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#### FOREWORD

THIS BULLETIN contains three lists, each of which is designated as a source of words for the League spelling and plain writing contests in the respective divisions. The words are carefully selected and are supplementary to the State Adopted Texts, Grades Two to Eight, inclusive. Few, if any, of the words appearing in the lists will be found in the adopted spelling texts, or in last year's League spelling lists.

Pupils are required to spell only the words in Roman type; words and phrases in italics are explanatory and chiefly for the purpose of helping the pronouncer distinguish between words having the same or similar sound. The italic "n." after a word means "noun"; "v." means "verb"; "pl." means "plural"; and "sing." means "singular"; "p." "past"; "masc." "masculine"; "fem." "feminine"; "comp." "comparative"; "abbr." "abbreviation."

Misprints or other errors in the word lists are noted in the Official Notice Column of the *Leaguer*. Teachers who report errors to the State Office do the League a real service.

The present adopted spelling texts contain excellent suggestions for teaching spelling, and these plans and devices may well be used in

eaching pupils to spell the words in these lists.

This is not only a spelling, but a "plain writing" contest. More papers are rejected by the State Grading Committee on account of illegible writing than on account of incorrect spelling. Many grading committees do not seem to realize the importance which is attached by the State Committee to "plain writing." A special circular entitled "Writing Errors," which contains many illustrations of malformed or illegible letters, is sent free of charge on request of any teacher using this list.

In cases where the abbreviation of a word is listed, the pronouncer should, of course, give out the word and ask for the abbreviation, e.g., "abbreviation for the current month," and the contestant is expected

to write "inst."



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### GRADES V AND VI

1	2	3	4
grizzly, some-	giraffe	lap	sound film
what gray	silo	port	waterproof
squeak	grocer	won't, will not	squab
linger	sparrow	pork	brisk
Yule, Christmas	pinch	gust	tune
pint	lash	ruined	leap
woods	schools	lard	snub
bare, of	dial	popcorn	prunes
clothes	paints	gingham	landing gear
diary	daughters	snug	silly
waves of the sea	scarlet	pies	woke
wooden	blubber	lung	shanty
squaws	shatter	you're, you	weevil
schoolroom	wolves	are	sharp
pouring water	tuning	mass	pieces
hail, frozen	younger	least	spurn
rain	squawk	pop	sounded
baking	weighted down	pruning	fluster
schoolmate	lump	lape <b>l</b>	kidnap
where's, where	guy wire	scarf	hut
is	pillows	bristle	knows the lesson
lines	painter	limestone	pailful
dishonor	squawking	ponies	noun
girdle	waters	blown	sting
hackberry,	tune out	mason	tables
$a\ tree$	sour	learning	sworn
ruled	wolf	ginning	stumble
twine	squat	bag	hitting
pincers	pry	southwest	mist, fine rain
turnip	tune in	bakery	muffins
daylight	water pump	southward	rat
words	sharpen	brittle	quilt
pine	weren't, were	diagram	overcoat
what's, what is	not	dishearten	things
sparse	turf	badge	raised
bluff	largest	scared	host
sow wheat	yours	weighed	heifer
deadly	dishful	ginger	nearer
spasm	bake	landing field	resin
dishwasher	diagramming	disgusted	robbed
turtle	sharper	backward	sunk
lining	pigs	you	stride
shawl	soak	you'd, you	trim
lungs	psalm	would	jerk

5	6	7	8
members	rolling	restless	sunrise
foul b <b>all</b>	nearest	painful	slipper
heroes	robber	strained	hound
stare, to look	stir	jewel	knowing
steadily	hive	kid	oust
flutter	missed, p. of	notes	mixed
fortieth	miss	killed	fowl, chicken
flush	quench	mutter	hers
strain	mercy	moans	overdue
hyphen	knuckle	rolls	theirs, pronoun
hours, units of	kindest	strife	needle
time	rates	iceberg	raisin
tasting	toast	now	sticky
flywheel	fox	husking	quinine
tacked on the	kindle	thistle	rob
wall	horses	farewell	ounce
trout	sad	raining, falling	that's, that is
fork	heed	in drops	fraction
mower, mowing	knoll	lady	ieweler
machine	molasses	hoe	stern
stump	tea, iced tea	couch	sling
Miss, title	husk	tastes	mutton
kevhol <b>e</b>	hedge	kinds	rocked
thin	toad	roommate	strainer
mes <b>s</b>	houses	monthly	flurry
painted	rats	cherry	rude, unman-
rice	fodder	smallpox	nerly
horns	mouse	toaster	puddle
sunn <b>y</b>	reins of a bridle	hew a log	rabbits
swore	slippers	sunshine	trying
nozzle	Negroes	theme	measles
hoein <b>g</b>	thousands	ice cream	costly
stirrup	rich	fare, to go	roasting ear
iewels	friends	thicket	overlooked
forests	knocked	straining	smallest
straightened	quail	nostril	foes
stuffed	strikes	thanks	rattle
mice	mirth	myself	icy
mice sulphur	tries	hid	roof
hoes, <i>tools</i>	hover	meat	hurrying
jolly	kingly	kernel of a nut	rein of a bridle
milch cow	foghorn	ruddy	sunshiny
much cow nerve	months	stared	sunsniny smaller
	stout		smaller rainfall
hopeful	cheek	nose dive slide	rainiaii hoist
thick j <b>oy</b>	cneek puts	siide hills	noist pulled
		mille	DITTION

