suffixes:

The final consonant of a word is often doubled when adding **-ed, -ing, -er, -est**. Double final **b, d, g, l, m, n, p, r** and **t** at the end of words.

Examples: **sob - sobbing** **mad - madder** **big - biggest**
 swim - swimming **win - winner** **hop - hopping**
 pot - potted **transfer - transferred**

Words of more than one syllable have their consonants doubled only when the final syllable is stressed:

If the word is one syllable or is stressed on the last syllable and has a single final consonant, and that single final consonant is preceded by a single vowel and the suffix begins with a vowel, then double the final consonant.

Example: patrol + ing

The stress is on the last syllable. - **trol**

There is a single final consonant. - **l**

The final consonant has a vowel before it. - **o**

The suffix, **ing**, begins with a vowel.

Therefore, you double the **l** before adding the suffix.

patrolling

Example: market + ed

The stress is on the first syllable - **mar** - not the last.

Therefore, you do not double the final consonant.

marketed

The spelling of a word does not change when you add a prefix to it even when the first letter of the word and the last letter of the prefix are the same.

Examples: **mis + step = misstep**
 pre + eminent = preeminent
 un + necessary = unnecessary

Plural nouns:

Most words simply add **s** for the plural. In words that end in **ss**, **sh**, **ch** or **x**, add **es**.

Example: **switch = switches**

In words that have a consonant before a final **y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding **es**.

Example: **summary = summaries**

Most nouns ending in **f** or **fe** add **s**. However, some change the **f** to **v** and add **s** or **es**. **There is no rule to follow here.**

Examples: **belief = beliefs**
 half = halves

Some nouns ending in **o** add **s**. However, some add **es**. **There is no rule to follow here.**

Examples: **studio = studios; potato = potatoes; echo = echoes;**
 hero = heroes; cargo = cargoes; piano = pianos;
 kangaroo = kangaroos

Sometimes words have silent letters.

Examples: **gn, pn, kn = n**
 gnome pneumonia knife

Examples: **rh, wr = r**
 rhyme wrestle

Examples: **pt, ght = t**
 ptomaine height

Examples: **ps, sc = s**
 psalm science

Example: **wh = h**
 whole

Memorizing rules is nice, but there are other good ways to learn spelling.

There are exceptions to most rules, so it's important to learn other strategies too. Try to break words into syllables. Look for prefixes, suffixes, and roots. Practice each short part and then the whole word. Break the word apart, then compare it to other words you know. Find patterns among words to help you learn spelling.

Examples:

un·ac·com·mo·dat·ed

pol·y·gen·e·sis

col·lo·qui·al·ism

chro·ma·tog·ra·phy

Incidentally and *coincidentally* have similar spellings.

February and *library* both have a hard-to-hear *r* after the *b*.

Mnemonics (pronounced with a silent **m** at the beginning) are little memory aids you can use to remember how to spell words. For example, you can remember that *dessert* is richer, so it has the double s. A *desert* is vast and empty, so only ones. You can remember that there are three **e**'s in *cemetery* because cemeteries are "ee"rie. Does it help you to spell *separate* by remembering there is "a rat" in the middle? Try to think of mnemonic devices for words you have trouble remembering how to spell.

Now you are ready to begin studying words for your spelling bee.

IMPORTANT: Start with the words in this book, but **use other sources as well, such as the dictionary**, to find words to learn. Remember, **the words for the county and state spelling bees are taken from the dictionary** and are not limited to those in this booklet.

Grouping words by word origin can help you recognize and memorize certain spelling patterns.

Spanish

adios
anchovy
bongo
burrito
cabana
cafeteria
canasta
castanets
chalupa
chihuahua
chinchilla
cilantro
enchilada
fandango
filibuster
flamenco
flotilla
gaspacho
hacienda
junco
lariat
machismo
mantilla
mariachi
mesa
oregano
peccadillo
punctilio
quesadilla
sarsaparilla
sassafras
sombbrero

tornado
tortilla
vigilante

Japanese

futon
geisha
haiku
hibachi
kamikaze
karaoke
karate
kudzu
ninja
origami
ramen
samurai
sayonara
shogun
sushi
tempura
teriyaki
tofu
tsunami
wasabi

Slavic

Bolshevik
commissar
cravat
glasnost

gulag
kielbasa
paprika
parka
polka
robot
sable
samovar
slave
Soviet
sputnik
troika
vampire

