

Difficulty Level: One Bee

Welcome to the starting line of your spelling adventure! These words are a great place to begin—they usually sound like they’re spelled and follow familiar patterns. Organized alphabetically, this section is perfect for building confidence, spotting patterns and getting into the spelling bee spirit. Every champion starts here!

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A

abaft	aloof	aswoon
abashed	alpaca	atonement
abject	altercation	atrophy
abolish	amass	attempt
abolitionists	amendment	attendee
aboriginal	amiably	attitude
absurdity	Amish	auction
acceptance	amnesty	auditorium
acclaim	amputate	august
accolade	amulet	avalanche
accomplice	amusement	avatar
accountable	anarchic	avenue
acquit	ancho	aviation
acrostic	anime	awry
adage	anklet	azure
addendum	anniversary	
addition	annotate	B
addle	anoint	bailiff
adjacent	ante	baleful
adjudicate	anthropology	ballad
admonition	anticlimactic	banquet
adnate	antiseptic	baptismal
adsum	apparel	barbie
advection	apparently	bask
aforesaid	appealing	beau
afroth	applicable	become
agility	appraisal	begirdle
agitation	apprehensive	behavior
airborne	arithmetic	OR behaviour*
alienate	Arthurian	Bengal
alms	assertion	bespoke
	astounding	bewitched
	astronaut	bigotry

birdie
blandest
blandish
blarney
bleary
bleat
blingy
blink
blotter
blurb
boarders
boggle
bonanza
bonus
boogie-woogie
bootless
botany
bowie
brace
brackish
breakthrough
breathtaking
brick
brigand
brittle
brochure
broil
buffoonery
bumblebee
bungee
burial
burrito
buzzworthy
bystander

C

cabbage
cadence
camcorder
canary
candid
canoe
cantor
capacity

capitalist
captivated
capture
Caribbean
carnation
carriage
casserole
casualty
catchall
cathedral
catnap
celebratory
celestial
cello
census
centipede
charitable
chastise
cheddar
chief
churlish
cidery
cinderella
circuit
citation
clarinet
classified
clearance
cleave
cliché
clickbait
clinician
closure
coach
coalition
coastal
cobra
cockles
collaboration
collapse
collar
collie
collision
combustible

commandeer
commercial
comparison
compass
compelling
complementary
complex
composite
composure
concrete
concurrent
condiments
condor
conference
confirmation
confound
confrontation
considerable
consideration
consorting
constraints
contamination
contemporary
contend
contested
context
contraction
contradictory
contrite
contusion
conundrum
convention
convocation
convoy
cookie-cutter
cooperate
copperhead
corkscrew
cornily
coverage
cranium
creed
crippled
criteria

criticized
OR criticized*
crucial
culprit
curator
curtail
cyborg
cycle
cyclone
cymbals

D

daft
daisy
debunk
defeat
definitely
delta
demand
demonetize
demoted
demothball
denim
deployment
derby
destructive
detail
detestable
dialect
dicey
diddly-squat
digression
dINETTE
disaster
disco
disposition
disreputable
distinctive
distinguish
districts
diva
diverge
diversion
diversity

divisive
docket
domino
donatee
donatio
doneness
doomed
downcast
dramatization
drenched
dribbles
drivel
dualism
Dudley
duress
dynamite

E

eagerly
earmark
earnestly
eclectic
eclipse
editorial
effortless
eighth
elaborative
elasticity
elegant
elicitation
eligibility
elixir
ellipse
elocution
elusive
emancipatory
embassy
embezzlement
emblazoned
emerald
empire
endearing
enervate
engagement

engender
engineer
enterprising
entrapment
entreat
entrepreneur
enviable
erode
eruption
escalator
escapade
essential
establishment
evaluate
eventual
evident
ewe
exaggerate
exceedingly
excursion
exercise
existence
expansion
expedition
expenditures
explode
extensive
extinguish
extol**
OR extoll
extracurricular
extradition
extraordinaire
exude

F

facade
fadeaway
fallacy
fanatic
fanfic
feeble
fellowship
felonious

fervently
fez
fiction
fidelity
fie
fiendishly
fife
flabbergast
flashback
flavor
OR flavour*
fleeciness
flexitarian
flight
flipperling
floridly
flounder
flourish
flout
fluctuation
fluid
flummery
foible
folate
folklore
folly
fomentation
foozle
foppery
forecast
forensics
forfeit
forgeable
formalize
OR formalise*
fortification
fractions
frailty
fraying
freakishly
freegan
freight
fribble
frigid

frisket
frock
frontier
fundamental
furiously
futility

G
gab
gaffer
gaggle
gallant
galley
gangplank
gardenesque
gargle
garniture
gateway
gaucho
gawkers
gazette
generalization
OR
generalisation*
genteel
gesture
ghastly
giggle
gist
gizzard
glacier
glint
glisten
glossary
gnarled
gnome
goblet
Godspeed
goober
googly
gospel
gossip
gotcha
gradation

grandeur
grandomania
grapple
gratifying
gridiron
griefful
groom
grotto
grout
gruel

H
habitual
handle
handyman
haphazard
hapless
hardtack
harrowing
hatchet
haunted
hazardous
heavenly
hecklers
hectic
heightened
heiress
heist
heraldic
hermitage
Highlands
hijab
hoagies
hoarse
hoax
hobble
hollywoodize
homesteader
horrid
horseradish
hospice
hostile
howler
humdrum

hurled
husk
hutch

I

Icelandic
illumine
illustrator
immobilize
OR immobilise*
implementation
imposing
inclusion
income
individual
infiltrate
infirm
influential
inglorious
injunction
insight
insisted
insomnia
installation
intellectual
intermission
intertidal
intricate
introspection
invasive
iris
irrigation
isms
isolation

J

jammer
jankers
jitterbug
joinery

K

kazoo
kennel

kenning
kernel
kilt
kindred
kingfisher
knee-jerk
knight
knoll
kodak

L

labradoodle
lanai
languish
lateral
latter
lay-ups
league
leaven
legitimately
leisure
leotard
lexicon
liege
ligament
likelier
limelight
linguistics
literally
liturgy
livid
lobbyist
lobster
locket
logical
lolloped
luau
lyricist

