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Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for First Graders

2016-2017

- fit** (*verb*) to be correctly adjusted to or shaped for someone or something.
- mad** (*adjective*) angry.
- bus** (*noun*) a vehicle used for transporting children to or from school.
- dots** (*plural noun*) small round marks made on a surface with a pointed instrument.
- spy** (*verb*) to try to get information about a country or people without them knowing.
- job** (*noun*) a specific required task, role or function.
- row** (*noun*) a number of objects in a orderly series.
- tree** (*noun*) a usually tall plant with one main woody stem and lots of branches and leaves.
- ship** (*noun*) any large seagoing boat.
- name** (*noun*) a specific word or phrase that is used to refer to a person or thing.
- ears** (*plural noun*) the organs of hearing and balance in mammals.
- room** (*noun*) a part of the inside of a building usually divided from other areas by walls.
- case** (*noun*) a situation requiring investigation or action by the police or other agency.
- meal** (*noun*) the food eaten at a particular time to satisfy hunger.
- rang** (*verb*) sounded clearly and in a loud, echoing manner.
- tile** (*noun*) a usually flat piece of hard clay, stone or other material used for roofs, floors or walls.
- lost** (*adjective*) put in a place you don't remember.
- aim** (*verb*) to point something at an object.
- nest** (*noun*) the place a bird builds for laying eggs and caring for its young.
- tiny** (*adjective*) very little.
- need** (*verb*) to feel like you must have or do something.
- darts** (*plural noun*) a game in which small pointed missiles are thrown at a bull's-eye on a target.
- straw** (*noun*) a tube used for sucking up a drink.
- maybe** (*adverb*) perhaps.
- cried** (*verb*) expressed grief, pain or distress by producing tears from the eyes.
- shell** (*noun*) a hard protective covering of an animal.
- wash** (*verb*) to clean something with water or another liquid.
- chew** (*verb*) to crush or grind food with teeth in preparation for swallowing.
- start** (*verb*) to begin.
- first** (*adjective*) being number one in a countable series.



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| 31. | picky | <i>(adjective)</i> | overly difficult to please (as in matters of taste). |
| 32. | claws | <i>(plural noun)</i> | a sharp, usually curved nail on the toe of an animal (as on a cat). |
| 33. | great | <i>(adjective)</i> | wonderful, admirable. |
| 34. | stage | <i>(noun)</i> | the raised flooring in a theater or auditorium where people put on performances. |
| 35. | open | <i>(adjective)</i> | not shut. |
| 36. | sadly | <i>(adverb)</i> | in an unhappy manner or way. |
| 37. | brush | <i>(noun)</i> | a tool with bristles set in a handle that is used for sweeping, scrubbing, painting and smoothing. |
| 38. | cross | <i>(verb)</i> | to go from one side of something to the other side. |
| 39. | hugged | <i>(verb)</i> | held within the arms. |
| 40. | trail | <i>(noun)</i> | a marked path through a forest or mountainous region. |
| 41. | butter | <i>(noun)</i> | an important food used especially as a spread on bread and in cooking. |
| 42. | sharp | <i>(adjective)</i> | tapering to a fine point. |
| 43. | digging | <i>(verb)</i> | turning up, loosening or removing soil or earth. |
| 44. | soap | <i>(noun)</i> | a cleansing agent that is used for washing something. |
| 45. | bones | <i>(plural noun)</i> | the hard parts of the skeleton of a vertebrate. |
| 46. | small | <i>(adjective)</i> | little. |
| 47. | center or
centre | <i>(noun)</i> | middle area. |
| 48. | lava | <i>(noun)</i> | fluid rock that comes out of a volcano or from an opening in the earth's surface. |
| 49. | monster | <i>(noun)</i> | a ferocious legendary animal usually of great size. |
| 50. | bathtub | <i>(noun)</i> | a large container in which people wash or soak themselves. |
| 51. | ivy | <i>(noun)</i> | a climbing vine that clings to upright surfaces (such as walls). |
| 52. | nose | <i>(noun)</i> | the part of the face that sticks out and has the nostrils. |
| 53. | tusk | <i>(noun)</i> | a large, long tooth that sticks out of an animal's mouth. |
| 54. | road | <i>(noun)</i> | a track for vehicles, people and animals to travel on. |
| 55. | oven | <i>(noun)</i> | a closed, heated device used for cooking. |
| 56. | news | <i>(plural noun)</i> | recent information. |
| 57. | food | <i>(noun)</i> | parts of animals and plants that humans and animals eat. |
| 58. | rules | <i>(plural noun)</i> | a set of official codes of behavior that tell you what you can and cannot do in an activity (such as a sport). |
| 59. | braid | <i>(verb)</i> | to weave three or more strands (of hair) together into one or more lengths. |
| 60. | miles | <i>(plural noun)</i> | more than one of a unit of distance equal to 5280 feet. |
| 61. | folds | <i>(verb)</i> | reduces in size by laying one part over another part of. |
| 62. | pages | <i>(plural noun)</i> | leaves of a book or other printed item. |
| 63. | boring | <i>(adjective)</i> | causing a feeling of weariness or dissatisfaction : dull. |



