

## Study Words for a Spelling Bee

What follows is a list from Merriam Webster of commonly misspelled words that is based off of the [Scripp's National Spelling Bee](#) competition.

- across
- address
- again
- agreeable
- a lot
- allot
- already
- alright
- answer
- apparent
- appearance
- athlete
- balloon
- believable
- bureau
- business
- college
- commitment
- concede
- conscientious
- cousin
- debt
- definite
- different
- does
- eligible
- embarrass
- exceed
- exhilarate
- familiar
- February
- foreign
- forty
- grammar
- half
- independence
- interesting
- its
- knowledge
- laboratory
- laugh
- league
- maintenance
- minute
- misspell
- noticeable
- occurrence
- often
- parallel
- pastime
- possess
- privilege
- probably
- ready
- receipt
- recommend
- said
- satellite
- schedule
- secretary
- separate
- sheriff
- sincerely
- succeed
- sure
- trouble
- truly
- usually
- vacuum
- vegetable
- villain
- visible
- Wednesday
- weird
- whose

## Grade 5

disguise, percent, recommend, pleasure, official, stomach, exercise, instruction, restaurant, success, piano, decide, future, shoulder, distance, familiar, wrinkle, disease, journey, doubt, breathe, equal, discourage, tournament, achieve, sweater, attitude, cereal, similar, reduce, pleasant, memorable, jealous, police, repetition, average, nervous, electric, guitar, wreath, celebration, museum, dangerous, pronounce, vacant, initial, easiest, damage, concern, loathe

## GRADE 6

continue, adventure, gracious, drought, disaster, chemical, surgery, knowledge, pursue, serious, orchestra, believe, legible, establish, cooperate, obedience, necessary, identical, coincidence, vacuum, grocery, horrible, prefer, resemble, scissors, government, ignore, column, science, responsible, character, schedule, rhythm, conscience, imaginary, sentence, companion, fasten, inquire, author, century, scholar, cousin, whistle, forfeit, prediction, possible silence, choir, evidence

## GRADE 7

environment, sympathy, imagination, recognize, committee, collaborate, strength, nonsense, opportunity, enormous, accomplish, disappear, familiar, beneath, location, innocent, guarantee, ancient, receipt, engineer, tongue, specific, misery, stingy, collection, ordinary, headache, foreign, interior, pierce, civilization, entrance, variety, congratulate, happiness, investigate, astonish, original, personality, estimate, graduate, dialogue, inferior, incredible, stereo, chemistry, fatigue, envelope  
vehicle, function

## GRADE 8

constitution, generosity, economic, endeavor, cylinder, abbreviate, picturesque, molecular, amateur, unique, mischievous, approximate, descendant, epidemic, communicate, scheme, substitute, acknowledge, gigantic, contagious, legislature, rehearsal, prosperous, tragedy, sanctuary, necessary, customary, aerial, category, definite, benevolent, politician, vocalize, threaten, priority, intercept, alternate, ceramic, essential, sustain, poisonous, ingredient, frequency, desolate, apology, deceitful, concept, durable  
partial, declaration

## Frequently Misspelled Words

- absence
- address
- advice
- all right
- arctic
- beginning
- believe
- bicycle
- broccoli
- bureau
- calendar
- camaraderie
- ceiling
- cemetery
- changeable
- conscientious
- conscious
- decease
- deceive
- definite
- descent
- desperate
- device
- disastrous
- ecstasy
- embarrass
- exercise
- fascinate
- February
- fiery
- fluorescent
- foreign
- government
- grateful
- guarantee
- harass
- height
- humorous
- independent
- jealous
- jewelry
- judgment
- ketchup
- knowledge
- leisure
- library
- license
- maintenance
- mathematics
- mediocre
- millennium
- miniature
- miscellaneous
- mischievous
- misspell
- mysterious
- necessary
- neighbor
- nuclear
- occasion
- occurrence
- odyssey
- piece
- pigeon
- playwright
- precede
- prejudice
- privilege
- pumpkin
- raspberry
- receive
- rhythm
- sacrilegious
- science
- scissors
- separate
- sincerely
- special
- thorough
- through
- truly
- until
- Wednesday
- weird
- you're

### **Easy spelling words**

able, aftermath, afternoon, appear, attack, attend, breakfast, brightly, cabbage, cable, carpenter, channel, circle, climb, comfort, comical, confirm, construct, curtain, customer, damage, decide, delight, disappear, discover, empty, encourage, entertain, equal, exactly, forever, fruit, fuel, group, guard, guest, guide, guitar, handle, health, heart, heavily, helmet, idea, kindness, level, locket, lumber, magic, melon, meter, money, motor, mountain, partner, perfect, perhaps, personal, plastic, pocket, protect, provide, railway, record, reward, shoulder, socket, stranger, stroll, subject, suit, supply, temper, theatre, total, toward, treatment, useful, vacant, windy, writer.

### **Medium difficulty spelling words**

activity, afterthought, apartment, appoint, approve, beginner, boundary, breathe, calendar, caption, clothe, colony, competition, concern, condition, creature, crouton, currency, cycle, devotion, disguise, dishonest, distance, disuse, eager, education, exist, famous, feather, feature, fiction, fragile, friction, grateful, guardian, household, increase, industry, invention, junction, junior, lawyer, management, mayor, meanwhile, memorable, mention, metal, mightily, minister, nature, neither, option, pardon, passenger, pickle, picture, pleasure, popular, proceed, produce, professor, property, quartet, reason, recess, reduce, reduction, reply, route, scene, scent, stolen, supporter, sweater, teachable, televise, though, thread, tidal, triple, victory, volcano, wealth, weather, weird, wilderness, wrist.

### **Challenging spelling words**

achieve, acoustics, action, advertisement, anoint, apparel, appliance, awkward, burglar, calculator, capital, ceiling, cemetery, conscious, constant, detrimental, dominant, eighth, exasperating, excel, exert, exhale, extravagant, facility, faucet, frugal, jealous, language, leather, manageable, medallion, medicinal, overrule, precious, preferred, pronounce, propel, receive, recitation, reign, retrieve, significance, similar, simplicity, sleight, texture, territory, treachery, vain, valiant, veil, vein, virtue, visual, wren, wring.