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FOREWORD

Very few of the words used in last year's lists are included in the lists in this bulletin. A radical change was made in spelling rules two years ago which have greatly improved the competition. It will be noted that in this year's rules, the third grade is dropped from the competition as it is deemed unwise to place the third grade in competition with the fourth and fifth in this competition.

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"; and "p.," "past."

The State Adopted text in spelling is used as a basis for a part of the contest at the county meet. Words given in the present lists are supplementary, practically none of them occurring in the State Adopted text. Teachers are advised to secure an adequate supply of League spelling lists early in the school year. During the months of December, January, and February, the demand for bulletins made upon the League Office is so great that our limited mailing force is unable to handle orders promptly. It is therefore the part of wisdom to secure your supplies early in the school-year.

Attention of teachers is called to many valuable suggestions for teaching spelling contained in the introductory pages of the State Adopted text.

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SPELLING LIST FOR GRADES IV AND V

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| tries | grip | gained | sunrise |
| showing | with the hand | fairly | gather |
| talks | whipped | hanging | thrust |
| counting | husk | dough | teaspoonful |
| cooking | sport | for bread | grum |
| wolf | building | trial | baboon |
| slack | flesh | elephant | shelter |
| courthouse | ark, | dotted | handed |
| shoeing | Noah's | whey | studying |
| grandfather | wiring | swept | hark |
| creek, | afternoon | freedom | sheet |
| a stream of | sneeze | whistled | carrot, |
| water | slid | bar | a vegetable |
| splinter | airman | spade | swam |
| tablet | hail, | fisherman | squat |
| strawberries | frozen rain | chosen | smaller |
| twinkle | shepherd | gem | bake |
| spray | trench | vein | hardly |
| bore | El Paso | of water | candle |
| with a gimlet | cried | whistling | crush |
| spending | anyone | skinning | gravel |
| cutting | buying | beggar | cliff |
| drill | hadn't | surely | grant |
| cot | fur | forewarn | vest |
| twenty | on animals | willing | funnel |
| sharp | dash | spine | canned |
| grapple | hovel | camel | shabby |
| grown, | seashore | grudge | valleys |
| a grown man | glum | cotter pin | closing |
| shawl | fellows | bomb | hyphen |
| sores | druggist | skidded | seemed, |
| sort | armful | harbor | appeared |
| Asia | smelt | handful | dishonor |
| grabbed | hers | fang | daisy |
| forced | clabber | slight, | clouds |
| dusky | finger | to neglect | hare, |
| sunshine | swan | skimmed | $a\ rabbit$ |
| dumb | wise | bale | zinc |
| crank shaft | tripped | of cotton | anvil |
| hero | winning | trapper | sweeping |
| growth | wanting | gruff | stamping |
| cornstalk | whistles | acid | elect |
| finding | badge | youngest | gallon |
| whip | curtain | calm | dabble |
| teases | sleet | lair | anywher e |
| | | | |

England

wishes chart guessed p. of guess charm helpful pioneer sharing Bible careless ward school division soaping chalk gotten drowse tomb phone boot cave arithmetic sobbing thaw trim theirs someone setting handle Gypsy flaw afterward waking pieces smiles ajar something wished broken calf hammock airplane

gain

verb

greedy

wired

balk

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shatter touching gabble sobbed babies air line hark ease ape drowned tack seesaw heroes county seat span tense violet leper candy sedan borne on the back hem sleek blow-out shed apart test belt vinegar peril soiled sot turning laggard gnat soiling swum dangle unknown steak, meatseventh wade

whenever

siege

dare farthest clap sparrow sword toenail hundredths purely stuff teas. pl. of tea tightest swear sunshiny dagger duck stole borrow shovel waited an hour beak bill sorrows grand touched yourself ruined heap spreading darling mist. forehead spared fix doze fright goal dying p. p. of die sleeves starved drooped throats stitch

tremble

spider gouge trout shiver skirt beyond wishing hardware cigar finished pshaw gear youth drizzly verses secrets slant daring forces drench shaped droves sources gravy halter value carve caused feathers arise starting dancing dainty triangle seventy dull burst besides coward unlikely skates fit childhood splice tightly

