

Spelling Bee Grade 2 Word List

1	<p>accident: <i>noun</i> \ 'ak-sə-dənt \ an unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance <i>He was hurt in an accident at recess.</i></p>
2	<p>amazing: <i>adj</i> \ ə- 'māz ing \ causing amazement, great wonder, or surprise <i>The magic trick was amazing.</i></p>
3	<p>appear: <i>intransitive verb</i> \ ə- 'piə \ to be or come in sight, to show up <i>He waited for the sun to appear before painting his house.</i></p>
4	<p>asteroid: <i>noun</i> 'as-tə- r id \ any of the small rocky celestial bodies found especially between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter <i>The asteroid smashed into the spaceship.</i></p>
5	<p>autumn: <i>noun</i> ' -təm \ the season between summer and winter including in the northern hemisphere usually the months of September, October, and November -- called also fall <i>When autumn came he harvested his garden.</i></p>
6	<p>bandage: <i>noun</i> \ 'ban-dij \ a strip of fabric used especially to cover, dress, and bind up wounds <i>She put a bandage on the cut.</i></p>
7	<p>borrowed: <i>verb</i> \ 'bār- ()ōd \ Past tense of borrow, to receive with the implied or expressed intention of returning the same or an equivalent <i>He borrowed the book from the library.</i></p>
8	<p>bought: <i>verb</i> ' b t \ Past tense of buy, to acquire possession, ownership, or rights to the use or services of by payment especially of money <i>I bought the candy with my allowance.</i></p>
9	<p>burglar: <i>noun</i> \ 'bər-glər also -gə-lər \ a person who illegally enters a building in order to steal things <i>I saw a burglar and called the police.</i></p>
10	<p>butterfly: <i>noun</i> \ 'butter - flī \ A swimming stroke executed in a prone position by moving both arms in a circular motion while kicking both legs up and down. <i>They competed in the butterfly.</i></p>
11	<p>capital: <i>noun</i> \ 'ka-pə-təl \ a city serving as a seat of government <i>Boise is the capital of Idaho.</i></p>
12	<p>caterpillar: <i>noun</i> \ 'ka-tə(r)- pi-lər \ the elongated wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth <i>The green, fuzzy caterpillar was crawling along the branch of the tree looking for a leaf to eat.</i></p>

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13	<p>celebrate: <i>verb</i> \ 'se-lə- brāt\ to observe a notable occasion with festivities <i>Jennifer wanted to celebrate her birthday at Roaring Springs.</i></p>
14	<p>character: <i>noun</i> \ 'ker-ik-tər, 'ka-rik\ one of the persons of a drama or novel <i>Robert was the lead character in the play.</i></p>
15	<p>chatted: <i>verb</i> \ 'chat - ted\ to talk in an informal or familiar manner <i>The children chatted together in the yard.</i></p>
16	<p>cherry: <i>noun</i> \ 'cher-ē, 'che-rē\ the fruit of a cherry tree <i>After dinner I ate ice cream with a cherry on top.</i></p>
17	<p>chickenpox: <i>noun</i> \ 'chik-uh n-poks\ a contagious virus disease especially of children marked by low fever and a rash or small watery blisters <i>She had to stay home from school because she had chickenpox.</i></p>
18	<p>children: <i>noun</i> \ 'chil - druhn\ Young human beings below the age of full physical development or below the legal age of majority <i>All of the children had excellent manners.</i></p>
19	<p>chocolate: <i>noun</i> \ 'chä-k(ə)-lət, 'ch -\ a food prepared from ground roasted cacao beans <i>The cake recipe calls for four squares of chocolate.</i></p>
20	<p>climber: <i>noun</i> \ 'klī-mər\ one that climbs or helps in climbing <i>She was the fastest climber and reached the top of the tree first.</i></p>
21	<p>confused: <i>adj.</i> \ con- 'fyüzd\ being perplexed or unsure <i>John was confused by the difficult math problem.</i></p>
22	<p>cough: <i>verb</i> \ 'k f\ to expel air from the lungs suddenly with an explosive noise <i>The dust made him cough.</i></p>
23	<p>courage: <i>noun</i> \ 'kər-ij, 'kə-rij\ greatness of spirit in facing danger or difficulty <i>It takes courage to stand up to bullies.</i></p>
24	<p>coward: <i>noun</i> 'kau (-ə)rd\ one who shows disgraceful fear or timidity <i>He was tired of being a coward and finally stood up to the bully.</i></p>
25	<p>crayon: <i>noun</i> \ 'krā- än, -ən <i>also</i> 'kran\ a stick of white or colored chalk or of colored wax used for writing or drawing <i>The drawing is done in crayon.</i></p>

