



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for Fifth Graders

2018-2019

1.	pored	<i>(verb)</i>	devoted oneself to attentive reading.
2.	mulch	<i>(noun)</i>	a protective covering spread on the ground to reduce evaporation, maintain even soil temperature, prevent erosion, control weeds or enrich the soil.
3.	coiled	<i>(verb)</i>	wound (something) into rings laid within or on top of one another or wound spirally about an object.
4.	glands	<i>(plural noun)</i>	cells or groups of cells that selectively remove materials from the blood, modify them, and send them back out so the body can further use them or eliminate them.
5.	axis	<i>(noun)</i>	a straight line a body or a three-dimensional figure rotates about or may be supposed to rotate.
6.	radish	<i>(noun)</i>	the pungent, fleshy root of a plant that is typically eaten raw.
7.	lure	<i>(verb)</i>	to attract : entice.
8.	griddle	<i>(noun)</i>	a flat surface that is used to cook food using dry heat.
9.	jerkily	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner marked by jolting.
10.	stylish	<i>(adjective)</i>	conforming to an accepted standard and especially to one of current fashion.
11.	knelt	<i>(verb)</i>	fell or rested on the knees.
12.	frayed	<i>(verb)</i>	worn or worn off by or as if by rubbing.
13.	sprouted	<i>(verb)</i>	grew, sprung up or came forth as a shoot from a plant.
14.	relics	<i>(plural noun)</i>	souvenirs, mementos.
15.	discomfort	<i>(noun)</i>	mental or physical uneasiness that isn't as intense or concentrated in one area as pain.
16.	creatures	<i>(plural noun)</i>	lower animals; especially : farm animals.
17.	dwelling	<i>(noun)</i>	a building or construction used as a home.
18.	rickety	<i>(adjective)</i>	weak in the joints : tottering.
19.	infested	<i>(verb)</i>	overrun.
20.	despair	<i>(noun)</i>	total loss of hope.
21.	thirst	<i>(noun)</i>	a sensation of dryness in the mouth and throat associated with a desire for liquids.
22.	youthful	<i>(adjective)</i>	having the lively character or freshness of a young person : vigorous.



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23.	shrewd	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by cleverness or discernment : astute.
24.	molten	<i>(adjective)</i>	fused or liquefied by heat : melted.
25.	stalk	<i>(noun)</i>	the main stem of an herbaceous plant often with its dependent parts (such as leaves, twigs, fruit).
26.	aromas	<i>(plural noun)</i>	distinctive pleasing odors : fragrances.
27.	champion	<i>(noun)</i>	someone whose superiority is formally acknowledged especially after a test, contest or series of tests or contests.
28.	salesclerk	<i>(noun)</i>	a person employed to sell goods or services in a store.
29.	dollop or dallop	<i>(noun)</i>	a lump or blob of something semiliquid or mushy.
30.	gentlemen	<i>(plural noun)</i>	men whose conduct conforms to a certain standard of proper or correct behavior.
31.	captivity	<i>(noun)</i>	the state of being kept caged or fenced in.
32.	blathering	<i>(noun)</i>	foolish or nonsensical talk or writing.
33.	Venus	<i>(noun)</i>	the planet second in order from the sun.
34.	unwavering	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by steadiness : fixed.
35.	spectators	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people watching an exhibition (such as a sports event).
36.	construction	<i>(noun)</i>	the act of putting parts together to form a complete integrated object : fabrication.
37.	swindle	<i>(verb)</i>	to deprive of money or property by an instance or act of trickery or deceit.
38.	infinity	<i>(noun)</i>	an indefinitely great number or amount.
39.	mirror	<i>(noun)</i>	a polished or smooth substance that forms images by the reflection of light and that is usually made of glass with a reflective backing.
40.	resemble	<i>(verb)</i>	to be like or similar to.
41.	citizen	<i>(noun)</i>	a native or naturalized person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection and rights.
42.	pronounce	<i>(verb)</i>	to declare solemnly.
43.	taut	<i>(adjective)</i>	tightly drawn : tensely stretched.
44.	monopoly	<i>(noun)</i>	ownership that allows for the total control of the means of production or a market, usually for controlling prices.
45.	Florence	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a small administrative district in central Italy that is the capital of the region of Tuscany.
46.	leopard	<i>(noun)</i>	a large, strong cat of southern Asia and Africa that is usually light orangish brown with black spots, spends time in trees, and often lies in ambush for its prey – called also “panther.”



