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Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for Seventh Graders

2016-2017

1. **varsity** (*noun*) the main team representing a school or club in a sport or other competition.
2. **antidote** (*noun*) something that stops the effects of poison.
3. **emperor** (*noun*) the sovereign or supreme monarch of an extended territory.
4. **mystic** (*noun*) a follower of a spiritual way of life.
5. **resonate** (*verb*) to echo again or repeat.
6. **zodiac** (*noun*) a figure representing the signs and the symbols of 12 constellations that combine to form an imaginary belt in space.
7. **ravine** (*noun*) a small narrow steep-sided valley that is usually worn down by running water : gorge, gulch.
8. **hovel** (*noun*) a small shabby house or hut.
9. **sentries** (*plural noun*) soldiers standing guard.
10. **rendition** (*noun*) interpretation : performance.
11. **nonviolent** (*adjective*) not done with the use of physical force : peaceful.
12. **enchantment** (*noun*) the act or action of charming or bewitching.
13. **perilous** (*adjective*) full of or involving danger.
14. **servitude** (*noun*) the condition of subjecting to slavery or something like slavery.
15. **derelict** (*adjective*) forgotten, run-down.
16. **charismatic** (*adjective*) possessing a special magnetic charm or appeal.
17. **heredity** (*noun*) qualities and traits someone gets from ancestors.
18. **prosthetic** (*adjective*) of or relating to an artificial device to replace a missing part of the body.
19. **treatise** (*noun*) a piece of writing that provides a thorough and careful discussion or argument about a subject.
20. **avian** (*adjective*) of, relating to or characteristic of birds.
21. **indifference** (*noun*) an attitude that something does not matter one way or another.
22. **epithets** (*plural noun*) words or phrases meant as insults.
23. **compatriots** (*plural noun*) close associates or colleagues.
24. **petrifying** (*verb*) turning organic matter into stone or a stony substance.
25. **tremendous** (*adjective*) astonishing due to extreme size, power, greatness or excellence.
26. **engineering** (*noun*) the science that applies the properties of matter and energy to create machines and structures.
27. **alliance** (*noun*) a union made in order to work toward common goals or interests.



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| 28. | discreetly | <i>(adverb)</i> | in a tactful manner. |
| 29. | enumerated | <i>(verb)</i> | listed one after another. |
| 30. | feckless | <i>(adjective)</i> | impractical and lazy or lacking ambition. |
| 31. | implacable | <i>(adjective)</i> | not capable of being calmed or soothed. |
| 32. | opinionated | <i>(adjective)</i> | firmly sticking to one's own view or belief : obstinate. |
| 33. | javelin | <i>(noun)</i> | a long spear used in a sport in which people see how far they can throw it. |
| 34. | lyre | <i>(noun)</i> | a stringed musical instrument used by the ancient Greeks. |
| 35. | artillery | <i>(noun)</i> | the missiles fired by the weapons of war. |
| 36. | stratagems | <i>(plural noun)</i> | clever tricks used to deceive or outsmart an enemy. |
| 37. | austere | <i>(adjective)</i> | plainly simple and without decoration. |
| 38. | venerable | <i>(adjective)</i> | deserving of respect due to age, character and accomplishments. |
| 39. | Icarus | <i>(noun)</i> | a figure in Greek mythology who flies away from imprisonment using artificial wings but falls when he flies too close to the sun, melting the wax of his wings. |
| 40. | oracle | <i>(noun)</i> | a person of great authority or wisdom whose opinions or judgments are regarded with great respect. |
| 41. | antiquated | <i>(adjective)</i> | no longer used or popular due to being very old : obsolete. |
| 42. | pearlescent | <i>(adjective)</i> | having the appearance of mother-of-pearl. |
| 43. | bestial | <i>(adjective)</i> | of or relating to an animal. |
| 44. | tenaciously | <i>(adverb)</i> | in a very determined manner : persistently. |
| 45. | cavalcade | <i>(noun)</i> | a procession of riders or carriages. |
| 46. | burglarious | <i>(adjective)</i> | of or suitable for the use of one who breaks into a building illegally especially with intent to steal. |
| 47. | scrumptiously | <i>(adverb)</i> | in a delightful or excellent manner. |
| 48. | boulevards | <i>(plural noun)</i> | broad streets; especially: ones that are more showy than an ordinary street with trees along the center or sides. |
| 49. | laburnums | <i>(plural noun)</i> | plants of a small genus of poisonous shrubs and trees with bright yellow flowers. |
| 50. | thaumaturge | <i>(noun)</i> | a person who performs miracles : a magician. |
| 51. | marvelous or
marvellous | <i>(adjective)</i> | notably superior : excellent. |
| 52. | vulpine | <i>(adjective)</i> | marked by slyness or predatoriness : crafty. |
| 53. | catastrophic | <i>(adjective)</i> | of, relating to, resembling or resulting in disaster. |
| 54. | quandary | <i>(noun)</i> | a state of perplexity or doubt : dilemma. |
| 55. | Honolulu | <i>(geographical
entry)</i> | the most populous city, port and capital of Hawaii. |
| 56. | uranium | <i>(noun)</i> | a silvery, heavy radioactive metallic element that is used primarily in atomic energy programs. |
| 57. | collision | <i>(noun)</i> | the action or an instance of two or more things striking forcefully together typically by accident. |



