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Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for Second Graders

2016-2017

1. **ivy** (*noun*) a climbing vine that clings to upright surfaces (such as walls).
2. **nose** (*noun*) the part of the face that sticks out and has the nostrils.
3. **tusk** (*noun*) a large, long tooth that sticks out of an animal's mouth.
4. **road** (*noun*) a track for vehicles, people and animals to travel on.
5. **oven** (*noun*) a closed, heated device used for cooking.
6. **news** (*plural noun*) recent information.
7. **food** (*noun*) parts of animals and plants that humans and animals eat.
8. **rules** (*plural noun*) a set of official codes of behavior that tell you what you can and cannot do in an activity (such as a sport).
9. **braid** (*verb*) to weave three or more strands (of hair) together into one or more lengths.
10. **miles** (*plural noun*) more than one of a unit of distance equal to 5280 feet.
11. **folds** (*verb*) reduces in size by laying one part over another part of.
12. **pages** (*plural noun*) leaves of a book or other printed item.
13. **boring** (*adjective*) causing a feeling of weariness or dissatisfaction : dull.
14. **corner** (*noun*) the place where two streets or roads meet.
15. **ferns** (*plural noun*) nonflowering leafy plants that reproduce by spores instead of seeds.
16. **elbow** (*noun*) the joint between your upper arm and forearm.
17. **taxi** (*noun*) a car that carries a passenger between any two points (as within a city) in exchange for money.
18. **stuck** (*verb*) attached by or as if by gluing or plastering.
19. **grain** (*noun*) the seed of any cereal grass (as wheat, oats, rice, millet).
20. **float** (*verb*) to rest on or partly under the surface of a liquid.
21. **awake** (*adjective*) not asleep.
22. **bird** (*noun*) a warm-blooded, feathered animal that lays eggs and has wings instead of arms.
23. **snack** (*noun*) a small amount of food usually eaten between meals.
24. **wear** (*verb*) to use or have on your body.
25. **mane** (*noun*) the long and heavy hair growing about the neck of some mammals.
26. **hardly** (*adverb*) barely, scarcely.
27. **shirts** (*plural noun*) clothing for the upper body with sleeves and usually a collar and a front opening.
28. **moody** (*adjective*) unhappy and rudely grumpy.



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| 29. | lawn | <i>(noun)</i> | ground covered with grass that is kept closely mowed. |
| 30. | branch | <i>(noun)</i> | a stem growing from the trunk or from a limb of a tree. |
| 31. | pantry | <i>(noun)</i> | a closet next to a kitchen or dining room used for storing food. |
| 32. | sandbox | <i>(noun)</i> | a large container filled with a loose material for children to play in. |
| 33. | posters | <i>(plural noun)</i> | signs hung in public places that serve as decoration or consist of pictures. |
| 34. | spider | <i>(noun)</i> | an arachnid that has poison fangs and eight legs, and spins silk to make webs to catch prey. |
| 35. | coast | <i>(noun)</i> | the seashore or land near it. |
| 36. | bother | <i>(verb)</i> | to pester or disturb (someone). |
| 37. | mouse | <i>(noun)</i> | a small animal with a pointed snout, small ears and a thin tail. |
| 38. | swift | <i>(adjective)</i> | moving or able to move with great speed. |
| 39. | restless | <i>(adjective)</i> | not calm : fidgety, nervous. |
| 40. | parents | <i>(plural noun)</i> | fathers and mothers. |
| 41. | beehive | <i>(noun)</i> | a container for winged insects that feed on pollen and nectar and make honey. |
| 42. | shopping | <i>(noun)</i> | searching for, inspecting or buying available goods or services. |
| 43. | artwork | <i>(noun)</i> | a work of skill and taste that is designed to be beautiful. |
| 44. | chance | <i>(noun)</i> | opportunity. |
| 45. | lookout | <i>(noun)</i> | a person engaged in keeping watch. |
| 46. | stroller | <i>(noun)</i> | a four-wheel usually folding carriage designed as a chair in which a baby may be pushed. |
| 47. | anyone | <i>(pronoun)</i> | a person or some people. |
| 48. | thumb | <i>(noun)</i> | the short, thick finger on your hand that can be placed opposite the other fingers. |
| 49. | backdrop | <i>(noun)</i> | a cloth hung across the back of a stage that looks like a scenic background. |
| 50. | fuddy-duddy | <i>(noun)</i> | a person who is old-fashioned or very traditional. |
| 51. | paint | <i>(noun)</i> | a mixture of color and a liquid that form a thin coating when applied to a surface. |
| 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. |
| 62. | curved | <i>(verb)</i> | took a turn or changed direction from a straight line. |
| 63. | leaky | <i>(adjective)</i> | allowing a liquid to enter or escape through a hole. |



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64.	interact	<i>(verb)</i>	to have an effect on one another.
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.
78.	rather	<i>(adverb)</i>	preferably.
79.	puzzles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	questions, problems or toys designed to test cleverness.
80.	sign	<i>(noun)</i>	a board on a building that tells the name and type of a business.
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.
97.	poem	<i>(noun)</i>	writing in verse.



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| 98. | snoozing | <i>(verb)</i> | sleeping briefly during the day. |
| 99. | lotion | <i>(noun)</i> | a liquid used to soften the skin. |
| 100. | prevented | <i>(verb)</i> | kept from happening due to previous caution. |