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26	<p>cricket: <i>noun</i> \ 'kri-kət\ an insect noted for the chirping notes produced by the male by rubbing together specially modified parts of the forewings <i>We heard a cricket while we were camping.</i></p>
27	<p>cupboard: <i>noun</i> \ 'kə-bərd\ a closet with shelves where dishes, utensils, or food is kept <i>The dishes go in the cupboard next to the sink.</i></p>
28	<p>curious: <i>adj.</i> \ 'kyu r-ē-əs\ desire to investigate and learn <i>I am curious to know why the moon's shape is different each evening.</i></p>
29	<p>dangerous: <i>adj.</i> \ 'dān-jə-rəs; able or likely to inflict injury or harm <i>Playing with fire is dangerous.</i></p>
30	<p>daughter: <i>noun</i> \ 'd -tər, 'dä-\ a female offspring especially of parents that are human beings <i>We have a daughter and two sons.</i></p>
31	<p>delight: <i>noun</i> \di-'līt, dē-\ a high degree of gratification : joy; <i>also:</i> extreme satisfaction <i>The kids screamed in delight as they chased one another around the park.</i></p>
32	<p>dinosaur: <i>noun</i> \ 'dī-nə- s r\ any of a group of extinct often very large chiefly terrestrial carnivorous or herbivorous reptiles of the Mesozoic era <i>The T-rex is a type of dinosaur.</i></p>
33	<p>direction: <i>noun</i> \dē-'rek-shən, dī-\ the line or course along which something moves, lies, or points <i>We are headed in a northerly direction.</i></p>
34	<p>doorknob: <i>noun</i> \- năb\ a knob that releases a door latch <i>I turned the doorknob to open to door.</i></p>
35	<p>doubt: <i>verb</i> \ 'dau t\ to lack confidence in <i>I seriously doubt my parents will let me go.</i></p>
36	<p>easel: <i>noun</i> \ 'ē-zəl\ a frame for supporting something (as an artist's canvas) <i>He put his picture on an easel for all to see.</i></p>
37	<p>elbow: <i>noun</i> \ 'el- bō\ the joint of the human arm <i>Your funny bone is on your elbow.</i></p>