races rally nuts startled throne of a king struts kitty pack tap roil, to stir up stockings suppers street car teasing rap swift roam, wander oak striking toys raven sailing stuttered melon tower throng mothers radio tubes tagged faith strove rosin stole teases

13 14 16 15 mince pie times sailed rip stores saddle blanket haunted strap packed follow noble tan they're, they are hired strip iar names hunted reel. motion toenail teacher's. jumped cool picture possessive hurl slur streams kafir corn onions towards rapid railed melt. stronger throwing sweater take-off knob stutter minded mound roiled pulp heal, to cure swam sagacious saddle horse rolled hook till paddle stopping stolen rash stones followed reached oar of a boat reaches starve mother's nap no one homely possessive rosy punch rostrum pumpkins knell, sound of melted forced a bell noisy oats iumping iaw starving they'll, they will hitch ripped tame knead radishes hunter toiled takes straw near by, adv. or failed stripe mines thrust prep. swamp hay hazelnut reader sweat hunting floe, of ice strong tolled a bell fool teaches ripping raft sadness rotten slowly striped puppy states padlock talking strawberries tear from the swan steed thumb raspberry torn eye odor stunt sag stooped noose roads cheaper teaching streaming mingle cooking roller fair, pleasing chart homes pups safely iumps streak stony kneel strive ripple oil tongs hood stool stung red wolf staying okra rag there's, there is mould steamer tallow raid tigers rising talks stripes slipping swarming swear row of beans rail tons streamed safes tied teacup norther nailed

#### GRADES VII AND VIII

1 4 delighted mercifully expecting systems connections horrified retake variety affirmative queue of a views grievous phrases Chinaman healthful pitiless surveyed thrasher rating tasteful cluster enliven rites. ceremonies gruesome marshal, an loneliness asparagus embrace officer retch, to vomit counterpart refining records tortoise movable scandal urchin calomel scowl gullible horror momentary voiced emphasize tendril plumage Apollo pillars unmask assemblies panic scholastic approved patrons racial rogue hurricane realizing verily credited plaited, braided sardines assuring melodious armored manila returning sympathize exceeding recommending vacate valves veteran hardy quarry amounting perspire roughing conqueror crosscut saw rigor, stiffness chieftain eauip punishment practiced enrich penalty secondary attached pastime rhubarb theaters random madness urns, vessels culture titles autobiography receipted performs ventures chowder infant. mattress hantam mallet mischance routine esteemed entirely recline violently gore pygmies telegrams elves lurid suspended engineering recurring scurrying climax motoring supposed charter misspell scorpion outcast vixen gradual resume expel coachman resound telescope inasmuch pardonable rations swab aspect afflict minerals mercury taunt gluing loom smelter vigorous rival monitor recovered convent respective conceit emphatic threaten surveving delegate hippopotamus resolute ungrateful militia scenic expressing coffin righteousness confine morsel switchboard terms exert parsnip restrained tickets cornet hominy