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thieves sometime glutton boar. armchair male hog sweetly sweat served clover understood share trials boast horn steamed hello handled into the world hurl writers navy yard gleam of players spotless bunch helm drizzle colored stuffing tighter torn fern forgotten soh shared skimming grate flies toil tried of a stove cricket French herb spelling sunnv fluid climbed speaking hie gas shove sneer away aid gave turkeys dealt strongest flame searching troop forcing spoonfuls awful teams humbug hymn, elm of players sixtieth a songaisle stopped shining of a church duties dropsy classes thief air-tight waked teased daze fling woolen bean suppers bacon tiny sidewalk bald dose giraffe foes birch hulk somewhere agent fore, in front of wheat eggs aged tin vowel fortieth faucet shoe thicker sower anybody gloat hatchet tomato sweets hedge spinach slave vase hotel tons losing speaks skidding stuffed flew. anger ail. sparkle p. of fly gust to trouble thinner dragged shift grave skating doubtful tourist camp signed gnaw cents, money armies skid tiresome slept blast souls grandmother apiece southern of the dead teasing gases tease. treats soldiers shown, to annoy striking cheer p.p. of show thirty add talking tire closet drove stamped whirl giant claw snug shears stayed, underneath dreary whichever p. of stay branches sworn ginning vise, heifer harm axe, a tool turnip

Waco Dallas searched tongues tickets flare foolish smiling soak carpet carried trough debt Dixie wrench gazing fixed wherever awl. sea level eaves cities a tool wipe arch spite axle spike hunted shout hurrying closed boy scout followed vex sum, noun blotch blister skinned violin boll weevil beaten blight thickest soil spatter digger dropping vours eaten shv thinnest danger flavor Chesapeake hurrah tickle shock zero airship kindergarten dimple timid wire shanty speaker threat weighting couch wives habit down tastes rivet fireman holey. Gospel harrow uncles having holes mattress furrow travels border stutter dun. grasshopper Fort Worth a color than source aching driving denot buckle clang dishful drones soot speed agree sprig din stew standing bead digging swollen duel. throne dodged harsh fightshingle of a king travel feeling elbow dairy Hallowe'en towers croup filthy fund till form seeming, dropped cannot beef appearing bin, hose, wires wharf stockings for corn seine swimming shrivel disc for fish speeches sharper biggest tax space vine slain strange sickness blame frighten didn't thong backward berries ant. starry an insect higher, flank fairy comp. of high doing buttonhole cloak echo arrow baker stopping goose seek sudden eighteen shrill a tool hiccup hurry thistle seasons sidewise drouth crow trousers sooner zeros

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SPELLING LIST FOR GRADES VI AND VII

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| figuring | mountainous | retain | hart, |
| lavender | adjoin | statements | a deer |
| insanity | regularly | resorting | possessed |
| operate | chapter | composition | barracks |
| quarreled | contrast | explanation | pursuing |
| prudence | armor | dungeon | scorn |
| mart | sketches | taxation | busier |
| fitly | residing | somewhat | affected |
| whomsoever | gaunt | script | articles |
| reckless | billow | barbecue | releasing |
| cider | detained | amaze | lavatory |
| designing | deem | solicit | staging |
| pallor | foil | doggerel | opaque |
| copyright | revenge | haven | cancer |
| voicing | repeating | probe | solely |
| adore | vicious | molten | wreath |
| grater, | yeast | furthermore | flange |
| kitchen utensil | cheerful | wooer | probable |
| gingham | dismal | harmless | disprove |
| serge, cloth | steely | charity | dissolved |
| reporter | reveals | inkling | maternal |
| scoundrel | diary | baste | enlighten |
| export | winsome | overdue | repaired |
| supporting | requiring | surprised | strictly |
| behalf | charming | canker | doubtless |
| thermometers | caterpillar | celebrate | chasm |
| everywhere | flail | determined | enfeeble |
| burden | burying | normally | deserve |
| inlet | in the ground | prepay | admire |
| granary | enjoyable | devoured | winnow |
| sophomores | streaming | arbor | bill fold |
| proposed | descends | Canadian | domestic |
| retiring | eyesore | rewards | quaver |
| accepting | European | supported | quotation |
| surfaces | usage | inmate | cafeteria |
| mucilage | senseless | ere, before | cigarette |
| candor | Beaumont | noteworthy | thrilling |
| chord | released | routed | amass |
| of a piano | reverence | halo | provid ed |
| deserved | Europe | abundant | burros, |
| nugget | privileges | dredge | donkeys |
| struggling | palsy | flume | pivot |
| mettle, | stylish | valid | devic e |
| spirit | removal | entry | monument |