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| 65. | ferns | <i>(plural noun)</i> | nonflowering leafy plants that reproduce by spores instead of seeds. |
| 66. | elbow | <i>(noun)</i> | the joint between your upper arm and forearm. |
| 67. | taxi | <i>(noun)</i> | a car that carries a passenger between any two points (as within a city) in exchange for money. |
| 68. | stuck | <i>(verb)</i> | attached by or as if by gluing or plastering. |
| 69. | grain | <i>(noun)</i> | the seed of any cereal grass (as wheat, oats, rice, millet). |
| 70. | float | <i>(verb)</i> | to rest on or partly under the surface of a liquid. |
| 71. | awake | <i>(adjective)</i> | not asleep. |
| 72. | bird | <i>(noun)</i> | a warm-blooded, feathered animal that lays eggs and has wings instead of arms. |
| 73. | snack | <i>(noun)</i> | a small amount of food usually eaten between meals. |
| 74. | wear | <i>(verb)</i> | to use or have on your body. |
| 75. | mane | <i>(noun)</i> | the long and heavy hair growing about the neck of some mammals. |
| 76. | hardly | <i>(adverb)</i> | barely, scarcely. |
| 77. | shirts | <i>(plural noun)</i> | clothing for the upper body with sleeves and usually a collar and a front opening. |
| 78. | moody | <i>(adjective)</i> | unhappy and rudely grumpy. |
| 79. | lawn | <i>(noun)</i> | ground covered with grass that is kept closely mowed. |
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| 81. | pantry | <i>(noun)</i> | a closet next to a kitchen or dining room used for storing food. |
| 82. | sandbox | <i>(noun)</i> | a large container filled with a loose material for children to play in. |
| 83. | posters | <i>(plural noun)</i> | signs hung in public places that serve as decoration or consist of pictures. |
| 84. | spider | <i>(noun)</i> | an arachnid that has poison fangs and eight legs, and spins silk to make webs to catch prey. |
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| 88. | swift | <i>(adjective)</i> | moving or able to move with great speed. |
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| 90. | parents | <i>(plural noun)</i> | fathers and mothers. |
| 91. | beehive | <i>(noun)</i> | a container for winged insects that feed on pollen and nectar and make honey. |
| 92. | shopping | <i>(noun)</i> | searching for, inspecting or buying available goods or services. |
| 93. | artwork | <i>(noun)</i> | a work of skill and taste that is designed to be beautiful. |
| 94. | chance | <i>(noun)</i> | opportunity. |
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 - 98. **thumb** (*noun*) the short, thick finger on your hand that can be placed opposite the other fingers.
 - 99. **backdrop** (*noun*) a cloth hung across the back of a stage that looks like a scenic background.
 - 100. **fuddy-duddy** (*noun*) a person who is old-fashioned or very traditional.