M

maddening
madrigal
magus
mahogany

maidenhair
maize
mambo
mammoth
manacle
manicure
manifests
manna
mantra
manure
manuscript
marathon
maritime
martial
Martian
maternity
matrimony
mauve
meaningful
measurable
medallion
melody
melted
membership
memes
memorandum
mentor
menu
merchandise
mercury
Merlin
merry
Mesoamerican
meteor
metrical
Michigander
migratory
millionaire
ministry
minutia
miraculous
mischief
missile
missive

mockery
modality
modern
modify
modular
molasses
monastery
mongoose
monopolize
OR monopolise*
montage
moped
morose
muddle
mummified
mundane
musings
muskrat
mythical

N

navaid
naysayers
neaten
necessity
nelson
nerfing
nervily
niece
nifty
nirvana
nocturnal
nominee
nonconformist
nosh
notable
notorious
novelties
nozzles
nuggets

O

oatmeal
obliterate

oblong
oboe
obscure
octopus
olympiad
omega
omission
ontology
oppress
optician
opulent
oracle
orchestra
oregano
ouster
outing
overtures
owed
ozone

P

pablo
packet
pageantry
paginate
palatial
pallor
panelist
parboil
parkour
parley
parlor
OR parlour*
passage
pastime
pasture
patches
pathogen
patience
pauper
peat
peddle
pedigree
pending

peninsular
performance
pervasive
petunia
photogenic
physical
pillar
placate
platinum
pliant
plover
plummet
poised
polarized
policy
portal
portrait
portrayal
praise
preacher
precinct
preclude
predator
predicament
premonition
previous
primitive
primrose
principality
prism
privy
procedure
procrastinate
production
profiteer
prone
pronounced
proposal
propulsion
prosperous
protein
proxy
puckish
pulpit

pummel
OR pommel
punctuation
punily
puniness
pupil
puritan
putrid
pyramid

Q

quantify
quart
quickstep
quirky
quota

R

rabid
radius
raffle
ragwort
railroad
rambling
ramen
rapidly
ravenous
rebound
rebuff
recanted
reckless
recollections
reconsider
recovery
redemption
refinery
regiment
regional
reign
reiterate
rejuvenate
remain
remnants
remorseful

renewable
renovating
repatriation
resemble
residue
respite
restive
retorts
retriever
revelation
revulsive
riddance
riffraff
righteous
rigorous
OR rigourous*
riviera
rootage
rotary
row
rubric
rugby
rumor
OR rumour*

S

sacrifice
salivate
sallow
sanction
scabbard
scalp
scammed
scandal
scanty
scenario
scholarship
sci-fi
sconce
scooter
scope
scornfully
scrape
scrapple

screeching
screeno
scrimmage
scripture
scrooge
scrounge
scrutiny
sculpture
seclusion
selfie
seller
semester
sensory
sepal
September
sequel
serenade
serfdom
service
servitude
shaggy
sheaf
sheaves
shindig
shipping
shore
shrapnel
singe
sister
skeleton
skimmed
skirmish
skydiving
slab
slender
sloop
slurry
snitch
snobbery
snowy
sodden
solicit
solidity
solitude

solstice
solvency
sonnet
sorbet
spackle
spangled
spatula
specificity
spectral
spiteful
splintered
sprite
spry
squabble
squeamish
squelch
stagestruck
stamina
stampede
stance
standee
starling
steampunk
stereotypical
sterling
sternum
stewardship
stipend
stodgy
stolid
stomach
storm
stowaway
stratagem
strenuous
struggle
stubbornness
stupefy
subdued
substance
substitute
suffix
suffused
suitable

sulkiness
sunseeker
supercargo
surly
sustain
sweepstakes
sweltering
swindler
sympathy

T

tabloid
tactfully
tango
tariff
tarnish
tase
tawny
teamwork
tearjerker
teenagers
tendency
terminator
terrorism
testament
thespian
thrift
toastmaster
toilsome
tortoni
touted
trajectory
transference
travesty
treasury
treatise
trespass
trinkets
trombone
trounce
trove
truly
truncate
trustee

tubers
tunnel
tutorial

U

udon
unabridged
unbeknownst
undercroft
undertake
underwhelmed
unfazed
unheeded
universal
university
unsightly
uppercut
urgency
usher

V

vane
vapid
variance
various
varnish
varsity
vascular
vault
veered
vendetta
vendors
venison
versatile
version
vindictive
vinegar
violate
virtually
visa
visibility
vlogging

W

waggery
wamble
wand
wanderlust
wanness
warily
wastrel
waterloo
weald
wealthy
weaponry
weighty
welding
wept
western
wheedle
whelp
whereas
whey
whimsical
whirlybird
wield
wimple
wince
winches
windbaggery
wombat
wordmonger
wring

Y

yammer
yawl
yeanling
yippee
yonder
yoo-hoo
yore

Difficulty Level: Two Bee

You've mastered the basics—now it's time to dive into trickier territory! These words have more syllables, new patterns and more complex meanings to explore. Alphabetically organized to help you along the way, this section is all about expanding your word power and pushing your skills to the next level. Keep buzzing—you're doing great!

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abdicate	adolescence	Alexandria
aberration	adulation	alimentation
ablation	advertisement**	allergenic
ablaut	OR advertizement	alliteration
abnegation	advocatory	allocable
abrader	aerophobia	allonym
Abrahamic	affeer	allusions
abrogate	affiliate	alluvial
abscess	affluent	alpestrine
abscond	affogato	althorn
absolution	aficionado**	alveoli
abstemious	OR aficionado	Alzheimer
Abyssinian	agalma	ambiguous
Acadians	agarita	ambrosial
accentuate	agate	amimia
acerbity	agave	ammonite
achromatic	agelicism	Amratian
acoustic	aggrandizement	amygdala
acquiesce	agio	anabolic
acquisition	aglossal	anachronism
acral	agnail	anacreontic
acumen	agonistic	anaglyphy
acupuncture	agoraphobia	analects
adagietto	agrarian	anaplasma
adiaphorism	agroecotype	anastomosis
Adirondack	aguaji	anatomical
adjag	aikido	anchorage
adjugate	aioli	ancillary
adjure	albeit	ancistroid
	alchemy	andirons
	alembroth	anent

anhinga
anicca
anionic
anise
anito
Anjou
ankh
anneal
annuity
annulment
anodyne
anole**
OR anoli
anonymity
anorak
anserine
antacid
antagonistic
anthropomorphic
antipathy
antiquarian
antiresorptive
antithesis
aperture
aporia
apostrophe
apothecary
apotheosis
apotropaic
apparatus
approbatory
aqueous
aquiclude
arbitrary
arboretum
arbutus
archetype
arduous
arietta
armaments
armature
armistice
arpeggio
arraign

arrearage
arrieros
arsenal
art brut
artifice
asado
ascension
ascertain
Asgard
Asiago
aspic
aspish
assailant
assiduous
assumption
asthmatic
astigmatism
astral
astringent
astrobleme
Astur
atavistic
Aten
atman
atrabilious
atresia
atrio
attributive
attrition
aughts
augment
augury
auklet
aureate
aurene
aureole
auricular
aurora
auspices
austere
autobahn
avarice
avowedly
avuncular