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burro, a donkey soothe tier of seats Pyrenees hearken culprit railing displeasure renewing forage cushaw to put to flight exact dally busybody wile declaim testy ventures throng prisoners generation favored thereupon developed feud envelop. awning skirted advertising verb quoted record eclipse finance parable bade. calomel morals wifely bulletin past of bid eddv profits, gain antler sorely worthy separation destroyed affairs pamphlet ventured Gibraltar divisible dissatisfy stuttered multiplying metallic arc. rout. part of circle friction dale uncertain Puritan vogue intense scantv altitude ancestor dupe babble ordeal backslider renown purchased poisonous vale. staid foolhardy canal valleuamend skulk mentioned faultless respond abode docile stalwart wrest. describing violent twist pursuits restrained crater design retired occupied seriously varies withdraw upheld register engaged steadied static serial story utterly compass pistil stuttering mimicked of a flower detail chore seasoning accent behold quibble havoc obedient burly merchandise cauliflower separately archer angrily thwart will-o'-the-wisp frigid purvey programs wisdom laundress muffle unsteady content quire par abreast patriotic recall caution genteel lecturing scenery rally despaired rewarded prized calico pavilion reserve interview rectangle cataract wont, usual repairs consonant wonted infinitive abound vearn distrust courtesies manner tennis stress wrought medical dolt supports relieving punishing bask upshot enliven choosing phrasing willful amounting girdle equipment

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bearer amplifier hureau ordinary climax amplify forcible retailing hauhle innocence military tempt haughty electrician supplies prv barter launder porous wicket bill of lading lavish scarcity betwixt adjective submit abolish chatter dire patrol famine chilly groundless guinea process worship buoy, support befall Filipino headquarters frolicsome presence reprove qualifying of mind replied relv pawn sorghum stellar mosquitoes sorrel commence erase ponder milksop servant presided digest admittance withstand hardship furnishing heathen advanced dispatch slaughtered anecdote establish embroider cute solos clink supposing dual. cunning records remove twopyramid worthily surge camera spasm of the waves query quitting error vigil cove almanac preside insert struggled clotted embroidery mother wit appreciation hone purposing vineyard introduced unworthy marvel vie vocabulary service theory abhor victor explaining objective backbiters of paper harpoon marvelous felon causeway settlement modifying outbreak chink sorrowed produced admit commencing coarseness sealing molest divorce explained with wax customers severely filter siphon leash prevents chubby relation stubble cipher supposed ruinous levy a tax values previously sparse guitar permitted adjourn frugal parachute bewitch estimated thoroughly wreathe background instructor busily belle. currency singeing alight a beautiful girlcontrary untidy requests emphatic rugged quacks proven falter clipping removed racer usher clodhopper ceiling politely intellect bewail of a room testament

errand

electricity

proposing

multiplier

considered

throughout

cov

thatch

exploit

quitted

aware

repent

placard

scripture

inserted

resorted

slaughter

opposition

situated

victims

omelet

ally

utters

ordain

releases

stocked

vacancy

chieftain

cautious

culvert

reddish

X-rayed

purchase

heartily

example

retaken

baptize

outcast

chowder

singular

restore

willfulness

to diminish

lessen.

beset

repairing

inquiries agency editorial auiver bloodthirsty preserving inhuman elegant requesting spacing angler renew don writhe canary quench chimney proverb repelled pious policy doff vain, egotistical secede erect prune matron upstart cheaper rewarding souring outnumber sulphur coasting receiving evidently mature rejoin nymph evident coachman repeated inherit absent, not present

