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Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for Fifth Graders

2016-2017

1. **hooves** (*plural noun*) curved, hard coverings that protect the feet of an animal (such as a horse or goat).
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.
3. **gravely** (*adverb*) seriously.
4. **hiccups or hiccoughs** (*plural noun*) sounds in your throat caused by sudden, involuntary movements of your chest muscles.
5. **performance** (*noun*) a public presentation (as of a dramatic work).
6. **specific** (*adjective*) falling into a precisely stated category.
7. **dowdy** (*adjective*) old-fashioned : out of date.
8. **indicate** (*verb*) to point at.
9. **clause** (*noun*) a group of words in a sentence that has its own subject and verb.
10. **failure** (*noun*) lack of success.
11. **biology** (*noun*) the science of life.
12. **hangar** (*noun*) a covered and usually enclosed area or a large shed for housing and repairing aircraft (as airplanes).
13. **quality** (*noun*) a special or distinguishing attribute : characteristic.
14. **saucepan** (*noun*) a deep cooking utensil with a long handle used for stewing or boiling.
15. **invisible** (*adjective*) out of sight : hidden.
16. **classical** (*adjective*) relating to music other than popular music or music for entertainment.
17. **blurred** (*adjective*) characterized by dimness, indistinctness or obscurity.
18. **contestants** (*plural noun*) persons that participate in a competition.
19. **farfetched** (*adjective*) not easily or naturally reached by logic or reason.
20. **bemused** (*adjective*) having or showing feelings of wry entertainment especially from something that is surprising or perplexing.
21. **clients** (*plural noun*) patrons, customers.
22. **tightrope** (*noun*) a tightly stretched cord or wire on which acrobats perform.
23. **innocent** (*adjective*) free from legal guilt or responsibility for wrongdoing or failure.
24. **dignified** (*adjective*) showing or expressing formality, seriousness and self-confidence in appearance, manner or language.
25. **priority** (*noun*) something that is more important than other things and needs to be done or dealt with first.
26. **delicate** (*adjective*) easily damaged, broken or hurt.



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27.	applause	<i>(noun)</i>	approval publicly expressed (as by clapping hands).
28.	bargain	<i>(noun)</i>	something whose value to the purchaser is greater than its cost.
29.	fortune	<i>(noun)</i>	good luck : success.
30.	vocabulary	<i>(noun)</i>	the whole amount of words used by a language, group or individual.
31.	caterpillar	<i>(noun)</i>	the larva of a butterfly or moth that is long and looks like a worm with legs.
32.	wistfully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a thoughtfully sad or mournful manner.
33.	annual	<i>(adjective)</i>	occurring, appearing, made or done every year or once a year.
34.	beckon	<i>(verb)</i>	to appear inviting : attract.
35.	creation	<i>(noun)</i>	an original work of art or of the imagination.
36.	dumbwaiter	<i>(noun)</i>	a small elevator used for carrying food and dishes or small goods from one floor of a building to another.
37.	unbearable	<i>(adjective)</i>	not able to be endured.
38.	cupboard	<i>(noun)</i>	a closet with shelves to receive cups, dishes or food.
39.	dimension	<i>(noun)</i>	measurement in a single line (as length, height or width).
40.	initials	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the first letters of each word in a person's name.
41.	daunted	<i>(verb)</i>	made (someone) afraid : intimidated.
42.	settee	<i>(noun)</i>	a medium-sized sofa with arms and a back.
43.	digestive	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to the action or process of converting (food) into a form that can be absorbed.
44.	lounge	<i>(verb)</i>	to stand, sit or recline lazily : loaf.
45.	marooned	<i>(verb)</i>	put ashore on a desolate island or coast and left to one's fate.
46.	poisonous	<i>(adjective)</i>	having the qualities or effects of a substance that in the right amounts can harm or kill a living thing.
47.	vinegar	<i>(noun)</i>	a sour liquid used as a condiment or a preservative and is often seasoned especially with herbs.
48.	moisture	<i>(noun)</i>	a small amount of liquid dispersed in air and appearing as fog or condensed as dew on a cool surface.
49.	terrier	<i>(noun)</i>	a type of small dog now mainly kept as a pet but originally used for hunting.
50.	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.
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.