

Spelling Bee Grade 3 Word List

1	<p>abode <i>noun</i> /ə' bōd/ 1. A place of residence; a house or home 2. <i>Mary's family lived in a humble abode.</i></p>
2	<p>academy <i>noun</i> /ə' kadəmə/ A place of study or training in a special field <i>Dr. Smith studied medicine at a very well-known academy.</i></p>
3	<p>afford <i>verb</i> /ə' fōrd/ Have enough money to pay for <i>The family could afford a nice long vacation at Disneyland.</i></p>
4	<p>amnesia <i>noun</i> \am- 'nē-zhə\ Loss of memory due usually to brain injury, shock, fatigue, repression, or illness <i>In the movie Anastasia, the main character suffered amnesia after an injury to her head</i></p>
5	<p>angst <i>noun</i> /aNG(k)st/ A feeling of persistent worry about something trivial <i>Financial experts expressed their angst at the crumbling world economy.</i></p>
6	<p>aquatic <i>adj</i> \ə- 'kwä-tik\ Growing or living in or frequenting water <i>Sara has a fascination with aquatic creatures.</i></p>
7	<p>astronaut <i>noun</i> /' astrə, nōt/ A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft <i>The astronaut landed and walked on the moon.</i></p>
8	<p>avenue <i>noun</i> /' avə, n / A broad road in a town or city, typically having trees at regular intervals along its sides <i>Mark walked down the quiet avenue until he reached his house.</i></p>
9	<p>beautiful <i>adj</i> \ 'byü-ti-fəl\ Having qualities of beauty : exciting aesthetic pleasure <i>This is a beautiful day for a picnic.</i></p>
10	<p>believe <i>verb</i> \bə- 'lēv\ To accept something as true, genuine, or real <i>I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw all the snow.</i></p>
11	<p>blooming <i>noun</i> /' bl m / flourishing; prospering <i>The spring flowers began blooming as the warm sun filled the air.</i></p>
12	<p>bridle <i>noun</i> /' brīdl/ The headgear used to control a horse, consisting of buckled straps to which a bit and reins are attached <i>The horse's bridle was slipped over his head and buckled tightly.</i></p>

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13	<p>calendar <i>noun</i> \ 'ka-lən-dər\ A system for fixing the beginning, length, and divisions of the civil year and arranging days and longer divisions of time (as weeks and months) in a definite order <i>The school calendar runs from September through May.</i></p>
14	<p>cereal <i>adj.</i> \ 'sir-ē-əl\ Relating to grain or to the plants that produce it; <i>also:</i> made of grain <i>Some kinds of cereal have a lot of added sugar.</i></p>
15	<p>challenge <i>verb</i> \ 'cha-lənʃ\ To order to stop and prove identity <i>The work doesn't challenge him anymore, and he's often bored.</i></p>
16	<p>champion <i>noun</i> / 'CHampēən/ A person who has defeated or surpassed all rivals in a competition, esp. in sports <i>After spelling all words correctly, Amy was the Spelling Bee Champion.</i></p>
17	<p>chemist <i>noun</i> \ 'ke-mist\ One trained in chemistry <i>Let's ask the chemist whether it's safe to mix these two chemicals.</i></p>
18	<p>chronic <i>adj.</i> \ 'krä-nik\ Marked by long duration or frequent recurrence <i>He suffers from chronic arthritis.</i></p>
19	<p>circuit <i>noun</i> \ 'sər-kət\ A moving or revolving around <i>It takes a year for the Earth to make one circuit around the sun.</i></p>
20	<p>clearinghouse <i>noun</i> / 'kl ə r , h us/ An agency or organization that collects and distributes something, esp. information <i>The website is an online clearinghouse where teachers can submit ideas for materials or expenses that their students need to learn.</i></p>
21	<p>colony <i>noun</i> / 'kālənē/ A group of people living in such a country or area, consisting of the original settlers and their descendants and successors <i>An ant colony is usually divided up amongst castes or social classes</i></p>
22	<p>combination <i>noun</i> / , kām bə ' nāSHən/ The act or an instance of combining; the process of being combined <i>The lasagna sauce consisted of the prefect combination of tomatoes and spices.</i></p>
23	<p>could <i>verb</i> /k d/ Used to indicate possibility <i>The dog could either run or walk up the hill.</i></p>
24	<p>court <i>noun</i> /kôrt/ A tribunal presided over by a judge, judges, or a magistrate in civil and criminal cases <i>Steve was scheduled to appear in court to settle the lawsuit.</i></p>