Arabic

admiral
albatross
alchemy
alcohol
alcove
alfalfa
algebra
arsenal
artichoke
azure
borax
camphor
carafe
cotton
crimson
elixir
gazelle

giraffe	barrage	genre
hazard	barricade	gorgeous
henna	beige	layette
iguana	boudoir	limousine
julep	buccaneer	mascot
lemon	bureau	matinee
magazine	bureaucracy	mayonnaise
marzipan	cachet	meringue
minaret	camouflage	motif
mohair	chagrin	musketeer
monsoon	chassis	mystique
mosque	chauvinism	neologism
mummy	collage	nitrogen
Muslin	couplet	nougat
orange	crayon	oxidant
safari	croquet	pacifism
saffron	debacle	parachute
sequins	deluxe	parfait
sugar	détente	passport
sultan	diorama	physique
talc	diplomat	poach
tamarind	dressage	potpourri
tariff	egalitarian	prairie
tarragon	entourage	raconteur
tuna	escargot	rapport
zero	essay	rehearse

French Origin

abate	foyer	ricochet
allowance	fuselage	rotisserie
altruism	fusillade	rouge
amenable	garage	saboteur
	gauche	silhouette

sobriquet
solitaire
somersault
stethoscope
suave
suede
surveillance
tableau
tambourine
taupe
tragedienne
tragicomedy
traipse
triage
tutu
vichyssoise
toboggan

Dutch Origin

beleaguer
bowery
brackish
buckwheat
cockatoo
cruller
decoy
easel
freebooter
furlough
harpoon
holster
howitzer

hustle
keelhaul
keeshond
landscape
maelstrom
slurp
trawl
uproar
waffle
walrus
wiseacre
yacht

Latin Origin

abdicate
abolition
abscissa
accent
accentuate
access
accommodate
acquisition
acquisitively
adequate
adjacent
affinity
agile
alien
alleviate
alliteration
ambiguity
ambivalent

ameliorate
amicable
applaud
arboreal
bellicose
belligerent
benefactor
beneficiary
benevolent
bugle
candidate
capitulation
carnivore
cartilage
census
chemical
colloquial
colloquialism
commensurate
condolences
conjecture
consensus
controversy
corporal
crescent
curriculum
December
decimal
dejected
delicate
diminutive
dinosaur
discern

discipline	infinitesimal	obsequious
dissect	ingenious	obstinate
efficacy	innate	ominous
egregious	innocuous	omnipotent
erudite	insidious	ostentatious
exacerbate	interject	patina
exuberant	interrupt	peninsula
facetious	intractable	percolate
fastidious	italicize	percussion
fiscal	judicator	perdition
formidable	juvenile	plausible
fossil	laboratory	postmortem
fury	legitimacy	precipitation
gratitude	lubricate	precocious
gregarious	lucid	predicate
gubernatorial	ludicrous	prerogative
gymnasium	lunatic	prodigal
habitat	luxuriate	pugilism
herbivore	magnanimous	ramification
hilarity	mediocre	recalcitrant
identical	memorabilia	recant
igneous	mercurial	reciprocal
ignorant	meticulous	referendum
imperative	millennium	retrospective
impetuous	miscellaneous	ridiculous
implement	murmur	sculptor
implemented	narrate	secession
inane	natatorium	sedentary
incredulous	nebulous	significant
incriminate	necessary	simile
indigenous	nefarious	simultaneous
indiscriminate	negotiable	solarium
infectious	nuclei	soliloquy

stipulate
subterfuge
susceptible
syllabus
tertiary
tincture
trajectory
truculent
ubiquitous
vernacular
veteran
veterinarian
vulnerable

German

angst
autobahn
blitzkrieg
bratwurst
cobalt
dreidel
edelweiss
eiderdown
einkorn
ersatz
feldspar
gestalt
Gestapo
glockenspiel
hamster
haversack
hinterland

kitsch
lederhosen
liverwurst
Meistersinger
noodle
nosh
poltergeist
pumpernickel
rottweiler
rucksack
sauerbraten
schnauzer
schottische
seltzer
spareribs
streusel
strudel
umlaut
verboten
waltz
wanderlust
weimaraner