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| 52. | soul | <i>(noun)</i> | human being. |
| 53. | banana | <i>(noun)</i> | a long curved fruit that is yellow when ripe. |
| 54. | frown | <i>(noun)</i> | scowl. |
| 55. | temper | <i>(noun)</i> | calmness of mind. |
| 56. | burst | <i>(verb)</i> | exploded. |
| 57. | hungry | <i>(adjective)</i> | needing or craving food. |
| 58. | riddle | <i>(noun)</i> | a puzzling question to be guessed at. |
| 59. | porch | <i>(noun)</i> | a covered entrance to a building. |
| 60. | silver | <i>(noun)</i> | a white metallic element used to make coins, silverware, jewelry and other items. |
| 61. | untidy | <i>(adjective)</i> | not neat in appearance : careless. |
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65.	sturdy	<i>(adjective)</i>	durable : solid.
66.	chatter	<i>(noun)</i>	useless talk.
67.	bakery	<i>(noun)</i>	a store that sells bread, cakes, pastries and other edible goods.
68.	darkest	<i>(adjective)</i>	having the least light.
69.	feast	<i>(noun)</i>	an elaborate meal.
70.	dollars	<i>(plural noun)</i>	notes representing the unit of money used in the United States.
71.	might	<i>(verb)</i>	— used with a main verb to express that something is possible or could happen.
72.	subject	<i>(noun)</i>	an area of knowledge or study taught at school.
73.	dishes	<i>(plural noun)</i>	shallow containers used for serving food.
74.	partly	<i>(adverb)</i>	not completely.
75.	forward	<i>(adverb)</i>	to or toward what is before or in front.
76.	strange	<i>(adjective)</i>	unusual.
77.	hitched	<i>(verb)</i>	attached with a hook or knot.
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79.	puzzles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	questions, problems or toys designed to test cleverness.
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81.	pebbles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	small round stones.
82.	married	<i>(adjective)</i>	wedded.
83.	chamber	<i>(noun)</i>	a private room : bedroom.
84.	flicker	<i>(verb)</i>	to burn in spurts.
85.	onion	<i>(noun)</i>	an edible plant with a sharp smell and taste that is used as a vegetable.
86.	arcade	<i>(noun)</i>	a place where you can play coin-operated games.
87.	London	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a city in southeastern England that is the capital of the United Kingdom.
88.	pounce	<i>(verb)</i>	to suddenly grab for something.
89.	shrill	<i>(adjective)</i>	piercing.
90.	mayor	<i>(noun)</i>	the primary public official of a city.
91.	farewell	<i>(noun)</i>	a good-bye.
92.	young	<i>(adjective)</i>	in an early stage of life, growth or development.
93.	supplies	<i>(plural noun)</i>	items available for use.
94.	beginning	<i>(noun)</i>	the first part.
95.	vacation	<i>(noun)</i>	a time spent away from home or work to travel and relax.
96.	skateboard	<i>(noun)</i>	a short piece of wood with small wheels used for riding on and perform tricks.
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| 99. | lotion | <i>(noun)</i> | a liquid used to soften the skin. |
| 100. | prevented | <i>(verb)</i> | kept from happening due to previous caution. |



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| 51. | smirk | <i>(verb)</i> | to smile in a false way or as if pleased with yourself. |
| 52. | destiny | <i>(noun)</i> | fate. |
| 53. | monkeys | <i>(plural noun)</i> | primates that are smaller than apes and have longer tails. |
| 54. | studio | <i>(noun)</i> | a place to study various performing arts such as dancing, singing or acting. |
| 55. | nifty | <i>(adjective)</i> | handy. |
| 56. | janitor | <i>(noun)</i> | someone who keeps an apartment, office or other building clean and who makes minor repairs. |
| 57. | pottery | <i>(noun)</i> | an article made of fired clay. |
| 58. | wonderful | <i>(adjective)</i> | unusually good, interesting, amusing or lovely. |
| 59. | square | <i>(noun)</i> | a rectangle with all four sides equal. |
| 60. | belief | <i>(noun)</i> | when trust or confidence is placed in a person or thing. |
| 61. | contract | <i>(noun)</i> | an agreement between two or more people to do or not to do something. |
| 62. | anteater | <i>(noun)</i> | a mammal that has a long narrow snout, long sticky tongue and usually no teeth and that feeds entirely on insects. |
| 63. | pouring | <i>(verb)</i> | causing or allowing something to flow in a steady stream. |
| 64. | lantern | <i>(noun)</i> | a portable lamp. |
| 65. | subtracting | <i>(verb)</i> | taking away an amount from a total. |
| 66. | portable | <i>(adjective)</i> | light enough to be carried. |