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25	<p>cousin <i>noun</i> /'kəzən/ A child of one's uncle or aunt <i>Tommy's cousin lives with his Uncle and Aunt in Texas.</i></p>
26	<p>coyote <i>noun</i> \kī-'ō-tē\ A buff-gray to reddish-gray North American canid (<i>Canis latrans</i>) closely related to but smaller than the wolf <i>The coyote chased the rabbit across the field.</i></p>
27	<p>cushion <i>noun</i> 'ku -shən\ A soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling <i>There is a cushion on the chair to make it more comfortable.</i></p>
28	<p>definitely <i>adverb</i> \ 'de-fə-nit-lē\ Having distinct or certain limits <i>I will definitely win the next round in the Spelling Bee.</i></p>
29	<p>delicious <i>adj.</i> /d 'l SHəs/ Highly pleasant to the taste. <i>The chocolate cake was delicious.</i></p>
30	<p>design <i>verb</i> \di-'zīn\ To think up and plan out in the mind <i>They thought they could design the perfect dress to wear to the dance.</i></p>
31	<p>disappear <i>verb</i> \,dis-ə-'pīr\ To pass from view <i>These problems won't just disappear by themselves.</i></p>
32	<p>discourage <i>verb</i> \dis-'kər-ij,\ To lessen the courage or confidence of <i>Try not to let losing discourage you.</i></p>
33	<p>earring <i>noun</i> \ 'īr-,r ŋ\ An ornament for the ear and especially the earlobe <i>The lady wore a beautiful earring.</i></p>
34	<p>emotion <i>noun</i> / 'mōSHən/ Any of the particular feelings that characterize such a state of mind, such as joy, anger, love, hate, horror, etc. <i>He showed no emotion at the comment.</i></p>
35	<p>emphasis <i>noun</i> \ 'em(p)-fə-səs\ Forcefulness of expression <i>Their emphasis is on long-term growth.</i></p>
36	<p>emptied <i>verb</i> /'emp teed/ Remove all the contents of (a container) <i>The janitor emptied all of the office's trashcans.</i></p>

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37	<p>environment <i>noun</i> \in- 'vī-rə(n)-mənt,\</p> <p>The circumstances, objects, or conditions by which one is surrounded <i>He grew up in a loving environment.</i></p>
38	<p>exceed <i>verb</i> \ik- 'sēd\</p> <p>To go beyond a limit <i>The cost must not exceed \$10.</i></p>
39	<p>expensive <i>adj.</i> / k' spens v/</p> <p>Costing a lot of money <i>The three carat diamond ring was expensive.</i></p>
40	<p>expression <i>noun</i> / k' spreSHən/</p> <p>The process of making known one's thoughts or feelings <i>The expression on her face made me realize how sad she really was.</i></p>
41	<p>fattening <i>adj.</i> / ' fatn-iNG/</p> <p>Causing an increase in the weight of someone who eats it <i>The cheesecake was very fattening.</i></p>
42	<p>fertilize <i>verb</i> / ' fərtl īz/</p> <p>Make (soil) more fertile or productive by adding suitable substances to it <i>Because our front yard was brown, my Dad decided to fertilize it.</i></p>
43	<p>foreign <i>adj.</i> \ ' f r-ən,\</p> <p>Born in, belonging to, or characteristic of some place or country other than the one under consideration <i>They've visited many foreign countries.</i></p>
44	<p>forward <i>adverb</i> / ' fōrwərd/</p> <p>Toward the front; in the direction that one is facing or traveling <i>The student kept his eyes forward so as not to miss anything the teacher was writing on the board.</i></p>
45	<p>freezing <i>adj.</i> / ' frēz /</p> <p>Below 32°F (0°C). <i>The children had to wear their coats at recess due to freezing temperatures.</i></p>
46	<p>friendship <i>noun</i> / ' frend ,SH p/</p> <p>The emotions or conduct of friends; the state of being friends <i>A healthy friendship is one of communication that time and distance cannot destroy.</i></p>
47	<p>fruit <i>noun</i> /fr t/</p> <p>The sweet and fleshy product of a tree or other plant that contains seed and can be eaten as food <i>The fruit fell off the branch and landed on the ground.</i></p>
48	<p>giraffe <i>noun</i> \jə- ' raf\</p> <p>The tallest of living quadrupeds; has a very long neck and a short coat with dark blotches separated by pale lines <i>The giraffe is my favorite animal at the zoo.</i></p>
49	<p>gnome <i>noun</i> /nōm/</p> <p>A legendary dwarfish creature supposed to guard the earth's treasures underground <i>According to legend, a gnome is supposed to guard buried treasure under the earth.</i></p>

