

**The Monumental Spelling Bee Word List
for Grades 5-6**

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12	dozen	<i>Middle English, Old French</i>	n.a group of 12	Please buy a dozen eggs when you go to the grocery store.
13	falcon	<i>Middle English, Old French, Latin</i>	n.a type of hawk	The falcon swooped down out of the sky and snatched a fish from the lake.
14	bore	<i>Middle English, Old English, Latin</i>	v.to make a hole or tunnel in an object with a tool	David used a drill to bore a hole in the birdhouse.
15	almond	<i>Middle English, Old French, Latin</i>	n.a small tree related to roses, or the edible kernel of its fruit, used as a nut	In the bowl of assorted nuts, I liked the almond the best.
16	driest	[dry] <i>Middle English, Old English</i>		Each towel was the one
17	halves	<i>Middle English, Old English</i>		Three different fruit pies left over.
18	crutch	<i>Middle English, Old English</i>		She used a crutch because of her
19	route	<i>Old French, Latin</i>	n.a road, highway or course	Let's find the shortest route to Vancouver.
20	sweat	<i>Middle English, Old English</i>	v.to give off moisture through the pores of the skin; perspire	I always sweat when I'm nervous.
21	station	<i>Latin</i>	n.a regular stopping place for trains and buses	Max drove his son to the bus station for his cross-country trip.
22	lantern	<i>Middle English, Latin, Greek</i>	n.a portable light with a protective covering	We packed a lantern with our camping gear.

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265	convertible	<i>Middle English, Medieval Latin</i>	n.an automobile or boat with a top that can be raised or lowered	My hair blew in every direction as I rode in Rupert's convertible.
266	emphasis	<i>Latin, Greek</i>	n.special attention or importance given to something	Mrs. Richmond places special emphasis on correct spelling and punctuation when she grades our reports.
267	marginal	<i>Medieval Latin</i>	adj.close to the lower limit or margin of	The piano student showed only marginal ability, even after years of lessons.
268	curator	<i>Latin, Middle English, Anglo-French, Latin</i>	n.person in charge of a museum, art collection, or zoo	The museum's curator was eager to acquire new pieces for the ancient Egyptian exhibit.
269	delicacy	<i>Middle English</i>		to some and a distasteful food to
270	sledgehammer			sledgehammer to try to break k.
271	volunteer	<i>French, Latin</i>		er was honored for providing ospital patients.
272	fajita [fä - hē - tə]	<i>American Spanish</i>		ten fajita with beans and rice on
273	scrounge	<i>alteration of English dialect for "scrunge"</i>	v.to gather by foraging; seek out	Let's scrounge around the kitchen to see if we can find something to cook for dinner.
274	dignitary	<i>[dignity] Middle English, Old French, Latin</i>	n.person who holds a high position or honor	As the dignitary was introduced, the crowd broke into applause.
275	topiary	<i>Latin</i>	n.the art of training and trimming trees or shrubs into ornamental shapes	Peter put his topiary skills into practice as he trimmed the row of shrubs into the shapes of cars.
276	sentimental	<i>[sentiment] Medieval Latin</i>	adj.marked by feeling or sentiment	As the band played the sentimental song, Ellen's mind was flooded with pleasant memories.

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379	conveyance	<i>[convey] Middle English, Anglo-French</i>	n.means of transport, especially a vehicle	The covered wagon is no longer used as a regular means of conveyance in the United States.
380	abominably	<i>Middle English, Latin</i>	adv.in an abominable manner; dreadfully; horribly	The loud, rude teens behaved abominably at the school assembly.
381	palatial (pə- lā -shəl)	<i>Latin</i>	adj.relating to or resembling a palace	The millionaire's sprawling palatial estate covered over one hundred acres.
382	esophagus (i- sā -fə-gəs)	<i>Greek</i>	n.a muscular tupe that leads from the back of the mouth to the stomach	The lining of the esophagus can be damaged by long-term acid reflux.
383	accommodations	<i>Latin</i>		accommodations for his lengthy D.C.
384	stupefying	<i>Middle French Latin</i>		construction project made it rough or around downtown.
385	philanthropist	<i>[philanthropy] Late Latin, Greek</i>		no paid for the new hospital wing onymous.
386	oscillator (os -ə-lā-ter)	<i>[oscillate] Latin</i>		engineers built an oscillator to
387	parliamentary	<i>Anglo-Latin, Old French, Medieval Latin</i>	adj.according to the rules governing the way in which official meetings are conducted	To avoid chaos, the Chairman of the Board insisted that everyone follow parliamentary procedure during board meetings.
388	pterodactyl (ter-ə- dak -til)	<i>New Latin</i>	n.any of various extinct flying reptiles, having no feathers and a wing membrane	Archeologists were excited to find remains of a large pterodactyl.
389	luau (loo -ou)	<i>Hawaiian</i>	n.a feast of Hawaiian food, usually held outdoors	When we visited Hawaii, we were thrilled to take part in a luau, complete with ham, pineapple and lots of music.

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