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38	<p>elephant: <i>noun</i> \ 'e-lə-fənt\ any of a family of huge thickset nearly hairless mammals that have the snout lengthened into a trunk and two incisors in the upper jaw developed into long outward-curving pointed ivory tusks and that include two living forms <i>At the zoo we saw an elephant.</i></p>
39	<p>engine: <i>noun</i> \ 'en-jən\ a machine for converting any of various forms of energy into mechanical force and motion <i>The car has a four-cylinder engine.</i></p>
40	<p>enormous: <i>adj.</i> i- 'n r-məs, ē-\ marked by extraordinarily great size, number, or degree; especially : exceeding usual bounds or accepted notions <i>The Statue of Liberty is enormous.</i></p>
41	<p>enough: <i>adj.</i> \i- 'nəf, ē-, ə-\ occurring in such quantity, quality, or scope as to fully meet demands, needs, or expectations <i>Did you get enough to eat during lunch?</i></p>
42	<p>escape: <i>verb</i> \is- 'kāp, es-, <i>dialect</i> iks- 'kāp\ to get away <i>He managed to escape from the classroom without being seen by the teacher.</i></p>
43	<p>except: <i>prep</i> \ik- 'sept\ with the exclusion or exception of <i>The store is open daily except Sundays.</i></p>
44	<p>feather: <i>noun</i> \ 'fe-thər\ one of the light horny outgrowths that made-up the covering of the body of birds <i>I found a bird feather on the ground.</i></p>
45	<p>finalist: <i>noun</i> \ 'fī-nə-list\ a contestant in a competition finals <i>I want to be a finalist in the Spelling Bee.</i></p>
46	<p>flavor: <i>noun</i> \ 'flā-vər\ the blend of taste and smell sensations evoked by a substance in the mouth <i>I love the bubblegum flavor of snow cones.</i></p>
47	<p>friend: <i>noun</i> \ 'frend\ one attached to another by affection or esteem <i>I' d like to be your friend.</i></p>
48	<p>frontier: <i>noun</i> \frɒn-tɪər\ the land or territory that forms the furthest extent of a country's settled or inhabited regions. <i>Lewis and Clark explored the northwest frontier with the help of Sacagawea.</i></p>
49	<p>gentle: <i>adj.</i> / 'jəntl/ free from harshness, sternness, or violence <i>I heard a gentle knock at the door.</i></p>

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50	<p>glimmer: <i>verb</i> \ˈgli-mər\ to shine faintly or unsteadily <i>Fireflies glimmer at dusk during the summer months.</i></p>
51	<p>grateful: <i>adj.</i> \ˈgrāt-fəl\ appreciative of benefits received <i>I'm grateful to my teachers.</i></p>
52	<p>gridlock: <i>noun</i> \- lāk\ a traffic jam in which a grid of intersecting streets is so completely congested that no vehicular movement is possible <i>An accident caused gridlock at rush hour yesterday.</i></p>
53	<p>handsome: <i>adj.</i> [han-suhm] having an attractive, well-proportioned, and imposing appearance suggestive of health and strength. <i>Katherine thought her dad looked handsome in a suit.</i></p>
54	<p>haunted: <i>adj.</i> \ˈh nt-ed, ˈhānt-ed\ visited or inhabited by a ghost <i>The house next to mine is haunted.</i></p>
55	<p>holiday: <i>noun</i> \ˈhä-lə- dā\ a day on which one is exempt from work; <i>specifically:</i> a day marked by a general suspension of work in commemoration of an event <i>July 4 is a national holiday in the U.S.</i></p>
56	<p>honor: <i>noun</i> \ˈä-nər\ an evidence or symbol of distinction <i>She received the honor for her service to the animal shelter.</i></p>
57	<p>hour: <i>noun</i> \ˈau (-ə)r\ the 24th part of a day : 60 minutes <i>I wish lunch recess lasted for an hour.</i></p>
58	<p>insect: <i>noun</i> \ˈin- sekt\ any of a class of arthropods (as bugs or bees) with well-defined head, thorax, and abdomen, only three pairs of legs, and typically one or two pairs of wings <i>He stepped on an insect and squashed it.</i></p>
59	<p>invitation: <i>noun</i> \ in-və-ˈtā-shən\ an often formal request to be present or participate <i>I received an invitation to my friend's birthday party.</i></p>
60	<p>jacket: <i>noun</i> \ˈja-kət\ a garment for the upper body usually having a front opening, collar, lapels, sleeves, and pockets <i>When it is cold, my mom tells me to wear a jacket.</i></p>
61	<p>jelly: <i>noun</i> \ˈje-lē\ a fruit product made by boiling sugar and the juice of fruit <i>I like jelly on my peanut butter sandwich.</i></p>