Old English

acre
alderman
anvil
aspen
barrow
behest
behoove
belay

blithe
bower
bristle
dearth
dreary
dross
earwig
farthing
fennel
fickle
forlorn
furlong
gospel
gristle
hassock
hawthorn
hearth
heifer
hypocrisy
keen
kith
linseed
lithé
mistletoe
mongrel
nestle
nether
nightingale
nostril
paddock
quell
sallow
salve

slaughter
threshold
tithe

Greek

academy
acme
acronym
adamant
agnostic
allegory
amnesia
analysis
android
antibiotic
apathy
apostrophe
arachnid
asteroid
automaton
biography
biopsy
calypso
ceramics
chronology
cosmetic
cosmos
cryptic
cynical
democracy
diagnosis
diphthong

dogma
dynamic
eclectic
endemic
enthusiasm
ephemeral
epiphany
eulogy
euphemism
eureka
geothermal
geranium
graph
hierarchy
hippopotamus
homogeneous
homonym
hygiene
hyperbole
lethargy
melancholy
metamorphosis
misanthropy
mnemonic
narcissism
odyssey
Olympian
orthodox
ostracize
oxymoron
panic
paradigm
paradox

patriarch
philanthropy
platypus
polygon
pragmatic
protocol
rhinoceros
rhyme
rhythmic
sarcasm
scheme
semantics
sophomore
spherical
strategy
symbiosis
synchronous
tetrahedron
thermodynamics
thesaurus
topical
topography
tragic
trauma
zephyr
anomaly
aristocracy
asterisk
diatribe
ergonomics
etymology
hedonism
isobar

Often Misspelled Words

across
address
again
agreeable
allot
already
answer
apparent
appearance
athlete
believable
bureau
business
college
commitment
concede
conscientious
cousin
debt
definite
different
does
eligible
embarrass
exceed
exhilarate
familiar
February
foreign
forty

grammar
half
independence
interesting
its
knowledge
laboratory
laugh
league
maintenance
minute
misspell
noticeable
occurrence
often
pastime
possess
privilege
probably
ready
receipt
recommend
said
satellite
schedule
secretary
separate
sheriff
sincerely
succeed
sure
trouble
truly

usually
vegetable
villain
visible
Wednesday
weird

Often Misused Homonyms

accept – except
aisle – isle
bare – bear
born – borne
capital – capitol
cash – cache
ceiling – sealing
cellar – seller
censor – censer
senser – sensor
cereal – serial
coarse – course
council – counsel
forth – fourth
herd – heard
hole – whole
horse – hoarse
led – lead (n)
lean – lien
naval – navel
ought – aught
principal –
principle

recede – reseed
yore – your
weather – whether
ware – wear – where
right – rite
rote – wrote
sight – site – cite
stationary – stationery
their – there
colonel – kernel
complement –
compliment
straight – strait

Words to Learn

Beginner Words

denim
waltz
yardstick
fossil
ballot
grotto
puppet
nickel
prefix
value
alligator
candlelight
thermal
trite
topical

zombie
revised
sequins
mammoth
sheriff
density
reign
atom
annoy
bewildered
geography
fierce
pelvis
bassinet
regatta
squall
mesa
toothbrush
comet
bureau
pastor
sleight
sidekick
polygon
database
conglomeration
arcade
pressure
spreadsheet
uproar
scarecrow
diary
coffee

Wednesday
apricot
wraparound
undergarment
pretzel
bagel
embargo
staff
semicircle
ivory
anvil
turtleneck
bishop
shutter
parka
slave
island
storyboard
walrus
tango
senate
vowel
waffle
tidemark
radius
schedule
catalog
polka
hayloft
woofer
disk
cranberry
silverback

Beginner Words

(continued)

method	storage	pellets
temperature	location	soapstone
gearshift	vegetable	bonanza
Slav	joint	harpoon
number	salsa	privilege
carousel	hazard	hockey
abbey	cosmetic	crayon
guitar	wildfire	element
noodle	tofu	panic
revival	property	adobe
wheelbarrow	problem	dragnet
tablet	vampire	speech
watercolor	rouge	soundboard
denture	Arctic	futon
percent	prophet	tradition
magazine	sight	tundra
stockholder	timeline	acre
oddball	watershed	gallon
rabbi	bangle	quart
pioneer	gong	ounce
veteran	kitchen	jigsaw
ringmaster	sultan	fable
storyteller	academy	mural
candidate	phrase	skyscraper
seller	hurricane	seascape
settler	essay	tornado
feminist	bobtail	tycoon
secretary	tutu	villain
graph	nosegay	monsoon
napkin	hamster	ballerina
poetry	canary	waitress
	spatula	sentence
	nacho	stagehand

package	diamond	religion
receipt	toadstool	commodity
symbol	rookie	where
deference	wound	canonical
youngster	telephone	warrant
calculator	warning	upright
lavender	passport	surplus
sharply	censure	miniature
tutored	volcano	prompt
snobbishly	multiply	corrosive
whole	mirage	fickle
said	image	positive
belligerence	brainchild	unhealthy
torment	alien	creative
pastime	ozone	panicky
smallpox	vessel	unfortunately
rabies	relief	zany
tiebreaker	robot	utterly
tissue	lizard	vacantly
underage	pewter	spicy
totem	plaid	crumbly
buckwheat	radar	needlepoint
telescope	aspen	weakly
ware	egret	widescreen
league	vein	eligible
theory	reptile	dreary
veto	tumblebug	sourly
treadmill	vitamin	scattering
landscape	salmon	nostril
question	lilac	kidney
irony	vanilla	tempted
fraction	woodpecker	causal
plains	petunia	awful

