

San Joaquin County
County Office of Education
2017-18 Spelling Bee
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Elementary Spelling Word List
(Includes All Words for Rounds 1 and 2)

- Words given in Rounds 1 and 2 of the county final competition will be found in these two practice lists.
- Words for all other rounds are taken from a variety of sources.
- Words for the **mandatory (written) elimination round on December 4, 2017** are **NOT** included on these lists.
- The 4-6th Finals on Wednesday is an oral competition. Every participant in this division stands alone at the podium to spell his/her word, with the level of difficulty increasing with each round.
- At the final competition on **December 6, 2017** words will be pronounced, put into a sentence and pronounced again. Definitions will be provided by the spellmaster upon the request of the participant.
- Pronunciations and meanings have been eliminated from this word list to encourage the use of a dictionary, or other sources you deem appropriate.

Round 1 Practice Words

advance	afternoon	agent	agree
allow	aloud	amount	angle
angry	answer	anthem	antler
anvil	apex	appeal	apple
area	army	around	arrest
arson	artist	asleep	assume
attend	attract	avid	award
bagel	baggage	bakery	balance
balloon	banana	banjo	banner
barely	basket	battle	beacon
beautiful	behave	between	bicycle
bigger	birth	birthday	biscuit
bitter	blade	bland	blaze
board	both	bother	bottle
bottom	braid	bread	breeze
bridge	broil	brother	bruise
bubble	bugle	butter	button
cabbage	cactus	camera	camp
certain	chafe	chance	change
charm	cheek	chicken	children
choice	cider	clench	client
climate	climb	close	clothing
clown	cluster	coach	combat
comet	comfort	complain	contain
control	corner	cotton	cozy
crack	crate	crave	crawl
crazy	creak	creation	credible
cremate	crisp	crown	crude
cruel	crust	crutch	cuddle
current	dairy	dampen	dance
darling	dash	data	daughter
daunt	dawn	dazzle	dealt

debate	delay	desert	deserve
design	diary	difficult	diner
dire	discover	disease	dismal
dispute	disturb	divan	divine
docket	doctor	dodge	dollar
dragon	dream	drift	drool
duress	dwell	eager	earnest
earth	echo	elect	equal
excellent	factory	faint	fairground
faucet	fault	favorite	fawn
feather	fence	fervor	fever
fiction	field	fiery	finger
finish	flavor	fleet	flesh
flock	flower	follow	fortune
forty	forward	fossil	foul
fowl	foyer	fraction	frail
frame	fresh	fret	frill
frock	frost	froth	frown
fruit	fungus	future	gale
gasp	gelatin	general	genius
glitz	gloat	gloomy	glower
gnash	gnaw	gobble	goblin
goofy	gorge	gout	gown
grocer	grove	growth	guard
guest	gym	hamster	happen
harbor	harden	hare	harmony
harpoon	harsh	hawk	hazel
hazy	headlight	heal	hidden
history	hitch	homework	honor
hour	however	howl	hula
human	hurl	illness	image
impact	important	indent	issue
italics	itch	item	ivy
janitor	jiggle	jockey	joyful

juice	jungle	kidnap	kindness
kinship	kiosk	kitchen	knee
knell	knight	knob	know
labor	lantern	larva	laugh
lawyer	leader	least	lecture
ledge	legal	lentil	lettuce
level	limb	listen	locust
lodge	loft	loiter	loll
lonely	loose	loot	lotus
lounge	lout	loyal	lucid
lumber	lunch	major	mallet
marble	market	maven	mellow
memory	mention	method	middle
million	minute	mirror	mission
moist	moonlight	motto	mound
mouse	movable	mumble	myself
narrow	native	needle	newspaper
north	notation	notch	notice
notion	novel	nozzle	nudge
null	numb	number	nurse
octave	offend	office	often
olive	omit	ooze	opera
operate	opponent	oppose	opus
oral	orange	organ	ounce
palace	panel	panic	pansy
passion	payment	pear	pebble
penalty	pencil	pension	people
picnic	picture	plane	planet
platform	plenty	pliers	plot
pluck	plume	plunder	ply
podium	polite	pollen	porch
position	possible	potent	pound
power	prepare	pressure	pretzel
primary	prize	proud	province