Azilian

B

babka
babouche
bacteriolytic
Bactrian
balsamic
bandicoot
bandolerismo
bango
bannock
baobab
Barbados
barbican
barnacle
Barnevelder
baronetcy
barrio
basilica
bastide
Bavarian cream
béarnaise
beatific
beatnik
beguile
beguine
Belgravia
belladonna
Bellatrix
beloid
benign
bequeath
Berber
bereavement
bermudas
berok
beseech
besieged
bethesda
bezique
bezoar
bibliopegist
bicameral

bifurcate
bilaterian
bilbo
billabong
billet
billingsgate
biltong
binomial
biomimicry
birria
blastema
blastogenesis
blintzes
bloviate
bodega
bodkin
boffin
boiserie
boisterous
bolivar (need to add)
bombardier
bona fide
boneen
bonobo
boomslang
boondoggle
boreal
borosilicate
borough
bottega
bouffant
bourgade
bourgeoisie
bowsprit
bragozzo
braille
Bramantesque
brassicas
bravado
breviloquence
Brigadoon
Broccolini
brockage
brogue

bromide
brontophobia
bruxism
bubonic
bulgogi
bulwark
Bundt
bungalow
buoyancy
bureau
burglariou
burgoo
busby

C

cabaret
cabildo
cacao
cacophonous
caduceus
caducity
calcaneus
calcify
calendula
calumet
calvados
calypso
calyx
cambio
cameist
campanology
cancion
candelabrum
cannoli
Canopus
cantankerous
cantilever
Caodaism
capillary
capnometer
capricious
capstan
carbohydrates
carcass

OR carcase*
cardoon
caret
caribou
caricature
carnassial
carnitas
carnitine
carotenoid**
OR carotinoid
Cartesian
cartilage
Cassandra
cassock
castellated
castigate
Castilian
castor
catadromous
catalepsy
catalina
catalyst
catecholamine
cathect
cathode
cattalo
OR catalo
caucho
caudex
causal
caustic
cauterize
cavalcade
cayenne
ceinture
celandine
cellophane
Celsius
cenotaph
centaur
centennial
cerberus
cerebellum
Ceres

cereza
cetology
Ceylon
chaebol
chamberlain
chamomile**
OR camomile
Chamorro
chamotte
chancellor
channelopathy
chanterelle**
OR chantarelle
chaparral**
OR chapparal
chapter
chapon
charcuterie
charismatic
charlatan
charnel
château
chaton
chauvinism
Cheshire cat
chevalier
Chiapas
chide
chilarium
chimera
OR chimaera*
chinook
cholera
cholesterol
chromotrichial
chrysalis
chrysolite
chupacabra
churchianity
cicada
cilantro
Cincinnati
circadian
circuitous
circumstantial

civet
cladistics
cladogram
clairvoyance
clandestine
clarion
clavicle
clemency
cloamen
cloture
coalescence
coaxation
cochin
cochlear
codswallop
coercive
cogently
cogitation
cognizant
OR cognisant*
cohesive
cohosh
coiffure
colewort
colleague
collectanea
collegiality
collimate
colloidal
collude
colocate
cologne
columbarium
comitatus
comminatory
commiserative
commissar
commissioner
commodious
commove
comparsa
compendium
con forza
concision

conclave
concordance
condign
conduit
Conestoga
confabulation
confetti
congeners
congeniality
conglutinant
coniferous
consecrate
consecutive
consequent
constabulary
constituent
conticent
contiguous
continuous
continuum
contraband
contractually
contrariwise
contrivance
contumelious
copra
Coptic
coqui
coracidium
cordillera
corduroy
coriander
corinth
Corinthian
corm
cornel
cornucopia
corollary
coroner
corroborate
corrosive
corsage
cortex
corvid

cotangent
cotyledon
courtoisie
crasis
credence
credulity
Cree
creel
crenation
crepuscular
Cretaceous
cribbage
cribble
cribo
crinoid
crith
croquette
croupier
cruciferous
cryogenic
cryptic
ctetology
cuartel
cudgel
cum laude
cumbersome
cummerbund
cumulus
cunette
cupidity
curare
curie
curmudgeon
cybernetics
cygnet
cynicism
Cyrillic

D

da capo
dace
dactylic
Dalmatian
damascened

dambos
dandle
danicism
danseur
danta
danzón
dariole
darnel
dashiki
daubster
davenport
deathin
debacle
debarrass
debilitate
debutante
deceased
deceitful
deceleron
deciduous
decimation
declamatory
declension
declination
decurion
deglaciation
delectable
deleterious
deliquesce
delirium
deltoidal
dementia
demerits
demersal
Demeter
demographics
demonstrative
demulcent
dendrite
denigration
denominator
depose
depreciate
depredation

deprivation
derelict
derisive
derivative
deserter
desertification
desolate
desuetude
détraqué
detritus
deus ex machina
devoir
diabolical
diacritic
diadem
diallelon
dialysis
Dianthus
diaspora
diathermy
diatonic
diatribe
diaulos
dicrotic
dietetic
dihedral
dilapidated
diligence
dimorphism
dinanderie
diocese
diphthong
diptych
dirigible
discernment
discombobulate
discountenance
discreetly
discretionary
disembogue
disjunct
Disneyfication
disparate
disproportionate

dissemble
dissolution
dissonance
distraught
dodecahedron
dogana
doldrums
dolmen
domesticity
dopamine
Doppler
Dorking
doula
dowager
dowdy
draisine
Dramamine
dromic
druid
drumlin
drupiferous
dryad
du jour
dungarees
duplicitous
durango
dysautonomia
dyschromatopsia
dysgraphia
dyspeptic
dystopia