7 5 6 powerful couplet horsepower chimnevs hearken mucilage guile embroider magnet . pathway physics refit incline sensed retaken anchor receipts scanned scramble considered pivot Sabbath odorous craftsman tenement Alaska archer impatient acreage pauper etc., abbr. manager parasol meager infer planet luscious pique unsightly sultry slough vermilion torment roguish radiant realm satin vipers suspending telegraphed locally faction impose chiefly envied grouping ransom ashore agencies crony coasting mining inventor respectively expelled glut veranda lore purified ridicule secrecy cinnamon various conceivable enduring hitherto currants. convert alfalfa raisins gorge millinery implements exclude pause, short recognized mortal qualities pause scuttle perplex resolve grovel tide of the sea enclosure scheduled allowing quarters advancement peaceful pumice stone tale, a story savov asphalt revival kangaroo parental tester guise hearsay placid mere ravage pennant patients of a picnicked hosiery

hospital

quicksilver

Chinese

mint

saber

rivalry

scheming

anecdotes

inclined

recently

taut, tight

suited

craft

voices

muddle

odorless escort

reflected

scrimmage

smirk

unison

pending cruising erect plumber unmindful attaching hackneved assert mischievous perish schooling vacated barbecue revenues grooved pawn atom bomb giver enroll martyr ranges toboggan crafty entitled partake actively parboil rowel terrace factories partridge pleasantly tippler coupling monk emerald maim recovery cube lorn retard plunger surveyor alligator usage vigorously

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delayed pirate swivel unsound poacher hazard Caesar enrolled heavily purity ranging slake rife vast extended bard, a poet sumac vertical gesture chipping emergency brake penniless sacrifices voicing mania particle plaster tidily resolving pistils of a flower summit chasm advanced envelop, v. pertain radiuses poultice exclamation consumer attire espy rouse, awaken villain acquainted

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restraining rightly tornado ream crevice consume expenses parish rave smite unmistakably toilet Arctic hairbreadth gospel reverend vacates assail necessarily hospitable monkeys picnicking rivet concerned quantities infirm rue terribly radiate swoon playwright revised clodhopper exercised rapture motto seasoned confirm achieve en route minuend loval scruple thereby akin

morrow

perplexing employed army corps impossible agreeably glutton marvel responded scantily tenor thence assertions cistern restraint satire suspense courthouse angle iron mainstay independence quire of paper verbatim convey elected miser scythe meanwhile rights scope unsteady tornadoes England locomotive misspelled reducing unwholesome corps of teachers cocklebur masonrv reflection survevs codicil hiccup mien, manner

enclosing

sluice astonishes exchangeable attentive cobbler meridian placing recruit thresh ungratified grippe, an ailment scoop romance telegrapher virgin guidance cudgel mulch retired usefulness cravat hoarv lustv schedules millionaire recognizing slumber romantic embargo granary manure memorable reasoning torpor equipped smattering airway experienced recipes tavern expressed parsley satisfying rugged envious

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appointed guild parlance responding assault purposed riffle covering messenger swain thrill gnarled monkey wrench plague scantv skirting unpleasantly realities suggesting exertion ungrounded token peasant scholarly advantages impressed symptom tense vapor passable recompense scoundrel resource retailed vicar hoodwink thickness banish punctual pithy tandem values cue, an actor's rill surgery unjust anguish palate chisel vesper patriot sacrificing hovel temper retort void auitted utensil exult herb parceled purposes verge energetic mothers-in-law algebra sea level roadster importance rueful activities vaguely radical telegraphing employees grope quarreled scheduling terrify fagot visions astonishment suspension chatter aloft timid encore rascal arrived cringe locust scaffold haziness marketable revoke commend plentiful excited vocabulary essayists tissue pictures quartz ensnare attorneys reform vegetables peony contend Indian rigging thereupon maize, milo rout, to put to responsive scarcity tension recital flight vine excusable scull, a boat taxation reaper survive unhappy maniac persevere thrive assigns rankle recoil ether mispronounced embarrass arid infirmary govern torpedo granite measurement rigid enjoying metallic unusually sycamore misspelling coconut tacit clotted airy masterly conflict acknowledging minuet tone pertaining goddesses unravel craze expired sleek classes motley lunacy barracks scored partners varying holy, sacred restrict vale, valley hardihood resorted vessel passengers rectangle rote, routine alteration exhibition superintend advertised mottoes reassure