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62	<p>journey: <i>noun</i> \ˈjər-nē\ an act or instance of traveling from one place to another <i>We went on a journey across America.</i></p>
63	<p>judge: <i>verb</i> \ˈjəj\ to form an estimate or evaluation of; <i>especially:</i> to form a negative opinion about <i>You should not judge people by their clothing.</i></p>
64	<p>kneel: <i>verb</i> \ˈnēl\ to fall or rest on the knees <i>I needed to kneel in order to look under my bed.</i></p>
65	<p>knight: <i>noun</i> \ˈnīt\ a chess piece, usually shaped like a horse's head <i>Kate captured Jack's queen with her knight.</i></p>
66	<p>knotting: <i>noun</i> /ˈnətiŋg/ an intertwining of the ends or parts of one or more threads, sutures, or strips of cloth. <i>The knotting on the rope was impressive.</i></p>
67	<p>knuckle: <i>noun</i> \ˈnə-kəl\ the rounded prominence formed by the ends of the two adjacent bones at a joint —used especially of those at the joints of the fingers <i>Please do not pop that knuckle anymore.</i></p>
68	<p>laughed: <i>verb</i> \ˈlafd\ past tense of laugh; to show emotion with a chuckle or explosive vocal sound <i>She laughed at her brother's joke.</i></p>
69	<p>lettuce: <i>noun</i> \ˈle-təs\ a common garden vegetable related to the daisies that has crisp juicy leaves used especially in salads <i>I like a little lettuce and tomato on my sandwiches.</i></p>
70	<p>library: <i>noun</i> \ˈlī-brer-ē, -bre-rē\ a place in which literary, musical, artistic, or reference materials (as books, manuscripts, recordings, or films) are kept for use but not for sale <i>I checked out three books from the library.</i></p>
71	<p>lightning: <i>noun</i> \ˈlīt-niŋ\ the flashing of light produced by a discharge of atmospheric electricity <i>When it started raining, I looked for lightning.</i></p>
72	<p>meadow: <i>noun</i> \ˈme-()dō\ land that is covered or mostly covered with grass; a tract of moist low-lying usually level grassland <i>The animals are grazing in the meadow.</i></p>
73	<p>measure: <i>noun</i> \ˈme-zhər, ˈmā-\ an adequate or due portion; : the dimensions, capacity, or amount of something determined by measuring <i>The recipe called for an equal measure of flour and water.</i></p>

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74	<p>miserable: <i>adj.</i> \ 'mi-zə-rə-bəl \ -discomfort or unhappiness <i>I felt miserable when I had the flu.</i></p>
75	<p>monster: <i>noun</i> \ 'män(t)-stər\ one who deviates from normal or acceptable behavior or character <i>My brother was so tired he was acting like a monster.</i></p>
76	<p>mountain: <i>noun</i> 'mau n-tən\ a landmass that projects conspicuously above its surroundings and is higher than a hill. <i>They wanted to explore and hike the mountain.</i></p>
77	<p>muscles: <i>noun</i> \ 'mə-səl\ a body tissue consisting of long cells that contract when stimulated and produce motion <i>He worked so hard his muscles were tired.</i></p>
78	<p>mystery: <i>noun</i> \ 'mis-t(ə-)rē\ something not understood or beyond understanding <i>Since no one could figure out how the apple fell off the table, it was a mystery.</i></p>
79	<p>nutrition: <i>noun</i> nu - 'tri-shən\ the process of being nourished; taking in and making use of food substances <i>Good nutrition and proper exercise keeps you healthy.</i></p>
80	<p>octopus: <i>noun</i> \ 'äk-tə-pəs, - pu s\ a cephalopod mollusk that has eight muscular arms equipped with two rows of suckers; <i>I saw an octopus at the aquarium.</i></p>
81	<p>opposite: <i>adj.</i> \ 'ä-pə-zət\ being at the other end, side, or corner <i>The two boys lived on opposite sides of the street.</i></p>
82	<p>pajamas: <i>noun plural</i> \pə-ja-məz\ a loose usually two-piece lightweight suit designed especially for sleeping or lounging —called also <i>pj's</i> <i>We put on our pajamas before going to bed.</i></p>
83	<p>people: <i>noun</i> \ 'pē-pəl\ -human beings, persons <i>There are many people at our school.</i></p>
84	<p>pepperoni: <i>noun</i> \ pe-pə-'rō-nē\ a highly seasoned beef and pork sausage <i>I love pepperoni pizza.</i></p>
85	<p>picture: <i>noun</i> \ 'pik-chər\ a design or representation made by various means (as painting, drawing, or photography) <i>I took a picture with my camera.</i></p>
86	<p>please: <i>verb</i> \ 'plēz\ to afford or give pleasure or satisfaction <i>He tried to write his best to please his teacher.</i></p>

