

Spelling Bee Grade 5 Word List

1	<p>absorb transitive verb \əb-'s rb, -'z rb\ : to take in and make part of an existent whole <i>The walls are made of a material that absorbs sound.</i></p>
2	<p>accelerate verb \ak-sel-uh-reyt\ : to cause faster or greater activity, development, progress, advancement, etc., in: <i>The car started to accelerate after the stop sign.</i></p>
3	<p>achievement noun \uh-cheev-muhnt\ : something accomplished, especially by superior ability, special effort, great courage, <i>Jake won an award for his remarkable achievement in art.</i></p>
4	<p>acquainted adjective \uh-kweyn-tid\ : having personal knowledge as a result of study, experience <i>To be a doctor you need to be well acquainted with medicine.</i></p>
5	<p>adaptable adjective \ə-'dap-tə-bəl\ : capable of being or becoming adapted <i>We need an activities director who's adaptable to any kind of situation.</i></p>
6	<p>aerospace noun \ 'er-ō-, spās\ : space comprising the earth's atmosphere and the space beyond <i>There is a lot of science to learn in aerospace.</i></p>
7	<p>allowable adjective \ə-'la -ə-bəl\ : permissible <i>International travel without a passport isn't allowable.</i></p>
8	<p>amusement noun \ə-'myüz-mənt\ : a means of amusing or entertaining <i>I'm reading this novel for amusement.</i></p>
9	<p>analysis noun \uh-nal-uh-sis\ : the process as a method of studying the nature of something <i>The teacher showed the the grammatical analysis of a sentence.</i></p>
10	<p>anecdote noun \an-ik-doht\ : a short account of a particular incident or event, especially of an interesting or amusing nature. <i>The speaker started off with an amusing anecdote.</i></p>
11	<p>antiseptic adjective \,an-tə-'sep-tik\ : killing or preventing the growth of germs that cause disease or decay <i>Antiseptic soap will usually suffice for healing the wound.</i></p>
12	<p>appreciate verb \uh-pree-shee-yet\ : to be grateful or thankful for: <i>I really appreciate your help today.</i></p>
13	<p>articulate adjective \är-'ti-kyə-lət\ : expressing oneself readily, clearly, or effectively <i>She's an intelligent and articulate speaker.</i></p>

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14	<p>artifact <i>noun</i> \ 'är-ti- , fakt\ : a usually simple object (as a tool or ornament) showing human work and representing a culture or a stage in the development of a culture <i>The caves contained many prehistoric artifacts.</i></p>
15	<p>artisan <i>noun</i> \ 'är-tə-zən\ : a worker who practices a trade or handicraft <i>The store sells rugs made by local artisan.</i></p>
16	<p>brilliance <i>noun</i> \bril-yuhns\ : excellence or distinction; conspicuous talent, mental ability, etc. <i>The award-winning book is an act of brilliance.</i></p>
17	<p>brochure <i>noun</i> \brō- ' sh r : a pamphlet containing advertising or descriptive material <i>Brochure request service, where you can request any of our reader travel products.</i></p>
18	<p>cachet <i>noun</i> \ka-shey, kash-ey\ : superior status; prestige <i>The job has a certain cachet.</i></p>
19	<p>campaign <i>noun</i> \kam-peyn\ : the competition by rival political candidates and organizations for public office. <i>The politicians were getting ready for the campaign.</i></p>
20	<p>capacity <i>noun</i> \kə- 'pa-sə-tē, - 'pas-tē\ : the largest amount or number that can be contained <i>The school has a 1,000-person capacity.</i></p>
21	<p>cemetery <i>noun</i> \ 'se-mə- , ter-ē, - , te-rē\ : a burial ground <i>Many of the soldiers who died in the battle are buried in a cemetery nearby.</i></p>
22	<p>ceremony <i>noun</i> \ 'ser-ə- , mō-nē, 'se-rə-\ : a formal act or series of acts prescribed by ritual, protocol, or convention <i>There will be a ceremony honoring the town's veterans next week.</i></p>
23	<p>chauffeur <i>noun</i> \shoh-fer, shoh-fur\ : a person employed to drive a private automobile or limousine for the owner. <i>The fancy car came with its own chauffeur.</i></p>
24	<p>circumstantial <i>adjective</i> \ ,sər-kəm- 'stan(t)-shəl\ : belonging to, consisting in, or dependent on circumstances <i>The case against him is circumstantial.</i></p>
25	<p>cohesion <i>noun</i> \kō- 'hē-zhən\ : the act or state of sticking together tightly <i>There was a lack of cohesion in the rebel army.</i></p>
26	<p>comfortable <i>adjective</i> \ 'kəm(p)(f)-tə(r)-bəl\ : affording or enjoying contentment and security <i>These shoes aren't very comfortable for walking</i></p>