E

ebenaceous
ebullience
eburnean
eccrinology
ecesis
echidna
echinulate
eclogue
ecossaise
ectoplasm
Ecuador

edelweiss
Edwardian
effervescent
efflorescence
efflux
effusive
eggcorn
eglomise
egress
elodea
embolus
emeritus
eminent
emissary
Emmy
empanada
emulsify
en masse
encomium
ensconced
ensorcell
OR ensorcel
ensued
entente
entrails
epaxial
epenthesis
epidermis
epidural
epiphany
episcopal
epistaxis
epithet
epoch
equinox
equipoise
equivalent
equivocate
eradicate
ergo
ermine
errata
erroneous
erstwhile

eructation
erythema
escarpment
eschew
espousal
ethmoid
etymological
eucalyptus
eucrasia
euphonious
Eurocentric
europium
eustress
Evactor
evacuees
evanescent
evangelical
eveque
evo-devo
evzone
ex libris
exaugural
excelsior
excoriate
execrable
exeunt
exiguous
existential
exogenous
exorbitant
expatiate
expectorant
expediency
exposé
exposition
expostulate
expugnable
expunge
extemporaneous
extenuating
extravasate
extrorse

F

facetious
faconne
factitious
facundity
Fahrenheit
famulus
fanchonette
fanega
fang shih
farcical
fardel
farinose
farkleberry
Farsi
farthingale
fastuous
fatuously
faun
feckless
fenestrated
fenster
feria
fervorous
festooned
feudalism
fiat
fibula
fictile
fiduciary
filiferous
finial
fipple
firkin
fjeld
flauta
flittern
Florentine
floribunda
floruit
FLOTUS
fluoride
focaccia
follicle

fontina
forbivorous
fortissimo
fra diavolo
fractur/fraktur
Franciscan
Franglais
frappé
frass
frater
fratority
fraudulent
fravashi
fritillary
frittata
frondeur
froward
fructiferous
frugivore
fucoid
fugue
fulmar
fulminate
fumigate
funambulist
funereal
fungible
furcula
fusiform
fussbudget

G

gaiters
galapago
gallbladder
Gallic
gambeson
gambit
ganache
garçon
garret
gaseous
gasiform
gastronome

gaur
gelatinous
Gemara
genealogical
geniture
geocaching
geriatric
gewgaw
gibbous
gingivitis
gladiatorial
glaucophane
glial
glissando
glossolalia
gluttonous
gnathic
gnocchi
Gnostic
gnotobiotic
goji berry
Goliath
gossamer
Gothamite
goûter
grande dame
grandiloquent
grandrelle
graticule
gravimetry
gravitas
grazioso
greaves
Gregorian
gressorial
grissino
groats
grobian
gubernatorial
guillotine
gullibility
gumption
gyro

H

haab
habeas corpus
habiliments
haché
hackneyed
hadith
haggis
hagiographer
halal
Halifax
hallucinate
halocline
Hansa
haplography
harangue
harbinger
haricot
harrier
hastula
Hathor
hauteur
Hawaiian
hawok
hearse
heckelphone
hedonism
hegemony
Heian
heleoplankton
heliacal
helical
Helsinki
hennery
hermeneutics
hermetically
heterochromia
heterophony
hetman
heuristic
hibernaculum
hierurgical
hinoki
hipsterism

Hiroshima
histrionics
Hitchcockian
holmium
hologram
holotype
homeostasis
homester
homiletics
Honolulu
humectant
humerus
humidistat
hummock
Hungary
Hyades
hydrargyrum
hydriotaphia
hydrocortisone
hydrophobia
hyoid
hyperbole
hypochondria
hypogeous
hypotenuse

I

ibex
Icarian
idiosyncratic
illative
illicitly
illustrious
imago
immolate
immortality
impasse
impasto
impecunious
impediment
imperious
impetus
implacable
implicative

impluvium
imponderabilia
impooverish
imprecatory
impresario
impromptu
incessant
incisiform
incitive
inclement
incompetent
inconceivable
inconcinnity
inconnu
incubate
indemnity
indicia
indigent
indistinguishable
indolent
ineffable
ineluctable
ineptitude
inerrancy
ingenuous
ingratiate
inimical
inoculate
insignia
instigate
insufflator
insurgents
intermittent
interred
interrogative
intersperse
inveigle
OR enveigle*
inveterate
inviolable
iridescent
Iroquois
irrevocable
Isle Royale

J

jacamar
jackal
jackanapes
jacquerie
jactance
jalapeño
jambalaya
jarl
jaundiced
jejune
jeon
jicama
jiggery-pokery
jocularity
joie de vivre
jonquil
jornada
judicious
Juglar
julienne
juliet
jupe
Jurassic
juvia
juxtapose

K

kaiser
karaoke
katharobic
katsu
katydid**
OR catydid
kerchief
kibosh**
OR kybosh
Kildare
kinesiology
kiskadee
klippe
konimeter
Krakatoa

krausen
krypton
kufi
kung pao

L

la bamba
labroid
labyrinthine
laconic
lacustrine
ladang
lambently
Lancasterian
languorous
lanolated
lantana
largesses
larnax
lassitude
latifondo
latigo
laudatory
lavender
leery
legerity
lemniscus
lerot
leviathan
liaise
lidocaine
lignin
limned
limpet
limpid
limpkin
lingua franca
liniment
Linotype
linstock
literatim
lithium
lithophone
litterateur

lobectomy
locavore
loch
loculus
logographic
longitude
loquat
lorikeet
lossy
lousicide
loutrophoros
lovage
luculent
ludicrous
lumen
lunette
lutrine
luxuriate
lysis

