

# San Joaquin County County Office of Education 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 ONLY 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 3, 2018** are NOT included on these lists.
- The 4-6<sup>th</sup> 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 5, 2018** 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

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|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 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    |

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| 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     |

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| 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  |

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| 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     |

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| 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

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|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 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  |

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| 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      |

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| 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       |



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| 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       |

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| 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   |