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27	<p>concession <i>noun</i> \kən-'se-shən\ : a special right or privilege given by an authority <i>The strikers have won some important concessions from the company.</i></p>
28	<p>conscious <i>adjective</i> \kən-shuhs\ : aware of one's own existence, sensations, thoughts, surroundings, etc. <i>The patient was conscious during the operation.</i></p>
29	<p>constitution <i>noun</i> \,kän(t)-stə-'tü-shən, -'tyü-\ : the basic beliefs and laws of a nation, state, or social group that establish the powers and duties of the government and guarantee certain rights to the people in it <i>The state's constitution has strict rules about what tax money can be used for.</i></p>
30	<p>contaminate <i>transitive verb</i> \kən-'ta-mə-, nāt\ : to soil, stain, corrupt, or infect by contact or association <i>Be careful not to allow bacteria to contaminate the wound.</i></p>
31	<p>criticize <i>verb</i> \krit-uh-sahyz\ : to censure or find fault with. <i>I'm afraid my mom will criticize the poor job I did cleaning my room.</i></p>
32	<p>crystallize <i>verb</i> \kris-tl-ahyz\ : to form into crystals; cause to assume crystalline form. <i>Salt will crystallize during this science experiment.</i></p>
33	<p>cytoplasm <i>noun</i> \ 'sī-tə-, pla-zəm\ : the protoplasm of a plant or animal cell except for the nucleus <i>All cells contain cytoplasm surrounded by a plasma membrane.</i></p>
34	<p>deception <i>noun</i> \di-'sep-shən\ : the act of deceiving <i>She accuses the company of willful deception in its advertising.</i></p>
35	<p>description <i>noun</i> \di-'skrip-shən\ : an account of something <i>I applied for the position after reading the job description.</i></p>
36	<p>dichotomy <i>noun</i> \dahy-kot-uh-mee\ : division into two mutually exclusive, opposed, or contradictory groups: <i>There is sometimes a dichotomy between thought and action.</i></p>
37	<p>diffusion <i>noun</i> \di-'fyü-zhən\ : a diffusing or a being diffused <i>The author's tendency toward diffusion makes the novel a tedious read.</i></p>
38	<p>disappoint <i>verb</i> \,dis-ə-'p int\ : to fail to meet the expectation or hope of <i>The child did not want to disappoint his parents.</i></p>
39	<p>disastrous <i>adjective</i> \dih-zas-truhs\ : causing great distress or injury; ruinous; very unfortunate; calamitous: <i>The rain and cold proved disastrous to his health.</i></p>

