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Spelling Bee

7-9th Junior High Spelling Word List

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- All participants will spell the same list of words.
- The 7-9th Grade Finals on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**, will be a **written** competition.
- At the final competition on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**, the spell master will read the word, use it in a sentence and then read the word again. Definitions will be provided by the spell master upon request.
- Pronunciations and meanings have been eliminated from this word list to encourage the use of a dictionary, or other sources you deem appropriate.

Junior High Spelling Bee Practice Word List

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| abbreviate | abdicate | abode |
| abstraction | abundant | abusive |
| abyss | accomplice | accordion |
| accumulate | acerbate | acetone |
| acme | acolyte | acoustic |
| acquittal | acumen | adequacy |
| adroitness | advocate | affidavit |
| affluent | aggregate | agitation |
| agriculture | agronomy | aisle |
| alabaster | alkaline | allay |
| allegory | alleviate | alliance |
| alligator | alloy | alluvium |
| almanac | alpinist | alteration |
| amateur | ambrosia | amiable |
| analyze | anarchy | anchovy |
| angstroms | anomaly | antenna |
| antics | antonym | anxiety |
| aortic | appreciate | arrogance |
| arsenal | aspersion | austere |
| axiom | bachelor | bailiff |
| basalt | basilica | bastion |
| battalion | bauble | bayonet |
| bayou | beatific | bedazzle |
| behemoth | beneficence | beret |
| berserk | betrothal | bevy |
| bibelot | bifurcate | bilious |
| blatant | blithe | blunder |
| boar | bogus | boloney |
| bolshevism | bonhomie | brogan |
| brouhaha | buoyant | bureaucracy |

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| burgundy | buttress | cachet |
| calibrate | calypso | candor |
| caramel | carbine | careen |
| caribou | caricature | castanets |
| cathartic | cauliflower | chambray |
| champagne | chapeau | charisma |
| chateau | chic | chimera |
| chivalry | choreographer | chromatic |
| cicada | clairvoyance | clavicle |
| clemency | coincidence | collage |
| collateral | colloquial | cologne |
| colossal | comatose | concierge |
| confabulate | confetti | confidence |
| conspiracy | constraint | construe |
| consultant | contagious | contempt |
| contour | contradict | contrary |
| contrive | convoluted | corrupt |
| countenance | covenant | cranium |
| crimson | crotchety | crucible |
| cruelty | crypt | cuckoo |
| cyanide | dazzle | declination |
| decrepit | delirious | delta |
| despotism | deterrent | detonate |
| detriment | dexterous | dichotomy |
| diesel | digit | disintegration |
| dismantle | disquietude | dissident |
| distraught | diversify | dormancy |
| dour | druid | ductile |
| dungeon | duplicate | duress |
| elocution | elysian | emancipation |
| embassy | embellish | embodiment |
| embryonic | emollient | emphasis |
| emphatic | emporium | emulate |

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| enamel | endorse | enmity |
| enthusiasm | enumerate | environment |
| epidermis | equanimity | equestrian |
| equivocation | erratic | espionage |
| ethnic | euphoric | exaggerate |
| exhilarated | exhume | exigent |
| exodus | exotic | expatriate |
| expertise | expiate | explicit |
| exponential | extinguish | extortion |
| extraneous | fabricate | facile |
| factitious | falderal | fallacy |
| feasible | fedora | felicitation |
| femur | ferocity | festoon |
| fidelity | filament | filibuster |
| finesse | flagrant | flourish |
| fluctuate | fluid | flummery |
| foppish | forfeit | formulation |
| forte | fractious | fragility |
| franchise | fraternize | friar |
| frivolous | frugal | fumigate |
| galaxy | galleon | garlic |
| garrison | garrote | gauche |
| gendarme | germane | ghastly |
| gladiator | globule | googol |
| gossamer | gradient | graffiti |
| gratitude | gravitate | grievance |
| guarantee | hacienda | halcyon |
| harbinger | haughtily | heifer |
| heirloom | hemisphere | hermit |
| hilarity | homburg | hooligan |
| horde | howitzer | huckleberry |
| humorous | hurricane | hyphenate |
| hysterical | icicle | igneous |