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arguing covey assaults plaid guiltless parody piercing verified heroine methods robust culprit monument suicide announced versed patriotism swarthy chopped utter humid scholars enforceable banker emigrant convoy pavilion quitting reality concerning important revision volume enclosed plaza visiting elegance quarries telephoned groundless ply suspicions epoch crisis saturate asvlum clumsiness improve artery cherish encounter pitied, sumpafairness hopeless punctuate thized with headstrong references unwieldy radius rod peddler content established tapering seasoning competitor reconcile perfection inhabit testify enterprise suspected auction malady sage thermometer rummage reckon vinegar executed alight recommended purposing taxing radium symptoms adopted equation alterations exclaim rioter rear-vision enlighten entry mirror marketing schemed territories embarrassed retained tingeing corpse quay. wharf victim connect rasher of bacon thieving respectability logic surgical gratis mounting scourge misunderpetticoat rebellion torrent standing revolt. rumor mentally punished seasons tenant raiment unlettered refine ajar pliers scaled vanilla minus velocity vocalist heroism testy tissue paper tapioca goggle lunatic explaining acquaint moreover retrace cocoon mastery restaurants scarred parole refresh righted ruffian mettle, spirit throe, pain sleuth tonsils tenure sweating sculptor utterance rodent unreasonable verify guinea seaport vase cozen, to cheat assemble uniformed appreciated eying humorous armor choral emphasis plaids banner cultivators pillar suite of rooms scholastics hardship patrol teething

21 22 23 completely esteem ambition infancy enlist affirm matchless goggles pall expected malaria rancid improvements groundwork scan critic seclude texture horizontally vinevard sallow rewarded connected respecting counterfeit scouts syringes surprising retaining exile clumsy recorder passport chestnut rustic volcanoes revolve lunar titled inflame unwavering athlete unseemly articles penal marmalade slightly questions greetings secede refinement rite, ceremony mournful measurements auoted pitiful reclaim realized etiquette tenderness pheasant vested rigidly sculpture righteous telephoning sustain restore roughage torpedoes pursuit pilot headway embarrassing ventured vanguish valentines torrid climatic coolie unlimited encouraging fallow advised mentioned passion syringe groom improvement plight ruffle retainer vie scouted thoughtful horizontal respected pistol, sixuproar logical shooter titbit saturated revisit unwelcome volcano rebellious schemes torrents vanish venom assured thermos bottle conductor partnership unlikely homestead recorded victuals elegant query persimmon thoroughness continued riotous barren misshapen vaseline governmental radius entertained ransacked uprising

talcum

resorting

endorsement performed retreat suspend throttle plodders miracle routed equations rebuke tepid scenes engaged punishing ramble taillight manifest swindle version supported topic refreshing exclaimed tinsel creamery rated scaling results surprised tether recur plea tarnish visitors tendencies aught, any part pedestal scorn torpid announces motorcycle sympathies terselv seasonably

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#### HIGH SCHOOL

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recreant affliction papal paraphernalia matriculation initiate verbiage indisputable deferential impair applicant lucid palpitate optimist pasteurized venomous inexhaustible confront diminutive profane sarsaparilla excerpt seriousness appendage parasites longevity parochial mackerel inoculation marauder prosaic incinerate

general
conjecture
exploit
manslaughter
Protestant
linguist
applicable

confectionery.

candies

eulogy antedate mechanics

nitrogenous episode inhabitants vicarious panegyric infraction aspirations lieutenant generals expenditure prodigious veterinary papacy luxurious exterminate pagan fetid avaricious prospering antediluvian broker deduction epithet literally marriageable prosecute vicissitude projectile mandate propel apparel privateer hostile evolution constrain principles of law vertebrate palpable incomprehensible naturalize

pageantry

mediation

naturalization

a la carte participant victimize protestation allotment preconception linoleum privation innovation licentions presentation vernal organic infidel proportionally fermentation palaver rarity evacuate degeneracy antitoxin paragon luminary profanity magnanimity progeny lugubrious malfeasance infest exceptionally pastoral uniustifiable conferred presuppose malpractice innocuous proverbial expedient Air Corps Illinois, a state versatile matriculate destiny

fervent

vertebras provident infinitesimal ineffably decree primarily locomotion partisan presentiment mayonnaise profited masticate credence paean convocation scullion transmission apparition deformity ensue lignite apprehension inopportune machinist vesture particularize equivalent considerate detached artichoke ruse exempt mahogany probation vibrate lubrication deference primaries materially lvceum rehearse coquette figurative courageous

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articulate co-operative malice consistent matrimony panoply massacre aggrieve inert crepe prophecy outrageous paralysis galvanized arbitrate partially indulgent detention fertilize ineffective propeller mandatory protract viceroy pantheon ostracize ventricle fidelity copyright seniority immoral enumerate parallel inhospitable palatial verity infliction air conditioner biology conform expose manacle proclamation overture parentheses, pl. litigation