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40	<p>drudgery <i>noun</i> \druhj-uh-ree\ : menial, distasteful, dull, or hard work. <i>I find washing the dishes to be drudgery.</i></p>
41	<p>eclectic <i>adjective</i> \ih-klek-tik\ : made up of what is selected from different sources. <i>She decorated her home with an eclectic mix of accessories.</i></p>
42	<p>economy <i>noun</i> \i-'kă-nə-mē, ə-, ē\ : the management of household or private affairs and especially expenses The war altered the country's economy.</p>
43	<p>effervescent <i>adjective</i> \ef-er-ves-uhnt\ : effervescing; bubbling. <i>The soda pop was very effervescent.</i></p>
44	<p>exhaust <i>verb</i> [ig-zawst] : to drain of strength or energy, wear out, or fatigue greatly, as a person: <i>If I keep working so hard I'm going to exhaust myself.</i></p>
45	<p>extravagant <i>adjective</i> \ik-'stra-vi-gənt\ : going beyond what is reasonable or suitable <i>We're going on a less extravagant vacation this year.</i></p>
46	<p>fashionable <i>adjective</i> \'fash-nə-bəl, 'fa-shə-nə\ : following the fashion <i>It isn't fashionable to express such an opinion these days.</i></p>
47	<p>financial <i>adjective</i> \fi-nan-shuhl, fahy\ : pertaining to monetary receipts and expenditures; pertaining or relating to money matters; pecuniary: <i>The accountant is in charge of the company's financial operations.</i></p>
48	<p>folklore <i>noun</i> \'fōk-, l r\ : traditional customs, tales, sayings, dances, or art forms preserved among a people <i>The coyote appears in a great deal of Native American folklore.</i></p>
49	<p>fractious <i>adjective</i> \frak-shuhs\ : refractory or unruly <i>The horse was a fractious animal that would not submit to the harness.</i></p>
50	<p>frequent <i>transitive verb</i> \frē-'kwent, 'frē-kwənt\ : to associate with, be in, or resort to often or habitually <i>Frequent occurrence during the middle ages.</i></p>
51	<p>honorary <i>adjective</i> \'ä-nə-, rer-ē\ : having or conferring distinction <i>He is the honorary captain for this game.</i></p>
52	<p>hydrogen \'hī-drə-jən, -dər\ <i>noun</i> : a nonmetallic element that is the simplest and lightest of the elements, is normally a colorless odorless highly flammable diatomic gas, and is used especially in synthesis <i>Water is made up of hydrogen and oxygen.</i></p>

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53	<p>ignorant \ 'ig-n(ə)-rənt\ adjective : destitute of knowledge or education <an ignorant society>; also: lacking knowledge or comprehension of the thing specified <parents ignorant of modern mathematics> <i>I was ignorant about the topic.</i></p>
54	<p>incognito \in- 'käg-nə-, tō\ adverb or adjective : with one's identity concealed <i>The police officer was incognito during the stakeout.</i></p>
55	<p>indentured \in- 'den-chərd\ transitive verb :to bind (as an apprentice) by or as if by indentures <i>The indentured servant worked hard.</i></p>
56	<p>inferential \, in-fə- 'ren(t)-shəl\ adjective : relating to, involving, or resembling inference <i>Inferential statistics are used to make conclusions that can't be described by the data alone.</i></p>
57	<p>inquiry \in- 'kwī(-ə)r-ē \ noun : examination into facts or principles <i>An inquiry was done to determine the cause of the problem.</i></p>
58	<p>inquisitive \in- 'kwī-zə-tiv\ adjective : given to examination or investigation <i>The child was inquisitive in his questioning.</i></p>
59	<p>inverse \in- 'vərs \ adjective : opposite in order, nature, or effect <i>In math, an inverse function undoes another function.</i></p>
60	<p>irrefutable \, ir-i- 'fyü-tə-bəl \ adjective : impossible to refute <i>The evidence was irrefutable.</i></p>
61	<p>jealous \ 'je-ləs\ adjective : intolerant of rivalry or unfaithfulness <i>My sister was jealous of my clothing.</i></p>
62	<p>juvenile \ 'jü-və-, nī(-ə)l \ adjective : physiologically immature or undeveloped <i>Teenagers are often considered juvenile in their thinking.</i></p>
63	<p>languish \ 'laŋ-gwish\ intransitive verb : to be or become feeble, weak, or enervated <i>The patient had to languish in their room after the procedure.</i></p>
64	<p>latitude \ 'la-tə-, tüd \ noun : extent or distance from side to side <i>Our earth is divided geographically north and south by latitude lines.</i></p>
65	<p>liaison \ 'lī-ə-, zän \ noun : one that establishes and maintains communication for mutual understanding and cooperation <i>A political representative can be a liaison for their side of a problem.</i></p>