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50	<p>guess <i>noun</i> /ges/ An estimate or conjecture. <i>The best way to answer the question is with an educated guess.</i></p>
51	<p>height <i>noun</i> /hīt/ The measurement from base to top or (of a standing person) from head to foot <i>The sheer height of New York's skyscrapers is so impressive.</i></p>
52	<p>homonym <i>noun</i> \ 'hä-mə-, nim\ One of two or more words spelled and pronounced alike but different in meaning <i>The noun "bear" is a homonym to the verb "bear".</i></p>
53	<p>hospital <i>noun</i> / 'hɒs.pɪ.təl/ A place where people who are ill or injured are treated and taken care of by doctors and nurses <i>After Ted broke his arm, he was immediately rushed to the nearest hospital for care.</i></p>
54	<p>hyphen <i>noun</i> \ 'hī-fən\ A punctuation mark - used to divide or to compound words or word elements <i>Don't forget to use a hyphen to divide your word.</i></p>
55	<p>iceberg <i>noun</i> / 'īs, bərg/ A large floating mass of ice detached from a glacier or ice sheet and carried out to sea <i>The Titanic hit the iceberg.</i></p>
56	<p>iguana <i>noun</i> / 'gwänə/ A large, arboreal, tropical American lizard <i>The iguana sat still on a rock in the hot desert sun.</i></p>
57	<p>influenza <i>noun</i> / , nfl 'enzə/ A contagious viral infection of the respiratory passages causing fever, and severe aching <i>Influenza caused the child to have a high fever.</i></p>
58	<p>injury <i>noun</i> / ' njərē/ The fact of being injured; harm or damage <i>Due to the football player's severe foot injury, he could not play in the final game.</i></p>
59	<p>innocent <i>adj.</i> \ 'i-nə-sənt\ Free from guilt or blame <i>A person accused of a crime is considered innocent until proven guilty.</i></p>
60	<p>investigate <i>verb</i> / n'vest ,gāt/ Carry out a systematic or formal inquiry to discover and examine the facts of (an incident, allegation, etc.) so as to establish the truth <i>The detective came to investigate the crime scene.</i></p>
61	<p>jaguar <i>noun</i> \ 'ja-, gwär\ A large cat that is brownish yellow or buff with black spots <i>A jaguar is larger than a leopard.</i></p>

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62	<p>jewelry <i>noun</i> \ 'jü-əl-rē \</p> <p>Objects of precious metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment <i>Mrs. Jones often wears ladybug jewelry.</i></p>
63	<p>laborer <i>noun</i> / 'lāb ə)rər/</p> <p>A person doing unskilled manual work for wages <i>The laborer picked apples for hours under the hot sun.</i></p>
64	<p>lariat <i>noun</i> /lárree ət/</p> <p>A tethering rope, especially one used to hold a grazing animal in one place <i>The cowboy used the lariat to tie the cow to the fence.</i></p>
65	<p>license <i>noun</i> \ 'lī-sən(t)s\</p> <p>A document, plate, or tag evidencing a permission granted <i>I passed my driving test and got my first license today.</i></p>
66	<p>lucid <i>adj.</i> / 'l s d/</p> <p>Expressed clearly; easy to understand <i>When Cindy's fever broke, she was lucid and no longer delirious.</i></p>
67	<p>lucky <i>adj.</i> / 'ləkē/</p> <p>Having, bringing, or resulting from good luck <i>The Hernandez Family felt lucky when they won the lottery.</i></p>
68	<p>macaroni <i>noun</i> \ ,ma-kə- 'rō-nē\</p> <p>Pasta made from semolina and shaped in the form of slender tubes <i>My kids love macaroni and cheese for dinner.</i></p>
69	<p>machine <i>noun</i> \mə- 'shēn\</p> <p>A combination of parts that transmit forces, motion, and energy to do some desired work <i>Do you know how to operate this machine?</i></p>
70	<p>manicure <i>noun</i> / 'man ,k r/</p> <p>A cosmetic treatment of the hands involving cutting, shaping, and often painting the nails <i>Leslie went to the salon to get a manicure.</i></p>
71	<p>marble <i>noun</i> / 'mārbəl/</p> <p>A hard crystalline metamorphic form of limestone, typically white with streaks of color <i>The entrance to their house was done in white marble.</i></p>
72	<p>marvelous <i>adj.</i> \märv-(ə-)lə s\</p> <p>Causing wonder, astonishing <i>Lunch was marvelous today.</i></p>
73	<p>merchant <i>noun</i> \ 'mər-chənt\</p> <p>A buyer and seller of goods for profit <i>The town merchant closed his shop for the parade.</i></p>
74	<p>mirage <i>noun</i> \mə- 'rāzh\</p> <p>An optical effect that is sometimes seen at sea, in the desert, or over a hot pavement <i>After a long, hot day in the desert, I thought I saw a mirage of a pool.</i></p>