M

macadam
macadamia
machicolation
machination
macle
maclura
macrame
macular
madder
makluk
malacca
maladaptive
maladroit
malady
malambo
malapropism
malaxage
malevolent
malfeasance
malingering
mancando
Mancunian
mano a mano

manubrium
manumit
Manxman
maraschino
Mardi Gras
mare
marginalia
marimba
marram
marring
marsupial
Martinique
martyrdom
masjid
mastodon
matriculation
matsutake
mazzard
mea culpa
mecca
mediocrity
medusa
meemies
megalomaniac
melamine
mélange
melismatic
menat
mendacious
mendicity
meningitis
Mennonites
mephitic
merganser
meridian
merotomize
Mesopotamian
metaphorically
metaplasia
metatarsal
Michaelmas
MIDI
millet
millisecond

milonga
milquetoast
minacious
minestra
minette
minuscule
Miranda
misnomer
mitigative
moano
moggan
moissanite
mollify
monitory
monochrome
monoclonal
monotreme
Montreal
monture
moratorium
morigeration
mormorando
morphological
mortician
motmot
Motrin
movimento
mozzarella
multivoltine
Munich
municipal
muskeg
musketeers
muumuu
Mylar
myocarditis
myrrh
mythopoeic

N

nabobs
Namibian
narcoleptic
nauplius

nautilus
Neapolitan
nectarine
neonatology
neophilia
neophyosis
Neorican
neoterism
nepotism
netiquette
neuropathy
neuroticism
Newfoundland
nicad
nigella
nitrate
nocive
noctambulist
nodiak
no-goodnik
nomancy
nomenclature
nomophobia
non sequitur
nonchalance
nonet
nonvolatile
Norovirus
notoriety
novemdecillion
noxious
Nubia
nuciform
nucleated
numerology
nutation
nutria
nuzzer
nystagmus

O

oberek
obie
oblast

oblique
obloquy
obnebulate
obsecration
obsolete
obstetrician
obstinacy
obstreperous
occultation
Oceanian
octogenarian
octonocular
octuplicate
odist
Odysseus
oecist
offal
officinal
Oglala
okapi
oleo
olfactory
olingo
omnilegent
omniscient
omphacite
opacity
opaleye
operose
ophthalmologist
opodeldoc
opprobrious
oppugn
ordonnance
orfeverie
Orion
orthogonal
orthros
orvietan
oscitation
osculatory
Osloite
osmagogue
osmium

osprey
ossicle
ossuary
ostensibly
osteomalacia
osteopath
ostreger
oviform

P

pabulum
padrone
pagoda
Paleozoic
paletot
palmaris
palmate
palpebral
palpitant
Panama
pancetta
panchreston
pancreas
panopticon
pantomime
pantophagous
papyrus
par excellence
parabola
parameters
paraplegic
parasol
parazonium
parbuckle
Parcheesi
parfleche
parietal
parlay
Parmesan
parochial
parodic
parr
parsec
parsimony

partiality
particulate
parturient
parvo
pashmina
passé**
OR passée
pasteurize
OR pasteurise*
pastrami
patel
patella
patronymic
peacenik
peccant
peculate
pecuniary
pedantry
pelagial
pelerine
pelf
pellicle
Peloponnesian
pendentive
pendragon
pendulous
penitentiary
penultimate
pepita
per se
peradventure
perceptible
periaktos
OR periactus
perigon
perigynous
periodontist
peripheral
periwig
periwinkle
permutation
pernicious
perpetrator
perquisite
perseverance

persienne	poblano	prerogative
persimmon	pochard**	presentient
personeity	OR poachard	prespinous
perspicacious	pocourante	preterite
persuasive	podsnappery	OR preterit
pertinacity	poinsettia	prevalence
pertussal	pointelle	prevenient
pervenche	pointillage	primeval**
pestilence	politick	OR primaeval
petroleum	pollutant	primogeniture
phalanx	polonaise	princeps
phantasmagoria	polonium	priory
philtrum	polyester	privatim
phishing	polygenous	privet
phlebotomy	polypeptide	probative
phosphorescent	polysemy	procrustean
phraseology	polysyllabic	procurement
phycology	pomato	prodigious
phylum	pomegranate	proem
physiognomy	Pomeranian	profligacy
phyteral	pomology	profundity
pickerel	pomposity	proletarian
Pierre	pongee	proliferate
Pilates	populace	prolusive
pilchard	porcelain	promontory
pileus	porosity	proprietary
pilosity	portico	prorogue
pilotage	posada	prosody
pinnate	possessive	prostaglandin
pirouette	posterity	protean
Pisces	posthumous	protuberant
placoderm	postural	provenance
plagiarism	potassium	provident
plaintiff	potentate	provincial
planetesimal	potoroo	provolone
plangency	poudreuse	pueblo
planisphere	poulaine	pugnacious
planogram	poultice	pulchritude
plantigrade	prehensile	pulka
plenitude	prelapsarian	purga
plentiful	preponderance	purvey
plumbago	preposterous	pyrope
Plumeria	preprandial	pyrotechnics
plutonomy	prerequisite	

Q

quadriiceps
quadrifid
quadrilateral
quadrillion
quarrelsome
querent
quesadilla
questionnaire**
OR questionnaire
quinary
quirt
quittance
quixotic
quoits
quotidian

R

rabato
rabbinic
ramark
rambla
rambunctious
ramson
rankles
rapscallion
raptatorial
rapturous
rariora
rasorial
ravelment
ravioli
reagent
rebab
rebarbative
reboation
recalcitrant
reciprocity
reconcilable
reconnoiter**
OR reconnoitre
recreant
recrementitious
recriminatory

recrudescent
recumbent
recusancy
redhibition
refrigerant
refugium
regatta
Reggiano
regurgitate
reimbursable
reminiscent
remonstrance
remuda
remuneration
renegotiate
renitency
renunciant
reparations
repentant
repercussion
replevin
replicate
repository
Requiem
requisition
reredos
resilience
resipiscence
restitutory
resurrected
resuscitate
reticent
retina
retinoscopy
retrocedence
retrodict
retrograde
reverberant
revetment
rhapsody
rathymia
rheumatism
rhizome
rigatoni

Romano
romeite
rostrum
rote
rotogravure
rotulet
roustabout
Rubicon
rudiments
ruminate
rustication