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68.	estate	<i>(noun)</i>	the sum of all property and debts that someone leaves behind when they die.
69.	umbrella	<i>(noun)</i>	a small portable covering that provides protection against the weather.
70.	timidly	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a way that is not brave or courageous.
71.	observe	<i>(verb)</i>	obey.
72.	trance	<i>(noun)</i>	daze.
73.	elderly	<i>(adjective)</i>	advanced in years.
74.	liquid	<i>(noun)</i>	an extremely fluid substance that flows freely like water.
75.	deadline	<i>(noun)</i>	a date or time before which something must be done.
76.	country	<i>(noun)</i>	a political state or nation.
77.	flexible	<i>(adjective)</i>	bending easily without breaking.
78.	promote	<i>(verb)</i>	to move forward in station, rank or honor.
79.	massive	<i>(adjective)</i>	weighty : heavy.
80.	bronze	<i>(noun)</i>	a substance made of copper and tin mixed together and that is used to make industrial items, art and bells.
81.	climbed	<i>(verb)</i>	used your hands to raise yourself upwards.
82.	teaspoon	<i>(noun)</i>	a small tool consisting of an oval or round shallow bowl with a handle and used for stirring a drink and as a unit of measure.
83.	balance	<i>(noun)</i>	stability as a result of equally spreading your weight.
84.	knitting	<i>(verb)</i>	making something (such as clothing) from yarn either by hand using long needles or with a machine.
85.	merely	<i>(adverb)</i>	barely, only, simply.
86.	furnish	<i>(verb)</i>	to add necessary and decorative items to a room.
87.	passage	<i>(noun)</i>	a brief section of a written work or speech that is mentioned by itself as noteworthy or relevant.
88.	complaints	<i>(plural noun)</i>	expressions of unfairness.
89.	thunderbolt	<i>(noun)</i>	a flash of lightning along with a loud, distant rolling sound.
90.	nonsense	<i>(noun)</i>	words or language that have no meaning.
91.	mansion	<i>(noun)</i>	a home that is impressive due to its size.
92.	laundry	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of clothes or household linens to be washed.
93.	available	<i>(adjective)</i>	free and able to do something at a particular time
94.	lodging	<i>(noun)</i>	a temporary place to stay.
95.	portions	<i>(plural noun)</i>	parts of a whole.
96.	gallant	<i>(adjective)</i>	brave, dashing and chivalrous.
97.	veins	<i>(plural noun)</i>	tubes that carry blood from different parts of your body to your heart.
98.	mountain	<i>(noun)</i>	a high landmass rising to form several peaks.
99.	whistling	<i>(verb)</i>	making clear sounds by blowing air through pursed lips.
100.	voyage	<i>(noun)</i>	a journey by water : cruise.



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Vocabulary List for Fourth Graders

2016-2017

- smirk** (*verb*) to smile in a false way or as if pleased with yourself.
- destiny** (*noun*) fate.
- monkeys** (*plural noun*) primates that are smaller than apes and have longer tails.
- studio** (*noun*) a place to study various performing arts such as dancing, singing or acting.
- nifty** (*adjective*) handy.
- janitor** (*noun*) someone who keeps an apartment, office or other building clean and who makes minor repairs.
- pottery** (*noun*) an article made of fired clay.
- wonderful** (*adjective*) unusually good, interesting, amusing or lovely.
- square** (*noun*) a rectangle with all four sides equal.
- belief** (*noun*) when trust or confidence is placed in a person or thing.
- contract** (*noun*) an agreement between two or more people to do or not to do something.
- anteater** (*noun*) a mammal that has a long narrow snout, long sticky tongue and usually no teeth and that feeds entirely on insects.
- pouring** (*verb*) causing or allowing something to flow in a steady stream.
- lantern** (*noun*) a portable lamp.
- subtracting** (*verb*) taking away an amount from a total.
- portable** (*adjective*) light enough to be carried.
- twine** (*noun*) a strong string made by twisting two or more strands together.
- estate** (*noun*) the sum of all property and debts that someone leaves behind when they die.
- umbrella** (*noun*) a small portable covering that provides protection against the weather.
- timidly** (*adverb*) in a way that is not brave or courageous.
- observe** (*verb*) obey.
- trance** (*noun*) daze.
- elderly** (*adjective*) advanced in years.
- liquid** (*noun*) an extremely fluid substance that flows freely like water.
- deadline** (*noun*) a date or time before which something must be done.
- country** (*noun*) a political state or nation.
- flexible** (*adjective*) bending easily without breaking.
- promote** (*verb*) to move forward in station, rank or honor.