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66	<p>limousine \ 'li-mə-, zēn\ noun : a large luxurious often chauffeur-driven sedan that usually has a glass partition separating the driver's seat from the passenger compartment <i>The movie star rode in a limousine.</i></p>
67	<p>literary \ 'li-tə-, rer-ē\ adjective : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of humane learning or literature <i>The scholar was very literary.</i></p>
68	<p>luncheon \ 'lən-chən\ noun : a formal usually midday meal as part of a meeting or for entertaining a guest <i>We will be having a luncheon following the funeral.</i></p>
69	<p>magistrate \ 'ma-jə-, strāt \ noun : an official entrusted with administration of the laws: as <i>The magistrate was tasked with sentencing the prisoner.</i></p>
70	<p>meteorologist \ -'rā-lə-jist\ noun : a scientist that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena and especially with weather and weather forecasting <i>We watched the meteorologist on the weather program last night.</i></p>
71	<p>millennium \ mə-'le-nē-əm\ noun : the thousand years mentioned in Revelation 20 during which holiness is to prevail and Christ is to reign on earth <i>The millennium will be a time of peace.</i></p>
72	<p>mimicking \ 'mi-mik\ transitive verb : to imitate closely <i>The child got in trouble for mimicking his older brother.</i></p>
73	<p>molecules \ 'mä-li-, kyül\ noun : the smallest particles of a substance that retains all the properties of the substance and is composed of one or more atoms <i>Water molecules are made from hydrogen and oxygen.</i></p>
74	<p>monologue 'mä-nə-, l g \ noun a short dramatic work performed by one actor <i>We watched the actor do a monologue.</i></p>
75	<p>mosquitos \ mə-'skē-(,)tō\ noun : any of a family (Culicidae) of dipteran flies with females that have a set of slender organs in the proboscis adapted to puncture the skin of animals and to suck their blood and that are in some cases vectors of serious diseases <i>I was bit by mosquitos while camping.</i></p>
76	<p>nationality \ ,na-shə-'na-lə-tē\ noun : national character <i>What is your nationality?</i></p>

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77	<p>nickel \ 'ni-kəl \ noun : a silver-white hard malleable ductile metallic element capable of a high polish and resistant to corrosion that is used chiefly in alloys and as a catalyst <i>A nickel only contains about 25% nickel.</i></p>
78	<p>notoriety \ ,nō-tə- 'rī-ə-tē \ noun : the quality or state of being notorious <i>The notoriety of the author was well known.</i></p>
79	<p>nucleus \ 'nü-klē-əs \ noun : the small bright body in the head of a comet <i>The nucleus is in the center.</i></p>
80	<p>nuisance \ 'nü-sən(t)s, \ noun : one that is annoying, unpleasant, or obnoxious <i>Is your brother a nuisance?</i></p>
81	<p>obligate \ 'ä-blə-, gāt \ transitive verb : to bind legally or morally <i>Will you please obligate your client to attend?</i></p>
82	<p>obnoxious \ äb- 'näk-shəs, əb- \ adjective : odiously or disgustingly objectionable : highly offensive <i>A sibling can sometimes be obnoxious.</i></p>
83	<p>obvious \ 'äb-vē-əs \ adjective : easily discovered, seen, or understood <i>The solution is obvious.</i></p>
84	<p>occurrence \ ə- 'kər-ən(t)s \ noun : something that occurs <a startling occurrence <i>The occurrence was startling to me.</i></p>
85	<p>organelle , r-gə- 'nel \ noun : a specialized cellular part (as a mitochondrion, lysosome, or ribosome) that is analogous to an organ <i>An organelle performs a specific function in your body.</i></p>
86	<p>pageant \ 'pa-jənt \ noun : a mere show <i>We went to view the pageant.</i></p>
87	<p>paradoxical \ ,per-ə- 'däk-si-kəl \ adjective : of the nature of a paradox <i>The statement was paradoxical.</i></p>
88	<p>pasteurize \ 'pas-chə-, rīz \ transitive verb : to subject to pasteurization <i>I will have to pasteurize the milk.</i></p>
89	<p>pentameter \ pen- 'ta-mə-tər \ noun : a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet <i>William Shakespeare wrote in iambic pentameter.</i></p>

