

**The Monumental Spelling Bee Word List
for Grades 7-8**

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23	hover	<i>Middle English</i>	v.to hang fluttering or suspended in air	Because the airport's runways are full, incoming planes must hover nearby and wait for an opportunity to land.
24	quiver	<i>Middle Dutch</i>	v.to move with a slight shaking motion; tremble	The little girl's bottom lip began to quiver as she started to cry.
25	motivation	<i>[motive] Middle English, Middle French, Medieval Latin</i>	v.the act or process of motivating; inspiration; impetus	Anne's motivation for achieving high grades in school was the hope of a college scholarship.
26	displeasure	<i>Middle English, Middle French</i>	n.a feeling of dislike and	Maryann could not hide her displeasure with her
27	purposely	<i>Middle English, Old French</i>		d cleaning the house until vacation.
28	epicenter	<i>Greek</i>		00 miles from the
29	anguish	<i>Middle English, Old French, Latin</i>	n.a sharp or pain	anguish as she watched her three-year-old son go into surgery.
30	regulation	<i>[regulate] Late Latin</i>	n.a law or order prescribed by an authority, stating how something must be done	The restaurant owner trained his workers on the new food safety regulation.
31	fiend (fēnd)	<i>Middle English, Old English</i>	n.an extremely cruel or evil person	At the end of the movie, the dreaded fiend was sent to prison.
32	envision	<i>[vision] Middle English, Latin</i>	v.to picture mentally, especially regarding the future; foresee	The entrepreneur could envision a bustling new shopping mall on the barren, empty plot of land.

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265	levee	<i>Americanism, French, Medieval Latin, Latin</i>	n.an embankment built to prevent the flooding of a river	After the flooding damage to our community last summer, we are now building a taller, stronger levee.
266	contagion	<i>Middle English, Middle French, Latin</i>	n.the communication of a disease by direct or indirect contact	Health care workers swiftly moved to isolate affected patients, hoping to slow down the contagion of the deadly disease.
267	patella	<i>Latin</i>	n.the kneecap	The gymnast dislocated her patella while turning a cartwheel.
268	abdominal	<i>Latin</i>	adj.of, in or related to the abdomen	As Lori's abdominal pain became worse, it spread through her entire torso.
269	mercenary	<i>Middle English, Latin</i>		als sometimes involved selling e sources.
270	decrepit	<i>Middle English, Latin</i>		s of growing up on the farm, s now abandoned and
271	animosity	<i>Middle English, Middle French, Late Latin</i>		toward his neighbor that Hank in his neighbor's front yard.
272	morose	<i>Latin</i>	tempered	for days after her cat died, and no one was able to cheer her up.
273	inappropriate	<i>[appropriate] Latin</i>	adj.not appropriate; improper; unsuitable	The new movie is clearly inappropriate for young children.
274	demonstrative	<i>Middle English, Middle French, Latin</i>	adj.showing one's emotions or attitudes openly	Lisa has always been very demonstrative of her feelings for her husband and children.
275	ideology	<i>French</i>	n.the body of doctrine and ideas that guides a person, an institution or a social movement	The young politician spoke out against what he called the "ideology of the last century" which he said was responsible for the demise of the nation.

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373	anachronism	<i>Latin, Greek</i>	n.something or someone that is not in its correct chronological time	Many movie-goers spotted the anachronism of a motorized vehicle in the film set in the 1860s.
374	harangue (hə-rang)	<i>Middle French, Italian, Gothic</i>	n.to lecture at length in a scolding, critical, intense speech	If you accidentally step on my neighbor's lawn, he will harangue you endlessly about respecting his property.
375	entomology	<i>French, Greek</i>	n.the branch of zoology dealing with insects	It's a good thing that Kyle likes flies, grasshoppers and beetles, because he's studying entomology in college.
376	diacritical	<i>Greek</i>	adj.relating to a mark, point	
377	dysentery	<i>Medieval Latin</i>		ll you if an e is pronounced vel sound.
378	iridescent			reatening if a patient cannot ly.
379	necessitate	<i>Medieval Latin, Latin</i>		the big soap bubbles ry time I looked at them from
380	obstetrician	<i>Latin</i>	n.a doctor who specializes in childbirth and the care of women giving birth	ssitate some corresponding get.
381	demitasse (dem-i-tas)	<i>French</i>	n.a small coffee cup	n.a doctor who specializes in childbirth and the care of women giving birth
382	conspicuously	<i>[conspicuous] Latin</i>	adv.noticeably; in a conspicuous manner	Because she's expecting a baby, Emilie made an appointment with an obstetrician.
383	irretrievable	<i>[retrieve] Middle English, Middle French</i>	adj.not retrievable, not able to be put right	After dinner, Byron served strong black coffee in demitasse cups to his guests.
				Frederick conspicuously changed an answer on his test, after the teacher graded it.
				After the computer virus, the data lost on Ben's laptop was irretrievable.