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| 29. | massive | <i>(adjective)</i> | weighty : heavy. |
| 30. | bronze | <i>(noun)</i> | a substance made of copper and tin mixed together and that is used to make industrial items, art and bells. |
| 31. | climbed | <i>(verb)</i> | used your hands to raise yourself upwards. |
| 32. | teaspoon | <i>(noun)</i> | a small tool consisting of an oval or round shallow bowl with a handle and used for stirring a drink and as a unit of measure. |
| 33. | balance | <i>(noun)</i> | stability as a result of equally spreading your weight. |
| 34. | knitting | <i>(verb)</i> | making something (such as clothing) from yarn either by hand using long needles or with a machine. |
| 35. | merely | <i>(adverb)</i> | barely, only, simply. |
| 36. | furnish | <i>(verb)</i> | to add necessary and decorative items to a room. |
| 37. | passage | <i>(noun)</i> | a brief section of a written work or speech that is mentioned by itself as noteworthy or relevant. |
| 38. | complaints | <i>(plural noun)</i> | expressions of unfairness. |
| 39. | thunderbolt | <i>(noun)</i> | a flash of lightning along with a loud, distant rolling sound. |
| 40. | nonsense | <i>(noun)</i> | words or language that have no meaning. |
| 41. | mansion | <i>(noun)</i> | a home that is impressive due to its size. |
| 42. | laundry | <i>(noun)</i> | a group of clothes or household linens to be washed. |
| 43. | available | <i>(adjective)</i> | free and able to do something at a particular time |
| 44. | lodging | <i>(noun)</i> | a temporary place to stay. |
| 45. | portions | <i>(plural noun)</i> | parts of a whole. |
| 46. | gallant | <i>(adjective)</i> | brave, dashing and chivalrous. |
| 47. | veins | <i>(plural noun)</i> | tubes that carry blood from different parts of your body to your heart. |
| 48. | mountain | <i>(noun)</i> | a high landmass rising to form several peaks. |
| 49. | whistling | <i>(verb)</i> | making clear sounds by blowing air through pursed lips. |
| 50. | voyage | <i>(noun)</i> | a journey by water : cruise. |
| 51. | hooves | <i>(plural noun)</i> | curved, hard coverings that protect the feet of an animal (such as a horse or goat). |
| 52. | funnel | <i>(noun)</i> | a tool shaped like a hollow cone with a tube extending from the point that is used to direct the flow of liquid. |
| 53. | gravely | <i>(adverb)</i> | seriously. |
| 54. | hiccups or hiccoughs | <i>(plural noun)</i> | sounds in your throat caused by sudden, involuntary movements of your chest muscles. |
| 55. | performance | <i>(noun)</i> | a public presentation (as of a dramatic work). |
| 56. | specific | <i>(adjective)</i> | falling into a precisely stated category. |
| 57. | dowdy | <i>(adjective)</i> | old-fashioned : out of date. |
| 58. | indicate | <i>(verb)</i> | to point at. |
| 59. | clause | <i>(noun)</i> | a group of words in a sentence that has its own subject and verb. |