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90	<p>permissible \pər-'mi-sə-bəl\ adjective : that may be PERMITTED : ALLOWABLE <i>My mother said it is permissible.</i></p>
91	<p>planetary \ 'pla-nə-'ter-ē\ adjective : of, relating to, being, or resembling a planet <i>Saturn is very planetary.</i></p>
92	<p>possession \po-'ze-shən \ noun : the act of having or taking into control <i>I will have possession of the item.</i></p>
93	<p>frightening \ 'frīt-niŋ\ adjective : to make afraid : TERRIFY <i>That situation is frightening for me.</i></p>
94	<p>general \ 'jen-rəl \ adjective : involving, applicable to, or affecting the whole <i>I don't normally do that, as a general rule.</i></p>
95	<p>genuine \ 'jen-yə-wən\ adjective : actually having the reputed or apparent qualities or character <genuine vintage wines> <i>Her apology was genuine.</i></p>
96	<p>gnawing 'n \ verb : to bite or chew on with the teeth; especially: to wear away by persistent biting or nibbling <a dog gnawing a bone> <i>The dog was gnawing on my shoe.</i></p>
97	<p>gravitational \-shnəl, -shə-nəl\ adjective : a force manifested by acceleration toward each other of two free material particles or bodies or of radiant-energy quanta <i>The force was almost gravitational.</i></p>
98	<p>guardian \ 'gär-dē-ən\ noun : one that guards <i>She is my legal guardian.</i></p>
99	<p>proportion \prə-'p r-shən\ noun : harmonious relation of parts to each other or to the whole <i>This part is in proportion to the other.</i></p>
100	<p>quadruple \kwä-'drü-pəl\ verb : to make four times as great or as many <i>I will quadruple your offer.</i></p>
101	<p>quagmire <i>noun</i> \ 'kwäg-'mī(-ə)r, 'kwäg-\ : soft spongy wet ground that shakes or gives way under foot <i>With all the rain, the ground was very soggy... it quickly degenerated into a muddy quagmire.</i></p>
102	<p>rapport <i>noun</i> \ra- p ()r\ : a friendly relationship <i>He quickly developed a good rapport with the other teachers.</i></p>