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47.	comrades	<i>(plural noun)</i>	very close friends : companions.
48.	swiveled or swivelled	<i>(verb)</i>	swung or turned on or as if on a part that pivots freely on or as if on a headed bolt or pin.
49.	Borneo	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	an island of the Malay Archipelago southwest of the Philippines that is divided between Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia.
50.	scaffolding	<i>(noun)</i>	a system of temporary or movable platforms that workers use to sit or stand on when working above the ground.
51.	warped	<i>(verb)</i>	turned or twisted out of shape.
52.	flail	<i>(verb)</i>	to move, swing or beat as though wielding a tool that separates seeds from plants.
53.	clanging	<i>(verb)</i>	making a loud, resonating sound like that of a trumpet or especially like pieces of metal struck together.
54.	qualify	<i>(verb)</i>	to fit especially for an office or privilege.
55.	solely	<i>(adverb)</i>	to the exclusion of alternate or competing things (such as persons, purposes, duties).
56.	refined	<i>(adjective)</i>	precise, exact.
57.	plodding	<i>(verb)</i>	moving or traveling slowly but steadily : trudging.
58.	Japanese	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or characteristic of a country in eastern Asia made up of four main and other islands in the western Pacific.
59.	advanced	<i>(adjective)</i>	beyond the elementary or introductory : carrying on from that which comes before.
60.	sensible	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by serious examination and study : intelligent, reasonable.
61.	beneath	<i>(preposition)</i>	immediately under.
62.	penalty	<i>(noun)</i>	a disadvantage (as loss of time or possession of the ball) imposed for violation of the rules of a contest.
63.	mockingly	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner marked by scorn, contempt or ridicule.
64.	compartment	<i>(noun)</i>	a small chamber, receptacle or container.
65.	achieve	<i>(verb)</i>	to carry out successfully : accomplish.
66.	hoisted	<i>(verb)</i>	moved from one place to another by or as if by lifting.
67.	doffing	<i>(verb)</i>	lifting (the hat).
68.	banishment	<i>(noun)</i>	legal expulsion from a country.
69.	furled	<i>(verb)</i>	rolled up or gathered in (a sail) and fastened close to a yard or mast.
70.	immune	<i>(adjective)</i>	not susceptible or responsive.
71.	volley	<i>(verb)</i>	to propel (an object of play) while in the air and before touching the ground.
72.	perish	<i>(verb)</i>	to become destroyed or ruined : die.
73.	dismissal	<i>(noun)</i>	the fact or state of being removed from employment, enrollment, position or office.



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74.	temporary	<i>(adjective)</i>	existing or continuing for a limited time.
75.	anthem	<i>(noun)</i>	a song or hymn of praise or gladness.
76.	rebuked	<i>(verb)</i>	criticized sharply : reprimanded.
77.	garret	<i>(noun)</i>	an unfinished part of a house immediately under or within the roof.
78.	irked	<i>(verb)</i>	irritated or disgusted (as a person) usually because of tiresome or wearying qualities.
79.	prickliness	<i>(noun)</i>	the quality or state of being easily irritated.
80.	narration	<i>(noun)</i>	the act or process of telling the particulars of an act, occurrence or course of events.
81.	dormer	<i>(noun)</i>	a usually gabled extension of an attic room through a sloping roof to allow for a vertical window.
82.	realization* or realisation	<i>(noun)</i>	the action of being fully aware or condition of being clearly understood.
83.	supposedly	<i>(adverb)</i>	in the manner of something asserted to be true or to exist.
84.	ruefully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a pitiable or woeful manner.
85.	guise	<i>(noun)</i>	form or style of dress; especially: dress that is unexpected on or foreign to the wearer.
86.	pennant	<i>(noun)</i>	a flag symbolic of championship (as in a league of professional baseball clubs).
87.	fulcrum	<i>(noun)</i>	a prop : a support; specifically : the support about which a lever turns.
88.	recognition	<i>(noun)</i>	special notice or attention.
89.	governess	<i>(noun)</i>	a woman who cares for and supervises a child especially in a private household.
90.	conquering	<i>(verb)</i>	bringing under control or overcoming by mental or moral power : surmounting.
91.	alabaster	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a nearly white color and a surface that spreads out light.
92.	tendrils	<i>(plural noun)</i>	things that resemble the slender, spirally coiling part of a plant that is used to attach the plant to its support and help it climb.
93.	invariably	<i>(adverb)</i>	without exception or change : always : consistently.
94.	scrimmage	<i>(noun)</i>	a minor battle between small forces : skirmish.
95.	procession	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of people moving along on a particular course especially in a continuous, orderly, often formal or ceremonial way and usually arranged in a long line.
96.	writhing	<i>(verb)</i>	becoming twisted or contorted in or as if in pain or struggling.
97.	rosette	<i>(noun)</i>	an ornament resembling a showy flower usually made of material and that is worn as a badge of office or as trimming (such as on a hat or shoe).

*preferred U.S. spelling



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| 98. | medicinal | <i>(adjective)</i> | tending to cure disease or relieve pain : used as a remedy. |
| 99. | conservatory | <i>(noun)</i> | a greenhouse sometimes attached to a home for growing or displaying plants. |
| 100. | miniature | <i>(adjective)</i> | being or represented on a small scale. |