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87	<p>princess: <i>noun</i> \ˈprin(t)-səs, ˈprin- ses, (usual British) prin-ˈses\ a female member of a royal family; <i>especially:</i> a daughter or granddaughter of a sovereign <i>The princess wore a beautiful dress to the ball.</i></p>
88	<p>quicksand: <i>noun</i> \ˈkwik- sand\ a deep mass of loose sand mixed with water into which heavy objects readily sink <i>He stepped in the quicksand and began to sink.</i></p>
89	<p>quiet: <i>adj</i> \ˈkwī-ət\ -marked by little or no motion, activity, or noise <i>Libraries are quiet places to read.</i></p>
90	<p>review: <i>verb</i> \ri-ˈvyü\ to go over or examine critically or deliberately <i>I need to review my spelling words.</i></p>
91	<p>scarecrow: <i>noun</i> \ˈsker- krō\ an object usually suggesting a human figure that is set up to frighten birds away from crops <i>We put a scarecrow in the field to try and get rid of the birds.</i></p>
92	<p>searcher: <i>noun</i> \ˈsərch-r\ someone making a search or inquiry <i>He is a searcher of truth</i></p>
93	<p>second: <i>adj</i> \ˈse-kənd \ next to the first in place or time <i>We sat in the second row.</i></p>
94	<p>secure: <i>verb</i> si-ˈk u r\ to make safe; to fasten <i>Please secure your seat belt while driving in a car.</i></p>
95	<p>sleigh: <i>noun</i> \ˈslā\ an open usually horse-drawn vehicle with runners for use on snow or ice <i>Rudolph pulls Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve.</i></p>
96	<p>slippery: <i>adj</i> \ˈsli-p(ə)-rē\ having a surface smooth enough to cause one to slide or fall <i>Icy roads are slippery.</i></p>
97	<p>sparkle: <i>verb</i> \ˈspär-kəl\ to give off or reflect bright moving points of light <i>Your costume will sparkle on stage.</i></p>
98	<p>spouse: <i>noun</i> \ˈspau s also ˈspau z\ married person : HUSBAND, WIFE <i>My spouse is my best friend.</i></p>
99	<p>squeaky: <i>adj.</i> \squeak + -y\ emitting a short shrill cry or high-pitched sound <i>His squeaky shoes could be heard across the room.</i></p>
100	<p>squeeze: <i>verb</i> \ˈskwēz\ to exert pressure especially on opposite sides of <i>I like to squeeze the toothpaste onto my toothbrush.</i></p>