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offends prior procuring dramatic consist covote repel sultry alter. to change messenger nourish deface infancy Calvary telephoning slacker distressing beverage buyer buzzard parceled extension Hawaii charter nude buried procures geranium sculptor entitled prosper Apollo extent dismay paragraph engagement usefulness parental descriptive vague reserving protect reside requested

prospering

dispatches favorite resort ream auest mute extreme resisted induce stamen recovering stampede udder inquired purposes detached retch. to vomit gruesome voiced disown eraser pongee palmistry uproar preposition tidal acceptance hardy Nueces leavening outright equip comment overcomes campus announced esteemed terrace cinnamon panic void prompted retake bayonets

reserved almond relieves gaiety entertainment sparing hearsay faithfully popular sciences quell removing regrets cluster monitor separating valuation mortal malaria recipes seriousness evergreen dimension morsel overwhelm terror famish wronged guile vapor vanity surname rebellion vipers mentally scouted indorsement exclaim solder depending employment bevel checking vivid chill befitting

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laundered insisted serpent orchid pomp stanch Christian sorrowing spawn admitted vouthful gauze dimity chowchow oust lens scholastics purchasing questions expenses curt prospered novelty abridge arid everyone elastic groceries protected yields thieving ruining subjecting adopted customhouse presidency maintain exchange dialogue arranged resistance promising ledger cinder feint.

a mock blow

wiry sinew ownership protection pageant chopped qualify agreeably picnicked proceeded lariat rarasol florid deemed diligent screech contend preserves throttle site. situation grippe. an ailment preventing threatening explorers poach wistful mainstay petition comrade prizing hairbreadth examined legal temple explode mimic commend extended inflame relate disturb equally outset petunia

expression awaiting pact chestnuts extending headstrong outstrip output gigantic verbal billion scandal eventful retreat cambric telegraphing academy prepaid wrangle surly reproach telegraphed leaven numerator allowing multiplication lest slander librarian airy dispute serviceable rejoice stiffe ascend legion candid procured rabble cavalry eavesdropper commel Christmas contempt extend akin

virile

ewe. female sheep checked scrubby Graham flour surgeon rebuke bard sopranos railed prevented compelled burglary fiber hamper venison dissolve protecting mercantile subdues larder opposed bayou tether instantly favorable donor witnessed accepted floral chisel devour recording doggedly tidily mulattoes chimnevs scrimmage abuse archway equator entertaining essence avoids render sturdy

encouraged scraper explosion quinine digit gamble with dice alto thrill burnish omen ghastly Spartan portly prospecting author reverend occupation varied startling resisting ebony scarcely flourish regretted eider down operation premiums outlawed meteor belfry diminish enlist married unaware ebb sophomore determine emerald compete sinewy threshold revolted arriving inquiry rural

vehicle unsound chiefly detailed patriotism cavern apologize stately excited violently disobedience sensation standard scourge pamper resolved vision droll recently admission vice versa gruel sublime scope replace principles of law metaphor ample basis embrace recovered servants charged solicits pygmies approve protest doom skirting completion basely figured catsup exciting haziness

descent refuge alderman cavity simpler skirmish balcony baffle salvation sketching saliva rebellious tendril refreshment salaries skein cede. to grant unexpected refreshing air service ale. a drink stoutly unexplored Cayenne sectional taxing sallow receipted cavities undertone telephoned telegrams balanced refrain undoubtedly simper receipts album salable sketch rebound refresh cautiously