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75	<p>modern <i>adj.</i> /'mädərn/ Of or relating to the present or recent times as opposed to the remote past <i>Luke wanted a modern desk to put his new computer on.</i></p>
76	<p>necessary <i>adj.</i> \ 'ne-sə-, ser-ē\ Absolutely needed; required <i>Water is necessary for life.</i></p>
77	<p>nephew <i>noun</i> \ 'ne-(,)fyü\ A s n f ne's br ther r s ster, r brother-in-law, sister-in-law <i>I have a nephew who is also in the third grade.</i></p>
78	<p>nerve <i>noun</i> \ 'nərv\ Any of the filamentous bands of nervous tissue that connect parts of the nervous system with the other organs <i>A nerve is a fiber that sends sensory information to the brain.</i></p>
79	<p>newscast <i>noun</i> /'n z, kast/ A radio or television broadcast of news reports <i>The morning radio newscast interviewed my favorite singer.</i></p>
80	<p>niece <i>noun</i> /nēs/ A daughter of one's brother or sister, or of one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law <i>Bob's niece came over for dinner.</i></p>
81	<p>oath <i>noun</i> /ōTH/ A solemn promise, often invoking a divine witness, regarding one's future action or behavior <i>It's a sworn oath for magicians not to tell the audience how a trick is done.</i></p>
82	<p>occurred <i>verb</i> \ə- 'kərd\ To come into existence, happened. <i>An idea occurred to me when I heard that song.</i></p>
83	<p>orchestra <i>noun</i> /' ōrk strə/ A group of instrumentalists, esp. one combining string, woodwind, brass, and percussion sections and playing classical music <i>The orchestra sounded as if they had played together all their lives.</i></p>
84	<p>papaya <i>noun</i> /pə' pīə/ A tropical fruit shaped like an elongated melon, with edible orange flesh and small black seeds <i>The papaya was juicy and delicious.</i></p>
85	<p>pleasant <i>adj.</i> \ 'ple-zənt\ Having or characterized by pleasing manners. <i>She has a very pleasant personality.</i></p>
86	<p>production <i>noun</i> /prə' dəkSHən/ The action of making or manufacturing from components or raw materials <i>Mass production reduces the costs of most goods.</i></p>

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87	<p>purchase <i>verb</i> \ 'pər-chəs\ To obtain by paying money. <i>I need to purchase a new heavy coat.</i></p>
88	<p>regular <i>adj.</i> / 'reg ələr/ Arranged in a constant or definite pattern, esp. with the same space between individual instances <i>You will find service stations at regular intervals along the highway.</i></p>
89	<p>revolve <i>verb</i> /r 'vālv/ Move in a circle on a central axis <i>Satellites revolve around the earth.</i></p>
90	<p>sarcasm <i>noun</i> \ 'sär- ,ka-zəm\ A sharp and often satirical or ironic utterance intended to convey scorn or insult <i>His sarcasm hurt her feelings.</i></p>
91	<p>sausage <i>noun</i> / 'sôs j/ A short cylindrical tube of minced pork, beef, or other meat encased in a skin, typically sold raw to be grilled or fried before eating <i>Mark added sausage to the lasagna for extra flavor.</i></p>
92	<p>scientist <i>noun</i> / 'sīəntist/ A person who is studying or has expert knowledge of one or more of the natural or physical sciences <i>The scientist studied the three states of matter.</i></p>
93	<p>sensation <i>noun</i> /sen 'sāSHən/ A physical feeling or perception resulting from something that happens to or comes into contact with the body <i>After I sipped the tea, I felt a warm sensation in my throat and stomach.</i></p>
94	<p>service <i>noun</i> / 'sərvīs/ The action of helping or doing work for someone <i>The oil change was a routine service.</i></p>
95	<p>shiny <i>adj.</i> / 'SHīnē/ Reflecting light, typically because very clean or polished <i>The shiny red stone caught my eye.</i></p>
96	<p>shoulder <i>noun</i> / 'SHōldər/ The upper joint of each of a person's arms and the part of the body between this and the neck <i>Her shoulder was sore from pitching all day.</i></p>
97	<p>simplicity <i>noun</i> /s m'pl s tē/ The quality or condition of being easy to understand or do <i>Tina executed the dance steps with grace and simplicity.</i></p>
98	<p>sincerely <i>adverb</i> /sin serlee/ honestly and openly <i>He sincerely regretted the mistake he had made.</i></p>