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61.	biology	<i>(noun)</i>	the science of life.
62.	hangar	<i>(noun)</i>	a covered and usually enclosed area or a large shed for housing and repairing aircraft (as airplanes).
63.	quality	<i>(noun)</i>	a special or distinguishing attribute : characteristic.
64.	saucepan	<i>(noun)</i>	a deep cooking utensil with a long handle used for stewing or boiling.
65.	invisible	<i>(adjective)</i>	out of sight : hidden.
66.	classical	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to music other than popular music or music for entertainment.
67.	blurred	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by dimness, indistinctness or obscurity.
68.	contestants	<i>(plural noun)</i>	persons that participate in a competition.
69.	farfetched	<i>(adjective)</i>	not easily or naturally reached by logic or reason.
70.	bemused	<i>(adjective)</i>	having or showing feelings of wry entertainment especially from something that is surprising or perplexing.
71.	clients	<i>(plural noun)</i>	patrons, customers.
72.	tightrope	<i>(noun)</i>	a tightly stretched cord or wire on which acrobats perform.
73.	innocent	<i>(adjective)</i>	free from legal guilt or responsibility for wrongdoing or failure.
74.	dignified	<i>(adjective)</i>	showing or expressing formality, seriousness and self-confidence in appearance, manner or language.
75.	priority	<i>(noun)</i>	something that is more important than other things and needs to be done or dealt with first.
76.	delicate	<i>(adjective)</i>	easily damaged, broken or hurt.
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79.	fortune	<i>(noun)</i>	good luck : success.
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81.	caterpillar	<i>(noun)</i>	the larva of a butterfly or moth that is long and looks like a worm with legs.
82.	wistfully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a thoughtfully sad or mournful manner.
83.	annual	<i>(adjective)</i>	occurring, appearing, made or done every year or once a year.
84.	beckon	<i>(verb)</i>	to appear inviting : attract.
85.	creation	<i>(noun)</i>	an original work of art or of the imagination.
86.	dumbwaiter	<i>(noun)</i>	a small elevator used for carrying food and dishes or small goods from one floor of a building to another.
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| 92. | settee | <i>(noun)</i> | a medium-sized sofa with arms and a back. |
| 93. | digestive | <i>(adjective)</i> | relating to the action or process of converting (food) into a form that can be absorbed. |
| 94. | lounge | <i>(verb)</i> | to stand, sit or recline lazily : loaf. |
| 95. | marooned | <i>(verb)</i> | put ashore on a desolate island or coast and left to one's fate. |
| 96. | poisonous | <i>(adjective)</i> | having the qualities or effects of a substance that in the right amounts can harm or kill a living thing. |
| 97. | vinegar | <i>(noun)</i> | a sour liquid used as a condiment or a preservative and is often seasoned especially with herbs. |
| 98. | moisture | <i>(noun)</i> | a small amount of liquid dispersed in air and appearing as fog or condensed as dew on a cool surface. |
| 99. | terrier | <i>(noun)</i> | a type of small dog now mainly kept as a pet but originally used for hunting. |
| 100. | gymnastics | <i>(plural noun)</i> | systematic physical exercises along with performance on apparatus (as rings or bars) that are designed to promote strength, flexibility, agility, coordination and body control. |



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Vocabulary List for Fifth Graders

2016-2017

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2. **funnel** (*noun*) a tool shaped like a hollow cone with a tube extending from the point that is used to direct the flow of liquid.
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51.	vertical	<i>(adjective)</i>	perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis : upright.
52.	inlet	<i>(noun)</i>	a narrow strip of water running into the land or between islands.
53.	botany	<i>(noun)</i>	the branch of science dealing with plants.
54.	linen	<i>(noun)</i>	a strong cloth made of flax noted for its strength and coolness but that wrinkles easily.
55.	esteem	<i>(noun)</i>	approval and respect often blended with great liking because of worthy qualities.



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56.	mildew	<i>(noun)</i>	a whitish growth produced on organic matter and on plants by fungi.
57.	gourd	<i>(noun)</i>	a fruit that is hard-shelled, inedible and used often for decoration, and that comes from a vine.
58.	pitiful	<i>(adjective)</i>	deserving or giving rise to compassion.
59.	concise	<i>(adjective)</i>	expressed using few words and without unnecessary detail.
60.	perimeter	<i>(noun)</i>	the sum of the lengths of the line segments forming a polygon.
61.	thicket	<i>(noun)</i>	a dense growth of shrubbery or small trees.
62.	naturalist	<i>(noun)</i>	someone who studies the physical world and everything in it, such as plants and animals.
63.	quashed	<i>(verb)</i>	put an end to.
64.	microscope	<i>(noun)</i>	an instrument used for looking at very small objects so that they appear larger.
65.	cathedral	<i>(noun)</i>	a church that was once a bishop's church.
66.	diligent	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by steady, earnest, attentive and energetic effort.
67.	auction	<i>(noun)</i>	a public sale of property to the person who pays the most.
68.	sediment	<i>(noun)</i>	material or a mass of material deposited (as by water, wind or glaciers).
69.	fervently	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner characterized by often deep intensity of feeling or expression.
70.	bushel	<i>(noun)</i>	a unit of dry measure used in the U.S.
71.	clodhopper	<i>(noun)</i>	a large heavy shoe.
72.	unappealing	<i>(adjective)</i>	lacking interest or charm : plain.
73.	dandruff	<i>(noun)</i>	small white flakes that form on and shed from skin, especially the scalp.
74.	pensive	<i>(adjective)</i>	absorbed or engrossed in or given to sober thoughtfulness.
75.	gnarled	<i>(adjective)</i>	warped or twisted with or as if with knots.
76.	peculiar	<i>(adjective)</i>	distinctive.
77.	cutlery	<i>(noun)</i>	tools used to cut, serve and eat food.
78.	equestrian	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or featuring horseback riding.
79.	oblivious	<i>(adjective)</i>	unaware.
80.	spatula	<i>(noun)</i>	a flat thin dull-edged tool used for spreading or mixing soft substances, scooping, or lifting.
81.	tuition	<i>(noun)</i>	the price of or payment for instruction.
82.	bedraggled	<i>(adjective)</i>	left wet and limp by or as if by rain.
83.	paisley	<i>(adjective)</i>	woven or printed with an elaborate design of curved abstract figures.
84.	orchestra	<i>(noun)</i>	a large group of players of musical instruments including typically strings, woodwinds, brasses, and percussion organized for performing one of the larger forms of concert music.
85.	satchel	<i>(noun)</i>	a small bag usually of leather or canvas with a flat bottom and a shoulder strap.
86.	herring	<i>(noun)</i>	a food fish that is often eaten smoked or salted, or preserved as sardines.
87.	coronet	<i>(noun)</i>	a small crown.



