



The Spell Bee Free Word Book

197 spelling practice words in three levels, plus competition tips

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Free to print and share for personal and classroom use. Compiled by Richard Elson.

How to use this book

Ten minutes a day is enough. Here is a simple routine.

- Read each word out loud, then cover it and spell it from memory.
- Check the box next to every word you spell correctly three days in a row.
- Break long words into syllables and spell one chunk at a time.
- Write tricky words twice: once slowly, once at normal speed.
- Ask a partner to read words to you in random order, like a real spelling bee.
- In most competitions you may ask for the definition, part of speech, a sample sentence or the language of origin before you spell. Use them!
- Move on to the next level when you can spell 9 out of 10 words in a list.
- Want a game instead of a quiz? Play the honeycomb puzzle free at spellbeefree.com.

Level 1: Starter words

Everyday words for younger spellers and warm-ups.

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| ☐ about | ☐ driver | ☐ number |
| ☐ agree | ☐ early | ☐ ocean |
| ☐ alive | ☐ eagle | ☐ orange |
| ☐ apple | ☐ family | ☐ paper |
| ☐ around | ☐ finger | ☐ pencil |
| ☐ beach | ☐ flower | ☐ people |
| ☐ bottle | ☐ follow | ☐ pepper |
| ☐ branch | ☐ forest | ☐ pilot |
| ☐ bread | ☐ garden | ☐ planet |
| ☐ bright | ☐ giant | ☐ pocket |
| ☐ button | ☐ glove | ☐ rabbit |
| ☐ candle | ☐ happy | ☐ river |
| ☐ carpet | ☐ honey | ☐ rocket |
| ☐ center | ☐ island | ☐ shadow |
| ☐ change | ☐ jacket | ☐ simple |
| ☐ circle | ☐ kitten | ☐ sister |
| ☐ cloud | ☐ ladder | ☐ spider |
| ☐ color | ☐ lemon | ☐ summer |
| ☐ cookie | ☐ letter | ☐ tiger |
| ☐ corner | ☐ magic | ☐ travel |
| ☐ cotton | ☐ marble | ☐ turtle |
| ☐ dinner | ☐ middle | ☐ under |
| ☐ doctor | ☐ minute | ☐ window |
| ☐ dragon | ☐ monkey | ☐ winter |
| ☐ dream | ☐ motion | ☐ yellow |

Level 2: Commonly misspelled words

Words that trip up students and adults alike (US spelling).

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| ☐ absence | ☐ disappear | ☐ noticeable |
| ☐ accident | ☐ embarrass | ☐ occasion |
| ☐ adventure | ☐ environment | ☐ occurred |
| ☐ amateur | ☐ equipment | ☐ parallel |
| ☐ analyze | ☐ exaggerate | ☐ privilege |
| ☐ apparent | ☐ foreign | ☐ receive |
| ☐ argument | ☐ generous | ☐ recommend |
| ☐ balloon | ☐ government | ☐ restaurant |
| ☐ beautiful | ☐ grammar | ☐ rhythm |
| ☐ believe | ☐ guarantee | ☐ schedule |
| ☐ breathe | ☐ harass | ☐ separate |
| ☐ business | ☐ height | ☐ sergeant |
| ☐ calendar | ☐ humorous | ☐ similar |
| ☐ category | ☐ immediate | ☐ sincerely |
| ☐ cemetery | ☐ independent | ☐ success |
| ☐ colonel | ☐ jewelry | ☐ surprise |
| ☐ committee | ☐ knowledge | ☐ temperature |
| ☐ conscience | ☐ library | ☐ tomorrow |
| ☐ definite | ☐ lightning | ☐ vacuum |
| ☐ describe | ☐ maintenance | ☐ weird |
| ☐ desperate | ☐ necessary | |
| ☐ dilemma | ☐ neighbor | |

Level 3: Competition words

Hard words with silent letters, borrowed spellings and tricky vowels.

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| ☐ accommodate | ☐ hemorrhage | ☐ questionnaire |
| ☐ acquiesce | ☐ hierarchy | ☐ reminiscence |
| ☐ bourgeois | ☐ hypocrisy | ☐ renaissance |
| ☐ bureaucracy | ☐ idiosyncrasy | ☐ rendezvous |
| ☐ camaraderie | ☐ kaleidoscope | ☐ rhinoceros |
| ☐ catastrophe | ☐ labyrinth | ☐ sacrilegious |
| ☐ chauffeur | ☐ liaison | ☐ silhouette |
| ☐ chrysanthemum | ☐ maneuver | ☐ souvenir |
| ☐ connoisseur | ☐ millennium | ☐ sovereign |
| ☐ conscientious | ☐ minuscule | ☐ supersede |
| ☐ dachshund | ☐ mischievous | ☐ surveillance |
| ☐ dilettante | ☐ mnemonic | ☐ symmetry |
| ☐ ecstasy | ☐ occurrence | ☐ threshold |
| ☐ entrepreneur | ☐ onomatopoeia | ☐ unanimous |
| ☐ euphemism | ☐ paraphernalia | ☐ vacillate |
| ☐ fluorescent | ☐ perseverance | ☐ vengeance |
| ☐ fuchsia | ☐ pharaoh | ☐ xylophone |
| ☐ gauge | ☐ playwright | ☐ zucchini |
| ☐ guerrilla | ☐ pneumonia | |
| ☐ handkerchief | ☐ pseudonym | |

Your practice log

Write the words you missed, then try them again tomorrow.