S

sabbatical
sabermetrics
sabretache
sabutan
sacrament
sacrosanct
sailage
salat
salience
saltatory
saltern
saltire
sapphire
sardonic
sarmentum
sartorial
sashay
satrap
saturnine
sauerkraut**
OR sourcrout
OR sourkrout
Scamozzi
scarab
scarlatina
scenographer
scherzo
schism
schnell
scribblative
scrumptiously

scudded	smellfungus	stentorian
scuppers	smithereens	steppe
scythe	snell	stimuli
secession	sobersides	stipulate
sedentary	solano	stratification
sedge	solarium	stratocracy
sedum	solon	stratosphere
seethe	somatotype	strepitoso
selenite	somniloquy	striation
Seminole	sophomoric	stricture
senecio	soppiness	stridency
seneschal	sortileger	Styrofoam
senna	sory	subjugate
sensei	soterial	subliminal
septennial	Sothic	subluxated
septum	soufflé	submersible
sepulchral	sousaphone	subrident
seraphic	spaetzle	subsequent
serendipitous	OR spätzle	subsistence
serrated	Spaniel	substrate
sesame	spatha	subterfuge
severance	spathe	subterranean
shallot	speciation	subtlety
shaman	spectrometer	subversive
shamir	spicigerous	successive
shanachie	spinosity	succumb
shawarma	spiracle	suffrage
shazam	spiritoso	Sumatran
Shenandoah	spirulina	summoned
shenanigans	splenetic	sumptuous
Shetland	sponsalia	superficiality
shirk	spontaneity	superstitious
sijo	sprightliness	supine
simultaneity	sprue	supplemental
singultus	spumoni**	supplicate
sirenian	OR spumone	supremacy
Sirius	spurious	surcease
sirocco	stagflation	surety
sisal	statistician	surmountable
siskin	statuesque	surrealist
Sitona	statusy	surveillance
sittine	steeve	suterberry
slalom	steinkirk	swale
slumgullion	OR steenkirk	sycophant
	stellar	

syllabus
symmetrical
symposium
synapse
syncretize
OR syncretise*
syndactylism
syndic
syndicate
syntonize
syntrophism
syringe

T

tabella
tabernacle
tabetisol
tabia
tableau
tablinum
tabulate
taciturn
tagua
tahona
tai chi
taiga
tailleur
takin
talisman
talmouse
tambourine
tamworth
tangerine
tapioca
tappet
taqueria
tarlatan**
OR tarleton
Tasmanian
taverna
taxidermy
taxonomic
tectonic
teemed

Tejano
telepathic
tellurian
telmatology
temblor
tempean
tempestuous
tempura
tenaciously
tenement
tenendum
tentacled
tenue
tenurial
tercentenary
terminus
terra-cotta
Terran
terrarium
tertiary
tetrapteran
Thailand
theologian
theomachy
theorem
theosophy
theriatrics
thrasonical
Thuban
thwartwise
tiffany
timorous
titration
tomfoolery
tomium
tommyrot
tomography
tonneau
toorie
topgallant
topiary
toploftical
toponymic
torsion

torsk
torticollis
tosh
toties quoties
toxicosis
tractability
traiteur
tramontana
transcend
transducer
transhumance
transience
transmissibility
transmontane
transpicuous
transpiration
transposable
trapezoid
traumatropism
travails
treadle
trepanation
trepidation
triage
tributary
trice
tricenary
triceratops
triclosan
triforium
trigeminal
triglycerides
trillium
triste
trituration
trophic
troubadour**
OR troubador
Truckee
trygon
tsk-tsked
tumpline
tungsten
turbidity

turbinado
turducken
turgor
turken
turophile
turpentine
tutelage
tutti-frutti
twain
twang
tympanum
typhology

U

ubiquity
Ukrainian
ulna
ultradian
umbelliferous
umbilical
umbrage
una corda
unchristened
unctuous
ungulate
unilaterally
unilocular
univocal
unravel
unremitting
unsurpassed
untenable
upsilon
urgrund
urubu
usurper
utilitarian

V

vaccination
vagabonds
vainglorious
valerian
valiant

vallecula
valuator
Vandyke**
or Vandyck
vaporetto
varactor
varicose
variegated
varsha
Vatican
vaudeville
vehemence
vellication
velours
veneer
vengeance
venial
venomous
ventail
ventifact
ventricle
ventriloquy
ventripotent
veracity
verboten
verism
veritable
vermicide
vertiginous
vespertine
vestibule
vetoed
vicarage
vicarious
vicenary
viceroys
victimology
vigil
vincible
virga
virtuoso
virulence
vis-à-vis
viscosity

vitriolic
vituline
voir dire
volatile
volition
volumetric
Vulcan
vulnerable

W

wainwright
wallaby
Walter Mitty
wapentake
wasabi
weazen
wedel
Weimaraner
wejack
werf
whelked
wherry
Wiccan
widdershins
Winnebago
wisteria**
OR wistaria
withernam
woebegone
wolfsbane
wootz
Worcestershire

Y

yabbies
yacata
yawmeter
Yoruba

Z

zeitgeist
zeppelin
zirconium
zoetic

zoolatry
zoopraxiscope
zootomy
zooty
zori
zowie
zurna
zygote

Difficulty Level: Three Bee

You've come a long way, and now you're ready for the toughest words of all—rule-breakers, oddballs and brain-benders you might not run into every day. Organized alphabetically, this final section is your chance to stretch your spelling skills to the max and show just how far you've come.

You're not just spelling now, you're mastering!

Words with a single asterisk (*) indicate a primarily British spelling. A double asterisk (**) indicates the spelling that is more widely used. A complete list of the words that were added to this year's study list can be found on page XX.

A

à fond	agrypnia	andouille
à la grecque	ahuatle	angiitis
ab aeterno	Ahuehuate	aniseikonia
abaculus	Ahura Mazda	Anno Hegirae
abomasum	ailanthus	anomaliped
abraum	aileron	anosognosia
accordatura	aistopod	antenatus
aceituna	Aitutakian	Antigua
acerola	ajimez	Apabhramsa
acetabulum	akkum	ape-ape
acharya	alamiqui	aperçu
Achernar	alate	Apistogramma
acicula	alcarraza	apocryphal
acidophilus	alfiona	apodeipnon
acoel	Alfvén	apophyge
acrogeria	alisier	Apostolici
acropachy	alleluiatic	appetitost
ad ignorantiam	allochroous	Aramaic
ad nauseam	almuerzo	Araucana
adscititious	alouatte	Ardhamagadhi
advowson	alpargata	Ardipithecus
Aegilops	altazimuth	ardoise
aegrotat	amaryllis	arenaceous
aerocele	amelogenin	aretalogy
aerophilatelic	amertoy	arte povera
aes rude	amour propre	as nas
Aesculapius	amphioxus	ascites
Aesir	amphistylar	aspidistra
aethalium	amuse-gueule	Assyrian
affiche	anabathmoi	astaxanthin
Aglaia	anaphylaxis	astilbe
	anathema	Asura
	ancien régime	asylee

atabal
attacca
au bleu
au courant
au jus
auftaktigkeit
auwai
avgolemono
azotea
azulejo