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103	<p>recitation <i>noun</i> \res- - t -sh n\ : the act or an instance of reading or repeating aloud especially before an audience <i>Those of you who were in attendance will remember how much fun we had at our poetry recitation last February.</i></p>
104	<p>reiterate <i>transitive verb</i> \rē-'i-tə- ,rāt\ : to state or do over again or repeatedly sometimes with wearying effect <i>She avoided answering our questions by choosing to reiterate that the answers could be found in her book over and over again.</i></p>
105	<p>respiration <i>noun</i> \ res-p - r -sh n\ : the act or process of breathing <i>The doctor checked his heartbeat and respiration.</i></p>
106	<p>salmon <i>noun</i> \ sam- n\ : any of various large food and game fishes that are related to the trouts, have reddish or pinkish flesh, live in oceans or large lakes, and swim up rivers or streams to deposit or fertilize eggs. <i>We are having salmon for dinner tonight.</i></p>
107	<p>schedule <i>noun</i> \ 'ske-(,)jül, -jəl : a written or printed list, catalog, or inventory <i>The student is planning her class schedule for next year.</i></p>
108	<p>science <i>noun</i> \ 'sī-ən(t)s\ : the state of knowing; an area of knowledge that is an object of study <i>The program encourages students to pursue a career in science.</i></p>
109	<p>settlement <i>noun</i> \ 'se-təl-mənt\ : the act or process of settling <i>We were hoping for a quick settlement of the dispute between the neighbors.</i></p>
110	<p>sporadic <i>adjective</i> \spə-'ra-dik\ : occurring occasionally, singly, or in irregular or random instances <i>Sporadic loud noises kept startling everyone.</i></p>
111	<p>stalagmite <i>noun</i> \stə-'lag-, mīt also 'sta-ləg-\ : a deposit of calcium carbonate, like an inverted stalactite, formed on the floor of a cave by the drip of calcareous water <i>One stalagmite in the cave was about 40 feet high.</i></p>
112	<p>submerge <i>verb</i> \səb-'məɹj\ : to put under water <i>We watched as the divers prepared to submerge themselves under the ocean.</i></p>
113	<p>subscription <i>noun</i> \səb-'skrip-shən\ : an arrangement for providing, receiving, or making use of something of a continuing or periodic nature on a prepayment plan <i>I'm going to renew my subscription to the magazine.</i></p>
114	<p>synthesis <i>noun</i> \ 'sin(t)-thə-səs\ : the composition or combination of parts or elements so as to form a whole <i>Our chemistry lesson today is about synthesis.</i></p>

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115	<p>systematic <i>adjective</i> \,sis-tə-'ma-tik\ : relating to or consisting of a system <i>We used a systematic approach to solve the problem.</i></p>
116	<p>thousandth <i>adjective or noun</i> \ thou'zændth, -zənth\ : One of 1,000 equal parts. <i>One one-thousandth of something is a very small amount.</i></p>
117	<p>throughout <i>adverb</i> thrü-'a t\ : in or to every part <i>The house is painted white throughout.</i></p>
118	<p>toboggan <i>noun</i> \tə-'bä-gən\ : a long flat-bottomed light sled made usually of thin boards curved up at one end with usually low handrails at the sides <i>The kids used a toboggan to sled down the hill.</i></p>
119	<p>tongue <i>noun</i> \tuhng\ : a fleshy movable muscular process of the floor of the mouths of most vertebrates that bears sensory end organs and small glands and functions especially in taking and swallowing food and in humans as a speech organ <i>The taste of the spice was still on her tongue.</i></p>
120	<p>tributary <i>noun</i> \ 'tri-byə-,ter-ē\ : a stream feeding a larger stream or a lake <i>This stream is a tributary of the Ohio River.</i></p>
121	<p>tuition <i>noun</i> \tə-'wi-shən, ty -\ : the price of or payment for instruction <i>There's going to be a tuition increase next year for college.</i></p>
122	<p>typhoon <i>noun</i> \tī-'fün\ a hurricane occurring especially in the region of the Philippines or the China sea <i>Typhoon season has brought three powerful storms to the region in recent weeks.</i></p>
123	<p>unknown <i>adjective</i> \ n- n n\ : not known <i>For some unknown reason, my computer crashed.</i></p>
124	<p>vacuum <i>noun</i> \ 'va-(,)kyüm, -kyəm <i>also</i> -kyü-əm\ : a space completely empty of matter <i>A pump was used to create a vacuum inside the bottle.</i></p>
125	<p>vascular <i>adjective</i> \ vas-ky -l r\ : of or relating to a tube or channel for carrying a body fluid (as blood of an animal or sap of a plant) or to a system of such channels or tubes <i>Vascular disease is a form of cardiovascular disease primarily affecting the blood vessels.</i></p>