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58.	alpinist	<i>(noun)</i>	a mountain climber specializing in high difficult climbs.
59.	mahogany	<i>(noun)</i>	the durable yellowish brown to reddish brown wood of a West Indian tree that is widely used for cabinetwork and fine finish work.
60.	neutron	<i>(noun)</i>	an elementary particle that has no electrical charge and that has a mass nearly equal to that of the proton.
61.	insulin	<i>(noun)</i>	a protein pancreatic hormone that is essential especially for the metabolism of carbohydrates and which is used in the treatment and control of diabetes.
62.	allegiance	<i>(noun)</i>	devotion or loyalty especially to a person, group or cause.
63.	Dantean	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or characteristic of the Italian poet Dante or his writings.
64.	perpetrator	<i>(noun)</i>	one that commits an offense or crime.
65.	avalanche	<i>(noun)</i>	a large mass of snow, ice, dirt, rock or other material sliding swiftly down a mountainside.
66.	bedlam	<i>(noun)</i>	a place or scene of wild mad uproar.
67.	Mylar	<i>(trademark)</i>	— used for a polyester film.
68.	exquisite	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by flawless craftsmanship or by beautiful, delicate or elaborate execution.
69.	assailant	<i>(noun)</i>	one who attacks with violence.
70.	functionary	<i>(noun)</i>	one holding a paid position or office in a government or party : civil servant.
71.	inadvertent	<i>(adjective)</i>	unintentional.
72.	Mandarin	<i>(noun)</i>	the main dialect of Chinese spoken in China.
73.	physicists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	specialists in the science of matter and energy and their interactions.
74.	Einstein	<i>(noun)</i>	a mathematical genius.
75.	tremulous	<i>(adjective)</i>	quivering : shaking.
76.	aperture	<i>(noun)</i>	the opening in a photographic lens that admits the light passing through.
77.	prodigious	<i>(adjective)</i>	enormous, immense.
78.	Stilton	<i>(noun)</i>	a blue-veined cheese with wrinkled rind made of whole cows' milk enriched with cream and usually aged two years.
79.	unscrupulous	<i>(adjective)</i>	lacking or exhibiting a lack of moral principles.
80.	concussion	<i>(noun)</i>	a jarring injury of the brain resulting in disturbance of cerebral function and sometimes marked by permanent damage.
81.	legitimately	<i>(adverb)</i>	according to law or rules.
82.	vagabonds	<i>(plural noun)</i>	individuals who wander about from place to place.
83.	affectionately	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a loving or fond manner.
84.	habanero	<i>(noun)</i>	a very hot roundish chili pepper that is usually orange when mature.
85.	overweening	<i>(adjective)</i>	excessive, exaggerated, unrestrained.
86.	vengeance	<i>(noun)</i>	infliction of punishment in return for an injury or offense.
87.	gladiatorial	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or suggestive of persons in ancient Rome who fought against other people or wild animals for the entertainment of the public.



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88.	semaphore	<i>(noun)</i>	a system of visual signaling (as between ships) in which the sender holds a flag in each hand and moves his or her arms to different positions according to a code alphabet.
89.	inconceivable	<i>(adjective)</i>	falling outside the limit of what can be comprehended, accepted as true or tolerated.
90.	pilgrimages	<i>(plural noun)</i>	trips taken to visit a place of historic or sentimental interest or to participate in a specific event or for a definite purpose.
91.	Holocaust	<i>(noun)</i>	the mass slaughter of European civilians and especially Jews by the Nazis during World War II.
92.	nuisance	<i>(noun)</i>	something that is disagreeable or troublesome : an annoyance.
93.	enervating	<i>(verb)</i>	lessening the nerve, vitality or strength of.
94.	sanctum sanctorum	<i>(noun)</i>	a study, office or place of retreat where one is free from intrusion.
95.	undulating	<i>(adjective)</i>	rising and falling in waves : fluctuating.
96.	Jacobean	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or relating to James I of England, his reign or his times.
97.	hypotenuse	<i>(noun)</i>	the side of a right-angled triangle that is opposite the right angle.
98.	machete	<i>(noun)</i>	a large, heavy knife usually made with a blade often two or three feet in length.
99.	silhouetted	<i>(verb)</i>	projected upon a background like an outline of a person or thing.
100.	conflagration	<i>(noun)</i>	a large disastrous fire involving many buildings.