Beginner Words

(continued)

deafening	sordidly	their
remote	saltily	yours
despondent	sweetly	serial
principal	watchfully	nasal
right	worshipfully	universal
melba	touchdown	skeletal
timberland	kosher	centimeter
colorful	yonder	season
glamorous	umpire	namesake
tunefully	Newton	champion
taught	apathy	burglar
sparkling	unwisely	coward
westbound	purring	zookeeper
severe	foreign	tattletale
vivid	boredom	toddler
wireless	profit	trustee
sure	probably	dejection
sapphire	stiffly	earache
tragic	sincere	wrote
screeching	loose	snooker
equality	vainly	visible
woozily	yearly	pottery
sullenly	puce	ready
worriedly	weird	taboo
voicelessly	auspicious	nonfiction
urgently	puny	abiding
usually	ordinary	apparent
eerily	atomic	cognate
reliably	spinal	ratio
zestily	trendy	ashamed
toothily	plural	Spartan
	negative	raspy
	sensory	ticklish

separate	buffalo	import
truly	subject	wear
tweezers	captain	succeed
loam	palace	follow
phantom	peach	memorize
pollutant	twelfth	signal
testament	eclipse	shear
twist	hologram	spawn
piloted	site	slurp
sugar	triangle	debate
enough	rite	thrilled
there	gospel	intersect
omega	offspring	yield
union	massage	possess
volume	ditto	worship
choreography	tiniest	dubbing
fresco	commitment	snuggle
quarterback	slavery	thaw
television	weather	wager
trillion	knowledge	zoom
vacancy	unity	recede
poverty	grammar	unfold
assimilation	economy	gather
twilight	script	reseed
shoreline	warfare	recommend
ocean	spelling	shelter
shogun	maintenance	demolish
zero	sparsely	argue
future	cotton	confiscate
caboose	yore	assign
border	unamiably	telegraph
gravity	measure	unfasten
chivalry	sealing	nestle

Beginner Words

(continued)

shadowing
quiver
understate
narrate
poach
wriggle
bellow
sincerely
whether
vastly
fury
remainder
russet
amber
bronze
candid
geologic
calm
beautiful
grieving
immense
jealous
acidly
aloud
amply
avidly
barely
explosively
fatally
grossly
handily

hoarsely
honestly
jerkily
information
bumblebee
basement
artwork
charcoal
gallery
galaxy
industry
inflation
labor
cakewalk
clogging

satellite
curio
demographic
scaffolding
filibuster
seltzer
alliteration
sluice
sobriety
drowsiness
spaghetti
spelunker
recreation
extravaganza
quarry
abbreviation
advertisement

Intermediate Words

umbilical
unabridged
urbane
urinary
ursine
vaudeville
vector
drought
dynasty
edict
electron
revision
rhombus
sacrilege
salvation

glacier
allegro
caldera
capillary
capitalization
nitrogen
notation
numeral
oceanography
ohm
orchestra
vocabulary
wholly
zenith
zygote
vertebrae

emphasized	ultraviolet	scalene
excommunicate	velveteen	benefactor
fabricated	unscramble	statue
harmonize	vacuum	sphinx
heightened	volunteered	shovelful
hustle	weighed	prefix
refraction	advisory	abolition
resonance	altitude	rupture
salinity	gastrointestinal	fiscal
secant	guava	hilarity
sidereal	guerrilla	toboggan
subjunctive	hectometer	algebra
calculus	helix	amnesia
carbohydrates	iambic	snorkel
virtue	authoress	preamble
vocalist	avatar	measles
volleyball	implemented	stoic
wardrobe	mediated	ordinary
warehouse	orchestrated	sequins
wavelength	processing	crevice
synthesized	recommended	agile
transmitted	rehabilitated	chronic
unified	idiom	foyer
amino	simile	access
ampere	stimulant	betroth
composition	cranial	strudel
compound	scarab	multiplication
condensation	cafeteria	murmur
cubism	spherical	strategy
cynicism	transparent	haiku
demonstration	barricade	altimeter
turmeric	tapestry	altruism
typhoid	tantamount	moraine