B

baboen
baccate
bagwyn
bahr
bailiwick
balata
balbriggan
banh mi
Barnumesque
Bartókian
Barylambda
batamote
battue
battuta
Baucis
bavarois
Beauceron
beaumontage
Beaux arts
beccafico
Bêche-de-Mer
becquerel
ben trovato
Beowulf
berceuse
berghaan
Bernoulli effect
Bessemer
betsimisaraka
Bewusstseinslage
Bezier curve
bhai

bhangra
bhikshuni
bibimbap
bijou
billet-doux
biloculine
bisbigliando
bismillah
blottesque
bocconcini
Bohairic
Boise
Bolognese
boniface
bonne bouche
bordereaux
Bosc
botryoidal
boudin
boulevardier
bouleversement
boutade
bowssen
bozzetto
Braeburn
bricole
brouhaha
bruschetta
buccal
buñuelo
burelage
burgee
Burkinabe

C

cabochon
cabotage
ca'canny
cacaxte
cachexia
cacoëthes
Caerphilly
caesious
cahiers

caique
cairn
caisson
calabash
calamondin
calenture
caliche
callirrhoë
caló
calusar
calvities
camarilla
Camembert
canaille
canions
cannelon
cantatrice
caprifig
Caracas
carcajou
carnifices
caroche
carrageenan**
OR carrageenin
OR carragheenin
Carrickmacross
cartouches
caryatid
Casimir effect
Castalia
casus belli
catachresis
cataphora
catarrh
catjang
catlinite
Caughnawaga
cavalletti
caveola
cecidium
cephalopod
Cereus
cermet
certiorari

cestui
chalaco
chalaza
chalumeau
chalybeate
Chamonix
champignon
Charon
charybdis
chastushka
chasuble
chaudron
chauve-souris
chemocline
cheongsam
chèvre
chevrotain
chiaroscuro
chopine
chorten
choucroute
Chudic
churinga
ciénaga
OR cienega
ciliopathy
cioppino
cire perdue
cirri
ciseaux
clerihew
cloaca
Clypeaster
cobalamin
coccygeal
cochineal
cocorico
colcannon
colloque
colluctation
collyrium
colporteur**
OR colporter
colubrine

concatenate
concours
connoisseur
consanguine
consigliere
conteur
contrapposto
contretemps
copernicium
corvée
corybantic
coryphée
cotoneaster
coulibiac
coulisser
couloir
coulrophobia
courgette
couverture
creances
criollismo
crokinole
croquemouche
croquignole
cryptozoa
cushag
cynghanedd
cynocephali
cywydd

D

daguerreotype
Darjeeling
darmstadtium
decastich
Deimos
démodé
demurrage
Déné
dentifrice
derring-do
Deseret
desiccate
Devanagari

dghaisa
dhurrie
diapason
diaphanous
Dies Irae
distelfink
Djibouti
domnei
doxycycline
drahthaar
drimys
Dubhe
Dubuque
duxelles
dvandva
Dvorak
dysphasia

E

ecchymosis
echelon
echinoderm
ecribellate
edamame
effete
Egeria
eisteddfod
eleemosynary
ellachick
eluate
embouchure
emolument
en arrière
Enoch Arden
epideictic
epinicion
epistemology
epistemophilia
epixylous
Equatoguinean
Erehonian
ergatogyne
Eris
erythroblast

Esau
escarole
escheator
esclandre
espadrille
espazier
espial
estancia
estrepe
ethylene
eudiometer
Euroclydon
exchequer
exsiccosis

F

Fafnir
faipule
farfalle
farouche
farrago
Fatimid
fatshedera
fauchard
fauteuil
fauxbourdon
Feldenkrais
fellahin
OR fellaheen
ferruginous
fête champêtre
fetticus
fin de siècle
Firbolg
flehmen
force majeure
frabjous
fracas
freijo
freycinetia
frijolillo
funori
furan
Furneaux

furuncle

G

gabarit
gabbro
Gaia
gaillardia
galatea
galena
gallivat
garam masala
Gaspesian
gasthaus
gattine
gayatri
Geatish
geeldikkop
gegenschein
Gehenna
geländeläufer
gelilah
gendarme
genet
genizah
gesellschaft
giallolino
gigue
ginglymus
Giorgionesque
Gippsland
glabella
glacis
glengarry
gliriform
glyceraldehyde
Gondwana
goondie
graywacke
griot
Grundriss
Gruyère
guan
guapena
Guarnerius

guayabera
guerite
guichet
Guidonian
Gurmukhi
gyascutus
gyokuro
gypsophila

H

haikai
halala**
OR halalah
halcyon
Hamtramck
Hankul
hapalonychia
hardanger
hashkabah
haupia
hebdomadai
heiau
hei-tiki
hellebore
hemocuprein
hemorrhage
hennin
henotheism
hepatectomy
Herodotean
Hessian
hexenbesen
hieracosphinx
Hippolyta
hirsute
Hohokam
holobenthic
hominin
homoscedasticity
hordeolum
houppelande
Hsia
Huallaga
huerta

Huguenot
Humboldt
hutia**
OR jutia
OR utia
hypaethral
hyssop
hysteresis
hysteron proteron

I

Iceni
ichthyology
icosahedron
ikebana
immie
in medias res
in nuce
in silico
incunabula
inglenook
ingluvies
insouciance
integument
internecine
interregnum
Inugsuk
Inuk
isabelita
Ishihara test
ivermectin
jacqueminot

J

Jahiliya
janthina
jasmone
je ne sais quoi
jerboa
jocote
joropo
Jumada

K

Kairouan**
OR Qairouan
kakapo
kaleidoscope
kalimba
kalopanax
kangri
Kannada
kapparrah
katakana
katana
kathakali
keeshond
kentledge
kerril
kiaat
kipuka
Kitksan
kiva
Kjeldahl
koh-i-noor
Koine
koi
konditorei
korrigan
kovsh
krewe
kriegspiel
Kuiper Belt
Kutani
kuvasz
kyphoplasty