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| ignominy | immaculate | impasse |
| impassive | impenetrable | impertinent |
| impromptu | impropriety | improvisational |
| impulse | inaugural | incendiary |
| incisiveness | incoherent | incongruous |
| incredulous | indelible | indigent |
| indivisible | indolent | indulgent |
| inept | infatuation | infectious |
| innate | inorganic | interference |
| interrogate | intimidate | intrepid |
| jaundice | jealousy | jeopardy |
| jettison | jocund | jostle |
| jubilant | kerosene | kinesiology |
| knavery | kudos | lambaste |
| languid | lantern | larceny |
| largesse | lassitude | league |
| legume | lightning | liturgy |
| loafer | loathe | lobster |
| localize | lubricate | lucrative |
| lummoX | luster | macabre |
| magenta | magisterial | malediction |
| malicious | malleable | mandible |
| manganese | mantilla | marathon |
| marionette | marzipan | massacre |
| masticate | mauve | mediocre |
| melancholy | melanoma | meliorate |
| metamorphosis | migratory | mimeograph |
| mimic | miscellaneous | misconception |
| miserable | mitigate | monotonous |
| multiplier | nectar | negativism |
| negligence | nettlesome | neurologist |
| nocuous | nomad | nomenclature |
| nonchalant | notorious | nourishment |

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| nullify | oblivion | occupancy |
| occurrence | ocelot | odious |
| odometer | officious | ointment |
| oligarchy | onus | optimistic |
| oscillation | ostrich | outrageous |
| oxidize | oxymoron | pachyderm |
| palaver | palfrey | palooka |
| panache | paprika | paralyze |
| parenthesis | pastry | pathetic |
| patrician | patriotism | pavilion |
| peccadillo | pecuniary | pedigree |
| peculate | pellucid | peninsula |
| penury | perceptible | perennial |
| perilous | perpetrator | perplex |
| pertinence | peruse | pessimistic |
| pheasant | piteous | placard |
| placid | plateau | platitude |
| plausible | plebeian | plenitude |
| pliancy | plutonic | pneumatic |
| podiatrist | poignant | poltroon |
| polymer | pomegranate | pomposity |
| porcelain | portentous | posthumous |
| postulate | pragmatic | praline |
| precipitation | predator | predecessor |
| predicament | predilection | premonition |
| primitive | privy | procrastinate |
| procurement | prodigal | progeny |
| prognosis | prologue | promontory |
| prompt | pronouncement | propaganda |
| propolis | prosaic | protoplasm |
| psyche | pugilist | pullet |
| pulpit | pursuit | purulence |
| purveyor | queasy | quench |

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| querulous | quintet | quintuplet |
| quorum | raiment | rampant |
| ramshackle | raspberry | reassurance |
| receptacle | rectitude | redolent |
| regalia | reggae | regurgitate |
| remnant | renegade | repatriate |
| repertoire | reprisal | reprobate |
| requiem | residue | resonance |
| restitution | reticence | retrieval |
| rhetoric | rheumatic | rhizome |
| rhythm | ridiculous | rigorous |
| risotto | sabotage | sacrifice |
| satirical | sayonara | scaffold |
| scald | sciatica | scrawny |
| selenium | sentry | sepia |
| serviceable | shrapnel | shrewd |
| siege | simplicity | simulate |
| sinew | singular | sirloin |
| skirmish | sojourn | solemn |
| sorcerer | souvenir | spasmodic |
| spatula | spigot | sporadic |
| squalid | stagnant | stalwart |
| stenography | stevedore | strafe |
| strategy | stratocumulus | strictly |
| stroganoff | sublimation | subservience |
| subsidiary | sumo | superstition |
| suspensory | suspiciously | syndrome |
| tabernacle | talisman | tarantula |
| tenacious | testimony | theatrical |
| therapeutic | thievery | threshold |
| timbre | timorous | topaz |
| tragedy | tranquilizer | transparent |
| treacherous | trepidation | triceratops |

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| trough | turban | turbulence |
| turret | tutelage | typhoid |
| ulcerated | ullage | ultimatum |
| ululate | umbrage | upholstery |
| urbane | urgency | usurer |
| usurper | utility | utopian |
| valedictory | vandalism | velocity |
| vestibule | veterans | viable |
| vigil | vindicate | virago |
| viscera | viscous | visualization |
| vocalize | vocation | vogue |
| volunteer | voracity | vortex |
| vulgarity | vulpine | wainscot |
| wallop | waltz | wampum |
| weevil | wheelbarrow | whimsical |
| wizardry | wreckage | wrought |
| yearling | zealot | zeppelin |
| zilch | zodiac | zoologist |
| zwieback | zygote | zymurgy |