Intermediate Words

(continued)

muscular	colossal	proportion
Neapolitan	wretchedly	radioactivity
nominative	yearningly	superlative
pancreas	abstinence	fathom
parallel	dauntlessly	stucco
transect	ricochet	parachute
secluded	illustration	acceleration
spigot	ghetto	aggression
education	longitude	discreetly
electoral	paraffin	pugilism
susceptible	tolerance	shalom
benign	abdicate	saxophone
mukluk	stallion	solarium
quarrel	biopsy	fragrant
alfalfa	laboratory	knapsack
fugue	licorice	soluble
couplet	fidgeted	corporal
procedure	lumberjack	allowance
gauge	character	collage
gaseous	lubricate	alliance
gondola	postmortem	analysis
conversation	isobar	scabbard
spumoni	sombrero	orchard
lariat	hydraulic	miniature
straitjacket	gallant	arsenal
crescent	carnivore	cavalry
referee	majority	smocking
thenceforth	trajectory	cantata
defiant	tumult	napoleon
naturalization	turbulence	graffiti
diplomat	verbose	laceration
	vertices	inferno
	probability	campaign

dynamic
tableau
rhythmic
chemical
scheme
chinchilla
tithe
consensus
symphony
lethargy
controversy
amendment
analogy
conjecture
pursuit
nuisance
quell
recant
executive
chalice
evaluate
prodigal
protocol
distributive
documentary
electrolytes
endocrine
sacrifice
jovial
chocolate
singe
glossary
creative

contraband
fiddlesticks
jalopy
ridiculous
leotard
channel
sarcasm
biography
knavishly
lyrically
quaintly
resplendently
tranquilly
unctuously
vertically
vicariously
agriculture
complementary
governor
guilt
guru
havoc
heredity
heresy
reservoir
resistance
respiration
satire
scientist
sculpture
lucid
decimal
limelight

qualm
binoculars
nectarine
coincidence
pumice
hustle
multicolored
obedience
habitat
adequate
bizarre
cauliflower
trawl
mediocre
slaughter
pillar
tectonics
theorem
totalitarian
victimology
videography
projection

Challenge Words

tempestuous
gesundheit
hyperbole
soufflé
mariachi
julep
contingency
impetus

Challenge Words

(continued)

suede	metamorphosis	loathe
anachronism	silhouette	masquerade
rabbinical	traipse	disciple
triceratops	tragedienne	roisserie
stethoscope	ramshackle	bicentennial
salvageable	scherzo	infectious
tranquilizer	outmaneuver	narcolepsy
transcendental	curmudgeon	rhinoceros
terrestrial	dichotomy	mistletoe
genre	jodhpurs	sedentary
thesaurus	somersault	lieutenant
lycanthrope	discipline	commensurate
pedagogy	meringue	chauvinism
aardvark	embroidery	agoraphobia
pertussis	patriarch	hypothesize
homonym	nickelodeon	lithe
italicize	luxuriate	rapport
witticism	mnemonic	statistician
clientele	microcosm	meritocracy
sudoku	efficacy	rosacea
cartilage	blitzkrieg	synthesizer
juvenile	prairie	philanthropy
vichyssoise	truculent	testimonial
miscellaneous	mayonnaise	bibliophile
sophistication	sympathize	gubernatorial
platypus	synchronize	ramekin
ingenious	diminutive	narcissism
vehement	alchemy	dreidel
yacht	subconscious	suffragette
entrepreneur	solecism	antihistamine
limousine	algorithm	archipelago
	prerogative	oxymoron
	criminology	nefarious

soliloquy	arachnid	quarantine
marzipan	sienna	periphery
anecdote	belligerent	indigenous
stomachache	synopsis	charlatan
pernicious	riboflavin	smithereens
elixir	cabriolet	egregious
odyssey	calypso	spurious
sanctimonious	boatswain	repertoire
innocuous	precocious	embezzlement
beneficiary	paparazzo	surveillance
pistachio	stalagmite	mechanism
jambalaya	natatorium	outmaneuver
euphemism	liaison	karaoke
primavera	indiscriminate	stereotype
perdition	gauche	tambourine
sobriquet	hierarchy	raconteur
apostrophe	homogeneous	madrigal
indelible	numismatic	hippopotamus
sabbatical	thermodynamics	accommodate
rhapsody	accentuate	judicator
memorabilia	segue	stratosphere
reciprocate	hypocrisy	kamikaze
ambivalent	isthmus	arboreal
facetious	stenographer	lackadaisical
saguaro	crocus	legitimacy
somnambulism	vulnerable	vengeance
tertiary	significant	ludicrous
provolone	stealthy	mackinaw
potpourri	chandelier	luminance
melancholy	incognito	machination
tamarind	reconciliation	acquisition
adagio	jaundiced	peninsula
anonymity	antibiotic	maraschino