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| 88. | precursor | <i>(noun)</i> | a forerunner. |
| 89. | infuriating | <i>(adjective)</i> | enraging, maddening. |
| 90. | suet | <i>(noun)</i> | the hard fat about the kidneys and loins in beef and mutton that when melted forms tallow. |
| 91. | forfeit | <i>(verb)</i> | to lose the right to something because of an error, fault, offense or crime. |
| 92. | partridge | <i>(noun)</i> | a medium-sized, short-winged game bird with short legs and neck. |
| 93. | arduous | <i>(adjective)</i> | difficult. |
| 94. | mastiff | <i>(noun)</i> | a very large powerful dog used chiefly as a watchdog and guard dog. |
| 95. | pauper | <i>(noun)</i> | a very poor person. |
| 96. | armadillo | <i>(noun)</i> | a burrowing nocturnal mammal with a bony shell shielding its head and body. |
| 97. | reggae | <i>(noun)</i> | popular music of Jamaican origin that combines indigenous styles with elements of rock and soul music. |
| 98. | marionette | <i>(noun)</i> | a puppet moved by strings or by hand. |
| 99. | algae | <i>(plural noun)</i> | any of various single- and many-celled usually aquatic plant or plantlike organisms that are mostly photosynthetic. |
| 100. | tortoise | <i>(noun)</i> | a turtle – used especially of land-dwelling turtles. |