6 trite proportionate initiatory palisade libelous ingeniously alcoholic indorse oratorical ventriloquist parsimony environment brokerage appetizing lovalty epilepsy illiterate indistinct credential organization participate palter vicious panacea verdant opulence ineligible plateau depository agonize altercation ingenuity prospered inimitable vengeance inestimable discreet undeniable exorbitant prevalent manufacturing ordinarily incompatible denunciation calvx

servile

congenial magistrate luxuriant inheritance historical dilute inclement infect propositions equilibrium phase, aspect apiary litigate extemporaneous postscript scrupulous fiancee magneto lucrative vertigo lieutenant colonels inoculate oriental credible infamous universe ruth, pity alderman equidistant parasitic venue inference allege brocade phenomenal seminary consequences major general criterion incidental covetous pronunciation reconditioned propitious rusticate

prestige alms inflammatory phenomenon capillary promontory venerate originality verdure defensive recluse lineament paramount decorative rapacity incipient promenade orthography innuendo viands pasteurize ludicrous productive venerable indolent ultimatum artesian default inflection paroxysm ingratitude alternately uncultivated inducement ulcer exceptionable consumption prisms ornamental festivity corroding senility proprietor indispensable affidavit platinum

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nausea afterglow potent alacrity optimistic verbose infinitive parity appease partition scrutiny camp-fire girl median constitutional palmistry malignant proposals nitrogen appendicitis pretentious longitudinal pathology incessant festive ultimate indulgence vengeful transmitted inexcusable defrav prologue ingredients veracity pacify antiseptic explicit literal probability macaroni dimity festal constraint maltreat excavated prejudicial evangelist

obesity mulatto deferred vendor's lien inharmonious paradox lodgment antidote professions trivial rehabilitate proviso incite vestige manipulate detachment aperture exploration literate profile overt covet biographical depositor air conditioning veracious satiate alliance inferred venial ordnance vernacular infernal evaporation appraise principally vertebra prolific impart conjunction palatable manufactories confidential biography exchequer

orbit

decreed inexpensive ventilate epistle paraphrase discredit prodigy vexation conference fertilizing maudlin provender injunction promissory baccalaureate exalt limitation priority originated incomparable corresponding futile regime inevitable verminous creative femur equity influx proprietary iniquity alternating ensilage ligament pronounceable mathematics profundity sassafras incertitude preconceiving scrutinize mosques exhort profuse exchequer

envoy

alluring infuriate apportion liquidate ruthlessly maritime inordinate presentment excommunicate congratulations participle magnolia prophecies avalanche exemption apprentice probity ordinance crescent objectively mulattoes plasticity allegory councilor, member of a council

pantomime livid propitiate ulterior dependable append presumptuous logically protein maelstrom confide inclination maintenance rapturous discord consciousness presidential ovation consultation defer

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universally triumphantly creosote promulgate congestion magnitude diocese corral inflexible propound manifold prospective macadamize projection mechanism pastorate influenza privacy senile paradoxical nocturnal profiteer rarefied aggravate predatory infallible participial infirmity propensity vestibule passionate air-conditioned parsimonious viaduct enviable paltry mammon aqueduct vice versa iniquitous lubricate procrastination conveyed festoon incidents crucial

14 noisome impartial galvanize fictitious presumption equinox courtier prophesied verification injudicious paging maturity provisional capitalist paralyze dedicate parasite rapacious prostrate ineffectual parenthesis. sing. satellite transmit lucre optional veneer organize innumerable trigonometry defendant loquacious protrude appendix parchment lithe exporter lieutenant general partiality manuscript apoplexy expansive contagious

linear

preventive

broccoli confederate experimental primitive arbor vitae infectious venturous inhuman probabilities luminous Madeira palliate rehearsal profligate albumen parliamentary inertia bankruptcy undaunted phenomena recondition incision credentials productions ventilation ingenious proportioned luxuriance scripture apex problematical liability prism alternate parallelogram lineage preservation universities hostess plateaus exceptional conservative incompetent propaganda malleable

fertilizer consolidate malicious translation veneration inglorious provincialism versification maternal protector ingredient epitaph prospector indorsement obligate counselor, an adviserprodigality cope indivisible allusion martvrdom promiscuous ostracism verbosity inherit proficient obeisance alignment manufacturer pathetic equilateral prevalence majestic panorama high-pressure deflated propriety eulogize confound appliances expulsion proportional manageable orthodox