provoke	prowl	prune	pry
public	pulley	pulp	pumpkin
punish	purple	purpose	quarrel
quay	quest	question	quiet
quit	quite	rabbit	radiant
radio	radius	raft	railroad
raise	rally	rancid	ransom
raptor	rascal	reach	receive
rejoice	rescue	retina	ribbon
riddle	ridge	rifle	rift
rigid	rotten	royal	rubbish
ruffle	runt	rupture	sadness
safely	sauce	sauna	savage
scald	scandal	scanty	school
scream	screen	script	season
sheen	shield	shiny	shipwreck
shirk	shock	shore	shrug
sidewalk	sign	silent	silt
simmer	singe	sinus	siren
smoke	smooth	smug	snatch
snide	solid	solution	someone
sore	sour	source	spare
sparkle	spicy	sponge	spool
spout	sprig	spurt	squeal
starve	state	station	stench
sticky	stillness	strange	stream
sunlight	suppose	swallow	swift
teacher	telephone	therefore	thrash
thrive	throne	toast	tooth
touch	toward	traffic	tragic
travel	tremor	trespass	trickery
turtle	twice	twilight	twinkle
twist	understand	unify	unison
utter	vacation	valley	value

valve	vapor	varnish	vast
vault	veal	vendor	venom
verbal	verge	verve	vessel
veto	vial	vibrate	vicar
victor	virtue	visitor	vowel
waffle	wallet	wander	watermelon
wealth	weary	weigh	welcome
winnow	wizard	woodland	worry
worsen	worth	wrath	wreath
wrinkle	wrist	write	wrong
wrung	yearn	yesterday	yoga
yogurt	yowl	yucky	zany
zeal	zinc	zinnia	zone

Round 2 Practice Words

aardvark	abolish	abrupt	abstract
accomplice	accumulate	accusation	achievement
acquittal	acreage	admonish	adobe
adroit	ailment	alfalfa	almond
ambulance	analyze	ancestor	ancient
antelope	antenna	antique	anxious
apathy	apology	apparel	appetite
application	aptitude	archery	architecture
arduous	argue	armadillo	arrangement
arrogance	artificial	assembly	assistance
athletic	atmosphere	attentive	attorney
audience	autograph	autumn	avarice
bachelor	baffle	bailiff	bairn
bakery	baleen	ballistics	ballot
baloney	banquet	bargain	barometer
barracks	barrier	believe	benefactor
benefit	betrayal	biography	bison
blanch	blarney	blatant	blunderbuss

bolster	bonanza	boundary	bravery
breathe	brought	bruise	bulletin
buoyancy	burglar	butcher	cafeteria
calcium	calculator	calendar	calorie
canary	candor	canine	canister
canteen	caprice	carcass	cardiac
career	carnival	cascade	cashew
casket	category	caught	cemetery
changeable	chocolate	chorus	chronic
circuit	cistern	citizen	citrus
clamor	classical	cleaver	closet
clout	clumsy	clutch	coarse
cobalt	coconut	colander	college
combat	commanding	commission	community
compartment	concession	condolence	conference
congress	consequence	considerable	constraint
contamination	cornea	corporation	costume
council	counsel	couplet	coupon
courier	course	courtesy	covenant
covert	cowardice	cowl	crafty
creativity	credential	creditor	crisis
criteria	criticism	crocodile	crusade
crutches	cryptic	crystal	cuisine
cultivation	cumulus	cushion	custody
customary	cuticle	cyclone	daisy
deceit	deceitful	decimal	decoration
decorum	definite	delegate	denominator
density	dependent	desolate	determination
diamond	dictionary	dignity	dilate
dilemma	dilute	diminish	dimple
dinghy	dinosaur	discipline	distinction
division	dogma	doldrums	dolphin
drought	duct	dungeon	duplicity
eccentric	eclipse	ecology	economy
eerie	efface	effective	egotism
elastic	elate	electron	eligible
embarrass	emblem	emerald	employee