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101	<p>squirrel: <i>noun</i> \ˈskwər(-ə)l, ˈskwə-rəl, chiefly British ˈskwir-əl\ any of various small or medium-sized rodents having a long bushy tail and strong hind legs <i>I saw a squirrel eating a nut.</i></p>
102	<p>stitches: <i>noun</i> \ˈstich-s\ Movements of a threaded needle in sewing or surgical suturing <i>I cut my finger and had to get four stitches.</i></p>
103	<p>straight: <i>adj.</i> \ˈstrāt\ free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities; moving continuously in the same direction <i>We were told to walk in a straight line to the cafeteria.</i></p>
104	<p>stretcher: <i>noun</i> \ˈstre-cher\ a device for carrying a sick, injured, or dead person <i>They carried her out to the ambulance on a stretcher.</i></p>
105	<p>student: <i>noun, often attributive</i> \ˈstü-dənt, ˈstyü-, chiefly Southern -dənt\ SCHOLAR, LEARNER; <i>especially:</i> one who attends a school <i>I am a student at my school.</i></p>
106	<p>suppose: <i>verb</i> \sə-ˈpōz\ to come to a conclusion arrived at by guessing <i>Who do you suppose will win?</i></p>
107	<p>surprise: <i>verb</i> \sə(r)-ˈprīz\ to strike with wonder or amazement especially because unexpected <i>Nothing you could say would surprise me.</i></p>
108	<p>symbol: <i>noun</i> \ˈsim-bəl\ something real that stands for or suggests another thing that cannot in itself be pictured or shown <i>A lion is a symbol of courage.</i></p>
109	<p>thousand: <i>noun</i> ˈthau -zən(d)\ a very large number <i>A thousand people attended the game.</i></p>
110	<p>thunder: <i>noun</i> \ˈthən-dər\ the sound that follows a flash of lightning and is caused by sudden expansion of the air in the path of the electrical discharge <i>Lightning flashed and thunder boomed.</i></p>
111	<p>together: <i>adverb</i> \tə-ˈge-thər\ in or into one place, mass, collection, or group <i>My friends gathered together and sang Happy Birthday to me.</i></p>
112	<p>torpedo: <i>noun</i> \t r-ˈpē-()dō\ a thin cylindrical self-propelled underwater projectile <i>The battleship was sunk by a torpedo fired by a submarine.</i></p>
113	<p>traffic: <i>noun</i> \ˈtra-fik\ the vehicles, pedestrians, ships, or planes moving along a route <i>Traffic is backed up to the bridge.</i></p>

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114	<p>tragic: <i>adj.</i> \ 'tra-jik\ of, marked by, or expressive that is regrettably serious or unpleasant <i>The tragic automobile accident shut down the expressway for 6 hours.</i></p>
115	<p>trouble: <i>noun</i> \ 'trə-bəl\ a condition of doing something badly or only with great difficulty <i>He was having trouble with his homework</i></p>
116	<p>turkey: <i>noun</i> \ 'tər-kē\ a large North American gallinaceous bird that is domesticated in most parts of the world <i>We ate turkey on Thanksgiving.</i></p>
117	<p>umbrella : <i>noun</i> \ əm-'bre-lə\ a collapsible shade for protection against weather consisting of fabric stretched over hinged ribs coming out from a central pole. <i>When it started to rain, I used my umbrella to stay dry and comfortable.</i></p>
118	<p>vacation: <i>noun</i> \vā-'kā-shən\ a period of time spent away from home in travel or amusement <i>We went to Disneyland for our family vacation.</i></p>
119	<p>voice: <i>noun</i> \ 'v is\ sound produced by vertebrates by means of lungs, larynx, or syrinx; <i>especially:</i> sound so produced by human beings <i>He has a deep voice.</i></p>
120	<p>voucher: <i>noun</i> 'vau -chər\ a check indicating a credit against future purchases or expenditures <i>The store gave him a voucher for a future purchase.</i></p>
121	<p>walrus: <i>noun</i> 'w l-rəs\ a large gregarious marine mammal of arctic waters that is related to the seals and has long ivory tusks, a tough wrinkled hide, and stiff whiskers <i>When we went to the zoo, we saw a lot of seals swimming in the pool, but the walrus just slept on a rock in the sun.</i></p>
122	<p>whisker: <i>noun</i> \ 'hwis-kər\ one of the long hairs growing near the mouth of an animal (like on a cat or mouse) <i>My cat has one whisker that is much longer than the others.</i></p>
123	<p>whistle: <i>verb</i> \ 'hwi-səl, 'wi-\ to utter a shrill clear sound by blowing or drawing air through the puckered lips <i>I can whistle to call my dog.</i></p>
124	<p>wrist: <i>noun</i> \ 'rist\ the joint or the region of the joint between the human hand and the arm <i>My wrist moves when I wave goodbye.</i></p>

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zipper: *noun* \ 'zi-pər \

a fastener consisting of two rows of metal or plastic teeth on strips of tape and a sliding piece that

closes an opening by drawing the teeth together

*The **zipper** broke on my jacket.*