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99	<p>smirk verb /smɜrk/ Smile in an irritatingly smug, conceited, or silly way <i>The smirk on his face said it all.</i></p>
100	<p>sonata noun /sə'nätə/ A classical composition for an instrumental soloist, often with a piano accompaniment <i>He composed the sonata for the violin.</i></p>
101	<p>sphere noun /sfī(ə)r/ An object having this shape; a ball or globe. <i>The ball was a perfect sphere.</i></p>
102	<p>spinach noun \ 'spi-nich\ Edible leaves. <i>Popeye loves to eat spinach.</i></p>
103	<p>stagehand noun /'stāj, hand/ A person who moves scenery or props before, during, or after the performance of a play <i>The stagehand set the trees up for the play.</i></p>
104	<p>strange adj. /strānj/ Unusual or surprising in a way that is unsettling or hard to understand <i>It was a strange day where nothing went like it was supposed to.</i></p>
105	<p>striving verb /strīv - ng/ Make great efforts to achieve or obtain something. <i>Linda was striving to get good grades this year.</i></p>
106	<p>stylish adj. \ 'stī-lish\ Fashionable, cool. <i>They wore very stylish clothing.</i></p>
107	<p>substance noun \ 'səb-stən(t)s\ A fundamental or characteristic part or quality. <i>The floor was covered with a white gooey substance.</i></p>
108	<p>sugar noun \ 'shu -gər\ A sweet crystalline substance obtained chiefly from the juice of the sugarcane and the sugar beet. <i>The recipe called for one cup of sugar.</i></p>
109	<p>swallowed verb /'swälō-d/ Cause or allow (something, esp. food or drink) to pass down the throat. <i>Ken swallowed the cherry flavored medicine.</i></p>
110	<p>teammate noun /'tēm, māt/ A fellow member of a team <i>Jim passed the ball to his teammate during the game.</i></p>
111	<p>tease verb /tēz/ Make fun of or attempt to provoke (a person or animal) in a playful way <i>Sarah used the stick to tease her cat out from under the deck.</i></p>

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112	<p>thrifty <i>adj.</i> /'THr ftē/ Using money and other resources carefully and not wastefully <i>My dad is a thrifty spender.</i></p>
113	<p>tomatoes <i>noun</i> \tə-'mā-(, tōz; More than one of a large, round and typically red fruit <i>I like tomatoes on my sandwich.</i></p>
114	<p>tortoise <i>noun</i> /'tōrtəs/ A turtle, typically a herbivorous one that lives on land <i>The tortoise had a thick shell that protected his body.</i></p>
115	<p>turmoil <i>noun</i> /'tər,m l/ A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty <i>The earthquake in Haiti has created much turmoil.</i></p>
116	<p>umpire <i>noun</i> /'əm,pī ə)r/ An official who watches a game or match closely to enforce the rules and arbitrate on matters arising from the play <i>The umpire wore a black and white striped shirt.</i></p>
117	<p>unacceptable <i>adj.</i> \,ən-ik-'sep-tə-bəl\ Not pleasing or welcome. <i>Some movies are unacceptable for young children.</i></p>
118	<p>uncle <i>noun</i> /'əNGkəl/ The brother of one's father or mother or the husband of one's aunt <i>My Uncle Tom lives in Florida.</i></p>
119	<p>unusual <i>adj.</i> /,ən' H əl/ Not habitually or commonly occurring or done <i>It was unusual to see the cat and dog nap together.</i></p>
120	<p>visible <i>adj.</i> /'v zəbəl/ Able to be seen. <i>The germs were visible under the microscope.</i></p>
121	<p>voyage <i>noun</i> \'v i-ij\ An act or instance of traveling, journey <i>The titanic sank on its first voyage.</i></p>
122	<p>weave <i>verb</i> /wēv/ Form (fabric or a fabric item) by interlacing long threads passing in one direction with others at a right angle to them <i>The woman had to weave the fibers together in order to construct the basket.</i></p>
123	<p>wrench <i>noun</i> \'rench\ A hand or power tool for holding, twisting, or turning an object (as a bolt or nut) <i>He used a wrench to tighten the bolt.</i></p>

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124	wrote <i>verb</i> \ˈrɒtə\ Mark (letters, words, or other symbols) on a surface, typically paper, with a pen, pencil, or similar implement <i>Tim wrote the shopping list for his Mom.</i>
125	yuccas <i>noun</i> / yúˈkə-s/ A plant of the agave family with stiff sword-like leaves and spikes of white bell-shaped flowers. <i>The yuccas looked beautiful in the desert sun.</i>