endeavor	engineer	enormous	entice
environmental	equator	erosion	eruption
experience	exterior	extraordinary	extreme
fauna	federation	fertilize	flamingo
flammable	fleece	flexible	flimsy
flippant	fluency	foliage	foreign
foreman	forfeit	forgery	fortress
fracas	fragrance	fraud	frightening
frontier	frugal	functional	funeral
geometry	geyser	gigantic	giraffe
glacier	glossary	gnarled	gnaw
gooey	gorilla	gossip	gracious
graduation	graft	granary	granular
graphic	gratuity	grief	guardian
habitat	hatchet	heredity	hesitate
humorous	hurrah	hustle	hybrid
hydrant	hyena	hyphen	hypnotist
illusion	immediate	immigrant	imperfection
impertinence	incisor	incubator	influence
inheritance	inhibition	inscribe	interrupt
interview	irrational	island	jacket
jaguar	janitor	jaunty	javelin
jittery	journal	justify	kidnap
knickers	koala	laceration	lament
latitude	launch	laundry	lecture
lubricate	luminous	luxury	mafia
magician	malign	manacle	marriage
mattress	measure	merchant	mermaid
mesa	metallic	mileage	militia
miniature	minority	moderation	modesty
molar	molasses	mollusk	monarch
morale	mournful	multiply	mundane
munitions	muscular	musician	mustache
mutilate	mystical	mythology	naughty
nausea	navigation	nebula	nematode
nemesis	neonate	nephew	neutralize
niche	nocuous	nominee	notary

novice	nucleus	nuisance	numerator
nutrition	oath	obedient	oblige
oblivion	obscene	obscure	obstinate
obvious	occasion	occupation	octagon
odious	ominous	opportunity	oppressive
oration	orchid	ordain	ordeal
orphan	ovation	parachute	parakeet
parallel	parasite	parlor	parochial
pavilion	peculiar	performance	perimeter
persuade	pertinent	phrase	piano
pigeon	pioneer	pious	plague
platitude	plaza	pliable	poetry
pollute	porridge	portrait	possess
possum	potency	poverty	prairie
precaution	predator	predicament	premiere
presage	pretense	principal	probe
protein	punctual	quantity	quiver
quotient	radiance	radioactive	raiment
reconcile	referee	regulation	reign
reinforce	relapse	relevant	reliable
reluctant	remedial	reminder	remodel
rendition	replenish	residence	resilient
resolution	respectfully	restaurant	restoration
rhyme	rivalry	rough	royalty
salve	satellite	savannah	saxophone
scandal	scrimmage	secretary	seize
severe	shampoo	shelter	shepherd
shield	shoat	shrewd	shyster
simulate	singularity	sinister	sirloin
solemn	somersault	soprano	speculation
squawk	stadium	stagnant	stallion
subtraction	suffix	summary	superb
surgeon	sweater	syllable	symbol
synonym	tapestry	taut	tawdry
telescope	temperature	thermostat	thesis
thoughtless	thousand	tolerable	topaz
torpedo	torrid	tortuous	toxin

traffic	transmission	transparent	trophy
trough	truly	trumpet	tweezers
twilight	twinge	tycoon	typhoid
typhoon	typify	tyrant	ultrasonic
umbilical	uniformity	upheaval	urbane
urchin	usher	usurp	utility
utmost	utopian	vacancy	vagrant
valiant	vanilla	vanity	vanquish
vaporize	variant	veneer	venomous
vibration	vicinity	villain	violation
virus	visionary	vitamin	volcano
volunteer	waltz	warbler	warranty
weather	weird	wharf	whiff
whimper	windshield	woolen	worrisome
worsen	wreck	wretched	yacht
yeast	yeoman	zenith	zucchini