L

La Tène
laccolith
lanceolate
langrage
Latinxua
lebensraum
leberwurst
lebkuchen
lefse

lierre
ligas
lilliputian
limaçon
Lullaillaco
lobscouse
loggia
logodaedaly
logothete
lokelani
loquitur
louche
loupe
luftmensch
lunulae
Lupercalia

M

Machiavellian
macigno
mackinaw
macushla
maerl
magainin
maillot
majuscule
Makgadikgadi Pans
makhorka
mamaliga
manchineel
Mandelbrot set
mandorla
mandragora
mangeao
mange-tout
mangonel
Manu
Marathi
marcel
marcescent
maringouin
martinoe
mascarpone
massasauga

masseter
mässig
matelote
maxixe
mediobrome
medulla
meiosis
mele
Menaia
Merak
Metonic cycle
micellar
microfiche
mille-feuille
millegrain
minnelied
miombo
Mirach
miscible
mittimus
moline
mondegreen
MOOC
morion
mortadella
motherumbung
mozo
muesli
muktuk
muliebrity
myeloma
myocommata

N

Nabal
nacelle
nahcolite
naricorn
nataka
naumachia
navarch
navarin
neem
neophyte

Nephilim
nephoscope
Ner Tamid
nescience
Nethinim
Nicoise
nidicolous
nimiety
niminy-piminy
nisi
nisus
ni-Vanuatu
niveau
nodosity
nomocanon
notturmo
noumenon
nouveau
nouvelle cuisine
Novanglian
nuoc mam
nymss

O

Oaxaca
obeisant
Oenone
oeuvre
olecranon
onomatopoeia
onychorrhexis
oolite
oopuhue
Oort cloud
oppidan
Orinoco
ormolu
orphéon
oryx
ostium
ouananiche
oud
oviparous
oxyacetylene

P

paella
pahoehoe
Palaihnihan
palooka
pampootie
panacea
Panathenaea
Panchen Lama
panettone
panjandrum
pannose
pappardelle
pareidolia
Parmentier
parquet
parterre
parti pris
pas seul
pasilla
paskha
pastitsio
patois
Patirpassianism
pejorate
perciatelli
perianth
perruche
petechia
Philistine
philopatry
phloem
Phobos
photovoltaic
piatti
pierrot
piloncillo
pisto
pitanga
Plantagenet
pneumatocyst
pochoir
podagra

podotheca
point d'appui
polyandry
popoi
portugais
porwige
pot-au-feu
pothos
potpourri
pou sto
poudre B
pounamu
prajna
pralltriller
pratique
presidio
prêt-à-porter
prion
prodissoconch
promyshlennik
pruritus
psalmody
pschent
Ptolemaic
ptyxis
pudibund
pulvillus
pylorus
Pythagorean
Pyxis

Q

qiyas
Quadrantid
Quaoar
quattrocento
quintain
Quito
quoc-ngu
quonk
Quonset

R

raclette

rafflesia
railleur
rajpramukh
Ramkokamekra
rapparee
rapprochement
Rastafarian
Rayleigh wave
recamier
redingote
renvoi
rescissible
veille
rhododendron
ricketsial
rijsttafel
rinceau
risorgimento
risposta
Robigalia
rocaille
roi fainéant
rond de jambe
rondeau
rooseveltite
roquette
rosemaling
rouille
rubaiyat
rubefacient
ruelle
runcible spoon
rupicolous
ruscus
ryas
Ryeland
Ryukyu

S

sacalait
saccharide
saeta
Sagittarius
sakura

salmagundi**
OR salmagundy
salomónica
samsara
Sangamon
sangfroid
sanglier
sannyasi
sansculotte
santon
Saoshyant
Sapporo
saussurite
savoir faire
Sawan
scaberulous
scagliola
Schedar
schefflera
schnecken
schuyt
schwegel
sciolistic
sclaff
scobiform
scrofula
selah
semaphore
seraya
serin
serval
sesquipedalian
sessile
seton
Sfax
sforzando
Shangri-la
Shawwal
Shiba Inu
shtetlach
siliques
siscowet
sitao
skaamoogs

Skeltonic
skerrick
smriti**
OR smrti
sobornost
soirée
sororal
sostenuto
souari nut
sous vide
spiedini
sprechstimme
sravaka
stevedore
Strelitzia
Strigolniki
stroganoff
struthious
stupa
stygian
succès fou
succorance
OR succourance*
Sufi
sumi-e
supercilious
surreptitious
svarabhakti
Svengali
swainsona
sybaritic
synanthrope
syncope

T

taal
tachycardia
tachyon
taedium vitae
tamari
tambour
tam-o'-shanter
tandoori
tannined

tantième
taoiseach
tapetum
tarpaulin
Tchefuncte
Tegucigalpa
telamon
teledu
temalacatl
tempeh
teneramente
teocalli
terai
teraphim
teratism
terra nullius
Terre Haute
tessitura
Teutonic
thalassic
Theravada
thesmothete
thimerosal
Thomism
thuluth
tic douloureux
tichodrome
tikka
Tillamook
tilleul
tinamou
tinnient
tintinnabulary
tmesis
toccata
toey
toggenburg
Tok Pisin
topazolite
toreutics
torii
toril
totipalmate
tourelle

tournedos
tournure
trichinosis
triduum
trillado
triskelion
tristeza
trochee
trotteur
trous-de-loup
trouvaille
tsukupin
tullibee
tusche
Typhoean

U

ubi sunt
ubiquinone
uintjie
ululate
unakite
unguiculate
uraeus
urfirnis
usufruct

V

vaalhaai
valvata
varicella
verisimilitude
vexillologist
viaticum
vicissitudes
vigneron
vilipend
villanelle
Villavicencio
villi
vinaceous
vituperative

W

wabeno
Waf
wahine
Wampanoag
wapiti
waringin
waterzooi
weka
weltschmerz
wentletrap
werowance
whydah
OR whidah
wigan
witch of Agnesi

wobbegong
wongshy

X

xerogel
xiphophyllous

Y

yakitori
yertchuk
yosenabe
Yponomeuta
yttriferous
yuga

yuloh

Z

zacate
zaibatsu
Zamboni
Zanni
zapateado
Zdarsky tent
zemi
zimocca
zortzico
zugzwang
Zyzomys