Challenge Words

(continued)

bureaucracy	chartreuse	tabernacle
ostracize	Ellipsoidal	ramification
negotiable	ersatz	recalcitrant
impropriety	fuchsia	referendum
nonchalant	igneous	recidivism
austere	ulcerous	exacerbate
crescendo	acerbically	saccharin
halitosis	acquiescently	rudimentary
quadratic	acquisitively	nebulous
staccato	ubiquitous	saboteur
nuclei	judicial	scandalous
salve	capitalism	camphor
diphthong	tetrahedron	pearlescent
physique	veterinarian	secession
orthodox	carafe	boutique
pachyderm	renaissance	laryngitis
omnipotent	synonym	infinitesimal
succinct	tarantula	tardigrade
acrimoniously	zucchini	fusillade
aesthetically	epithet	camouflage
asymmetrically	quadruple	poltergeist
atrociously	tsunami	spasmodic
brusquely	macrobiotics	millennium
equivocally	glockenspiel	simultaneous
zoophobia	tonsillectomy	standoffish
muesli	minaret	Tasmanian
statuesque	triage	plagiarize
vernacular	trachea	maelstrom
macabre	debacle	symbiosis
cardiovascular	heifer	Mikado
cerise	sassafras	edelweiss
	syllabus	kaleidoscope
	tincture	tragicomedy

traitorous
misdemeanor
chassis
phenomenon

Commonly Confused Words

allusion – illusion
affect(v) – effect(n)
breath – breathe
choose – chose
conscience –
conscious
desert – dessert
emigrate –
immigrate
proceed – precede
than – then
quiet – quite
liable – libel
loose – lose
nauseated –
nauseous
later – latter

WORDS LISTED BY CATEGORY

*For the next
several pages, the
words have been
broken down into
categories.*

Geometry Words

circumference
complementary
congruent
diameter
endpoint
equilateral
geometry
globular
hypotenuse
intersect
isosceles
parallel
parallelogram
pentagonal
perpendicular
polygon
radius
rhombus
scalene
secant

semicircle
spherical
supplementary
tangent
tetrahedron
transect
triangle
vertices

Verbs

socialize
stipulate
sympathize
synchronize
traipse
wager
zoom
loathe
luxuriate
murmur
nestle
ostracize
overindulge
persuade
poach
pressure
quell
reciprocate
remember
romanticize
segue
singe

slaughter
snuggle
accentuate
accommodate
ameliorate
argue
assign
bellow
betroth
bristle
diminish
dwindle
evaluate
exacerbate
follow
forfeit
gather
hustle
interfere
interrupt

Religion and Beliefs

abbey
abstinence
agnostic
altar
altruism
Amish
apocalypse
apostle
assumption

atonement
avatar
baptism
bar mitzvah
belief
bishop
blasphemy
Brahma
Buddhism
catechism
cathedral
chalice
communion
consecrate
contrition
creationism
crucifix
cynicism
disciple
dogma
dreidel
evangelical
excommunicate
faith
fundamentalism
gentile
gospel
guru
heresy
hymn
ideology
idol
immaculate

inquisition
karma
kosher
limbo
Madonna
mantra
martyr
Mecca
minaret
miracle
miraculous
missionary
monastery
monk
myth
naturalism
omen
omnipotent
orthodox
pacifism
paganism
pastor
penance
piety
prophet
protestant
purgatory
rabbi
rabbinical
redemption
religion
ritual
sacrifice

sacrilege
salvation
sanctify
shalom
synagogue
tabernacle
taboo
Taoism
testament
tithe
totem
tradition
vespers
vestments
vicar
virtue
worship
zealot
ziggurat

Medicine/ Health

ambulance
antigen
antihistamine
bacteria
benign
biopsy
bloodstream
calcium
calorie
carbohydrates

chemotherapy
chronic
circulatory
communicable
disease
earache
elixir
exercise
halitosis
hygiene
immune
infectious
influenza
jaundiced
laceration
laryngitis
lobotomy
macrobiotics
malaria
measles
metabolism
migraine
narcolepsy
nasal
nearsighted
penicillin
pharmacy
physical
physique
pneumonia
prescription
protein
quarantine

rabies
rosacea
salve
smallpox
stomachache
tendonitis
therapeutic
trauma
triage
typhoid
ulcerous
vitamin
whiplash
wound