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- botany** (*noun*) the branch of science dealing with plants.
- linen** (*noun*) a strong cloth made of flax noted for its strength and coolness but that wrinkles easily.
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| 27. | cutlery | <i>(noun)</i> | tools used to cut, serve and eat food. |
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| 29. | oblivious | <i>(adjective)</i> | unaware. |
| 30. | spatula | <i>(noun)</i> | a flat thin dull-edged tool used for spreading or mixing soft substances, scooping, or lifting. |
| 31. | tuition | <i>(noun)</i> | the price of or payment for instruction. |
| 32. | bedraggled | <i>(adjective)</i> | left wet and limp by or as if by rain. |
| 33. | paisley | <i>(adjective)</i> | woven or printed with an elaborate design of curved abstract figures. |
| 34. | orchestra | <i>(noun)</i> | a large group of players of musical instruments including typically strings, woodwinds, brasses, and percussion organized for performing one of the larger forms of concert music. |
| 35. | satchel | <i>(noun)</i> | a small bag usually of leather or canvas with a flat bottom and a shoulder strap. |
| 36. | herring | <i>(noun)</i> | a food fish that is often eaten smoked or salted, or preserved as sardines. |
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| 49. | algae | <i>(plural noun)</i> | any of various single- and many-celled usually aquatic plant or plantlike organisms that are mostly photosynthetic. |
| 50. | tortoise | <i>(noun)</i> | a turtle — used especially of land-dwelling turtles. |
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59.	promulgate	<i>(verb)</i>	to make widely known through speech or writing : announce.
60.	constabulary	<i>(noun)</i>	a body of police officers (as of a particular town, district, country).
61.	recusant	<i>(adjective)</i>	refusing to submit to authority.
62.	Patagonia	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a region of South America in southern Argentina and southern Chile that is a barren, broad, level, elevated area between the Andes Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean.
63.	syncope	<i>(noun)</i>	loss of consciousness resulting from arrest of the blood supply to the brain : faint.
64.	pirouetted	<i>(verb)</i>	performed a full turn on the toe or ball of one foot in ballet.
65.	crustaceans	<i>(plural noun)</i>	animals belonging to a large class of invertebrates comprising the majority of the marine or freshwater arthropods (as lobsters, shrimps, crabs and barnacles) and some terrestrial forms (as the wood lice).
66.	eucalyptus	<i>(noun)</i>	an evergreen tree or shrub mostly native to western Australia that provides wood, oil and other products.
67.	moiety	<i>(noun)</i>	one of the portions into which something is divided : component, part.
68.	remonstrance	<i>(noun)</i>	an act or instance of saying or pleading in protest or opposition.
69.	prestidigitation	<i>(noun)</i>	the practice of magic or trickery usually involving manual dexterity.
70.	tetanus	<i>(noun)</i>	an acute infectious disease characterized by prolonged spasms of voluntary muscles and especially of the jaw muscles.
71.	Cotswold	<i>(noun)</i>	a sheep of an English breed of large long-wooled sheep.
72.	pertinacity	<i>(noun)</i>	the quality or state of being stubbornly unshakable.
73.	cayenne	<i>(noun)</i>	a very hot powder made by drying and grinding the whole fruits or the seeds of several hot peppers.
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79.	phosphine	<i>(noun)</i>	a colorless very poisonous gaseous compound that may ignite spontaneously when mixed with air or oxygen and that is a weaker base than ammonia.
80.	nautilus	<i>(noun)</i>	any of several cephalopod mollusks of the southern Pacific and Indian Oceans with a spiral chambered shell that is pearly on the inside.
81.	outré	<i>(adjective)</i>	not conforming to conventional behavior, custom or style : bizarre, extravagant.
82.	pterodactyl	<i>(noun)</i>	any of numerous extinct flying reptiles having no feathers, a wing membrane, and a tail usually rather short but sometimes expanded and resembling a rudder.
83.	aspidistra	<i>(noun)</i>	any plant of a genus of Asian herbs with large pointed leaves and flowers in sets of four borne close to the ground.
84.	chevalier	<i>(noun)</i>	a member of the lowest rank of a French order of merit.
85.	toccata	<i>(noun)</i>	a brilliant musical composition usually for pipe organ or harpsichord, in free fantasia style, and usually with many equal-timed notes in rapid movement.
86.	rheumatic	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or relating to any of numerous conditions characterized by inflammation or pain in muscles, joints or fibrous tissue.
87.	tumulus	<i>(noun)</i>	a small artificial hill or mound (as over a grave).
88.	gendarme	<i>(noun)</i>	a European police officer, especially one from France.
89.	malacca	<i>(noun)</i>	the often spotted, slender woody stem of an Asian rattan palm used especially for walking sticks and umbrella handles.
90.	Huguenot	<i>(noun)</i>	a French Protestant in the 16th and 17th centuries.
91.	hors de combat	<i>(adjective)</i>	out of action : in a disabled condition.
92.	phrenologists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	those versed in the study of the shape of the skull based on the belief that it indicates a person's mental faculties and character.
93.	reveille	<i>(noun)</i>	a signal usually sounded by bugle at about sunrise summoning soldiers or sailors to the day's duties.
94.	ague	<i>(noun)</i>	a fever resembling malaria marked by sudden attacks of chills, fever and sweating that recur at regular intervals.
95.	netsuke	<i>(noun)</i>	a small object carved in wood or ivory or made of metal used by the Japanese as a toggle to fasten a small pouch or purse to the kimono sash.
96.	recherché	<i>(adjective)</i>	of highest quality : exquisite.
97.	supererogation	<i>(noun)</i>	the act of performing more than is necessary to complete an undertaking.



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This list includes 50 challenging eighth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging ninth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for an eighth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.

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| 98. | au fait | <i>(adjective)</i> | familiar : fully informed : in touch. |
| 99. | wallah or walla | <i>(noun)</i> | a person who is associated with a particular type of work or who performs a specific duty or service. |
| 100. | a posteriori | <i>(adjective)</i> | of or relating to what cannot be known except from experience : proved by induction from facts obtained by observation or experiment. |