Human Body

abdominal
appendix
artery
artery
capillary
cardiovascular
cartilage
cellular
chromosome
clavicle
connective
contractibility
cranial
digestive
electrolytes
embryo

endocrine
fluid
gastrointestinal
gland
homeostasis
hormone
internal
joint
kidney
kneecap
knuckle
ligament
marrow
metabolism
microscopic
muscles
muscular
nostril
nutrient
organ
pancreas
pelvis
physiology
platelets
receptors
retina
sebaceous
secretion
sensory
skeletal
spinal
sternum
tissue

tongue
tonsillectomy
trachea
umbilical
urinary
vascular
vein
vein
vertebrae
vessels
vitamin

Geography Words

aphelion
aquifer
archipelago
arroyo
atlas
atoll
axis
biodiversity
caldera
cartographer
climatology
continental
coriolis
demographic
equatorial
estuary
fauna
geography

geologic
geology
globe
hemisphere
island
karst
lithification
loess
megalopolis
Mercator
moraine
occidental
parallel
perihelion
permafrost
quaternary
reservoir
tectonics
tertiary
topography
urbanization
zenith

Food and Cooking Words

appetite
apricot
avocado
bagel
banquet
cafeteria
carafe

cheddar
chocolate
cranberry
gelato
glassware
hibachi
jambalaya
julep
kitchen
licorice
maraschino
marzipan
mayonnaise
melba
meringue
molasses
muesli
nacho
napoleon
nectarine
noodle
pretzel
primavera
provolone
ramekin
recipe
rotisserie
saccharin
seltzer
sieve
soufflé
spaghetti
spatula

spumoni
stollen
strudel
tabbouleh
tangelo
tempura
tofu
tortilla
utensil
vanilla
vegetarian
vermicelli
vichyssoise
waffle
waitress
zucchini

cinematographer
clapperboard
continuity
costumer
crew
daguerreotype
darkroom
dialogue
diffraction
diffuser
digital
director
documentary
dubbing
editing
editor
Electrotachyscope
Ellipsoidal
exposure
gaffer
iris
location
matte
monochrome
montage
negative
nickelodeon
photography
photojournalism
processing
production
projection
projector

Film and Photography Words

actor
actress
ambient
anamorphic
animation
aperture
assistant
boom
cameo
camera
candid
character

script
sequel
shutter
stereoscopy
storyboard
technician
technique
viewfinder
widescreen

Physics Words

acceleration
ampere
amplitude
atom
atomic
centrifugal
concave
convex
density
energy
frequency
friction
fulcrum
gravity
hologram
inertia
lumen
luminance
magnetic
mirage

ohm
pendulum
prism
radioactivity
refraction
resonance
spectrum
thermal
thermodynamics
trajectory
transistor
transparent
ultraviolet
velocity
vibration
wavelength

Plants

aspen
buckwheat
cauliflower
crocus
edelweiss
geranium
guava
hawthorn
lilac
magnolia
mistletoe
monocot
petunia
photosynthesis

pistachio
saguaro
sassafras
shamrock
yucca
zinnia
zucchini

Disaster Words

alert
avalanche
blizzard
cyclone
disease
drought
earthquake
emergency
epidemic
eruption
famine
flood
hurricane
landslide
maelstrom
mudslide
relief
shelter
tornado
tsunami
typhoon
volcano

warning
wildfire

ballerina
cakewalk
clogging
cotillion
disco

dejected
disgust
drowsiness
embarrassed
enmity

Words with the Prefix Un-

unaccompanied
unaffordable
unappetizing
unassembled
unblemished
uncanny
uncluttered
uncoordinated
undependable
undisturbed
unfold
unhealthy
unmanageable
unoccupied
unorthodox
unresponsive
unruly
unscramble
unsusceptible
untouchable
unworkable

fandango
foxtrot
hustle
jitterbug
limbo
lithe
mambo
minuet
polka
reggae
salsa
tango
tutu
twist
waltz

ennui
enthusiasm
euphoria
facetious
fury
gratitude
guilt
impatience
inadequacy
jovial
lethargy
melancholy
modesty
panic
regret
shame
standoffish

Feeling Words

angst
annoy
apathy
ashamed
austere
awful
belligerent
boredom
chagrin
defiant

stoic
suspense
thrilled
torment
vulnerability
vulnerable
wretched
yearning

Dance Words

adagio
agile
arabesque

Chemistry Words

element
catalyst
chemical
compound
covalent
electron
molecule
nitrogen
oxygen
soluble
solution
uranium

Color Words

aquamarine
amber
amethyst
auburn
bronze
turquoise
cerise
chartreuse
cyan
khaki
fuchsia
ivory
lavender
mauve
taupe
ochre

peach
periwinkle
persimmon
puce
russet
salmon
sapphire
vermilion

Business Words

catalog
embargo
import
labor
profit
stockholder
union
boutique
clientele
embezzlement
entrepreneur
advertisement
bookkeeper
boycott
career
clearance
cubicle
insurance
surplus
warehouse
depression

economy
industrialize
industry
inflation
trustee
unemployment

Apparel Words

taffeta
textile
toboggan
jodhpurs
tunic
turtleneck
undergarment
denim
mackinaw
suede
moccasin
mukluk
muslin
plaid
sequins
sombrero

Animals

nightingale
poodle
silverback
stallion
terrier

tortoise
wolverine
arachnid
rottweiler
bumblebee
reptile
unicorn
alligator
buffalo
egret
lizard
woodpecker
aardvark
Heifer
pachyderm
Platypus
rhinoceros
tarantula
chinchilla
iguana
mongrel

Furniture Words

armoire
cabinet
credenza
cupboard
curio
futon
ottoman
settee

tuffet
upholstery
wardrobe

School Words

information
question
academy
assignment
curriculum
education
graduation
query
sophomore
tuition
undergraduate
university

Architecture Words

stucco
threshold
architecture
basement
gargoyle
mausoleum
skyscraper
staircase
wainscoting
balcony
natatorium

belvedere
foyer
miniature
pillar
rotunda
scaffolding
solarium

Biology Words

spawn
arboreal
symbiosis
biology
carnivore
dissect
habitat
metamorphosis
amoeba
arthropod
enzyme
heredity
hibernation
meiosis
microbe
mitosis
mutation
offspring
organelle
organism
osmosis
parasite
protozoa

species
venomous
vertebrate

Games and Sports

archery
canoeing
javelin
karate
mahjong
peloton
pentathlon
pugilism
recreation
referee
skiing
snorkel
solitaire
somersault
spelunker
steeplechase
trawl
unsportsmanlike
volleyball
weightlifter

Art Words

artwork
colorful
crayon

drawing
fresco
image
mural
pottery
seascape
totem
watercolor
sienna
technique
ceramics
collage
easel
graffiti
landscape
origami
patina
portfolio
realism
sculptor
statue
tempera
silhouette
abstract
charcoal
cubism
gallery
rococo
sculpture
shadowing
texture
turpentine

Government

alderman
bureaucracy
commonwealth
congress
democracy
dictatorship
dynasty
executive
government
governor
gubernatorial
legislative
legislature
monarch
politician
republic
senate
sovereignty
theocracy
totalitarian

Astronomy

ablation
accretion
achondrite
albedo
antimatter
apastron
aphelion
apogee
asteroid

aurora
azimuth
binary
catena
celestial
circumpolar
constellation
corona
debris
declination
ecliptic
ephemeris
equilibrium
equinox
extragalactic
extraterrestrial
galaxy
geosynchronous
heliopause
interplanetary
lunation
magnitude
meridian
meteorite
nebula
neutrino
obliquity
occultation
parallax
penumbra
perigee
perihelion
quasar

radiation
retrograde
sidereal
solstice
spectroscopy
tektite

Crime and Law Words

abatement
abductor
abeyance
abidance
abrogate
accessory
accomplice
acquittal
adjudication
admissible
amendment
arraignment
assault
bailiff
bequeath
caveat
censure
certiorari
chattel
constitution
disbarment
edict
escheat

fiduciary
grievance
inadmissible
incarceration
incriminate
indictment
innocent
inspector
interlocutory
judicator
judicial
preamble
ratify
referendum
venire

Music Words

allegro
balalaika
bassoon
calypso
cantata
castanets
crescendo
glockenspiel
harmonica
harmonize
harpichord
instrumental
karaoke
lyrics
madrigal

maestro
mariachi
minstrel
oratorio
orchestra
pianoforte
polka
rhythmic
rockabilly
saxophone
scherzo
sonata
soprano
sousaphone
staccato
symphony
syncopation
timpani
ukulele
virtuoso
vocalist
xylophone

Kentucky Derby Festival

endurance
gondola
meister
tradition
grand marshal
aviation
pyrotechnics
parachute
gyros
equestrians
maritime
elevation
aeronautics
aileron
dirigible
hydration
concessions
solemnity
commemorative



KENTUCKY DERBY
FESTIVAL

*The stories you
tell happen here.*



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