SPELLING LIST FOR HIGH SCHOOL

1 2 3 4

injunction roseate stimulus statutory felony depict fibrous sundry continuously presentation clandestine dislodge exhume ingenuous soldiered manslaughter trepidation righteousness mammals detection projectile organic transportation abscess manifold fictitious celibacy materially requisition denude incompetent iudicial opine grotesque cavalcade ceding, supersede granting ingenuity pestiferous protege informal primeval precedence specification disembark perseverance celebrity sterilize unconfined perplexing incomparably vitiate caption ribald transcontinental pusillanimous digestible perpetually superfine notorious cartilage clement sterile revels acceleration demonstrated mortar marketable specifications anthropology diffuse dialect protein conciliate bombast perplexity renegade liability perforate indispose mortality discredit composite Nicaragua innumerable

rendezvous

accordion

purview stability inheritance acclimated chambrav prosperity chanticleer convalescence imperceptible depreciate vintage psychology matriculate provincial retrench publicity retard Guadalupe vista grange vivify loquacious unanimously caravan indefatigable claimant vertigo synonymous prolific specified reprieve depopulate concentrate improvident oppression pseudo Jesuit jeopardy tremulously unwavering judiciary optimistic diffusion inglorious

anonymous migrate imperial syllogism sterilization opiate pertinent impotent nonchalant lunacy vindicate antique Susquehanna upbraid detention munitions termagant contention unstable ardent convocation remitting telegrapher incurable vilify indispensable persecute surgical guaranty puissant logical vocalist cpulence apocrypha undeviating articulate expound revision convoke excruciating indignation mortify originality literally

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arsenic reversely spasmodic expedient minimum iniudicious remedied specific presuppose practically pestilence absentee remedving impeding projection antiquity coercion perusal munificent accessible indorser cornice svcophant immerse fertility guttural diadem logically deplete pursuant ardor monotone maximum status suppliant luminous festivity exchequer presbytery comprehend indignity reprehended sundries diagnosis arraignment supplant fiancee tenement practicable levying transcript finite exterminate implicit accomplice cavalier arbiter repository ludicrous luxuriance mediocre sustenance synopsis blasphemy impenetrable coerce provincialism repulsive incompatible convivial coffer revoke strata heresy ingredient levity progeny gratuitous rescind materialist volition nomadic species contentment precaution chrysanthemum humility gubernatorial reverberate lessee

caret, a proofreader's mark influx notionate remonstrate vindictive supplication requital ultimo repression granular resentment concession strenuous rehabilitate iocular temerity negotiation precarious theatrical devotee cavil impetuous impoverish ligament prognosticate idealism tenure solidarity orison coalesce idolatry abstinence importunate indifferent magnitude prescience cloister capsize improvise literal cessation terminates

blaspheme

indefinite

pretension lunar demeanor gratis primarily impregnable maudlin mayonnaise monopolize exonerate romanticism lien Soviet extinct anticlimax holocaust provisional surmounted perturbation morose contemptuous copse archives detachment jocund lessor. one who leases

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uncultivated heritage impeached volcanic ingeniously urbane inconvenient transverse socialist synonym implement requite disfranchise provisioned heredity expansive fertilization

iciest

remitted

copious
homicide
exemplar
detriment
perturb
negligee
centrifugal
manipulate
sumptuous
absolve
indigence
revile
loftily
muscular
censor

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censor the movies prudential contribute digestive arbitrary notoriety monopoly impediment upheaval impelling reputable contemporary syntax reversible incur disconcert surfeited figurative exclusive literate fervid res arch vagabond tribunal licentions minimize perpetual vagary

firmament

noisome

demonstrate ribaldry deport mundane provisioning maritime desultory replete versatile maltreat theology termination reparable temporize hoax purport repletion spaghetti contrite armor miasma superstitions tendencies unanimity hiatus unalterable victimize humidity acceptable prostrate transfigure blatant indestructible orifice arable lubricate inducement petit jury voracity rehearsal composure

proletariat

acclamation

stratagem

coordinate stipulate impiety implicate clamorous incomparable rerfidious libelous specialty versify coadjutor iudicious standardize progenitor nefarious conviction litigation impede majestic tribulation monosyllable indisposition solicitude dexterity hostages victimizing abscond prospective Bolshevist immersion sociability hostility punctilious indescribably luxurious specifies renunciation provident revocation horizontally transversal antipathy cognizance solitary

trapeze

opprobrious unshrinking soldiering undaunted linguist psalter lineal grandeur incorporate reliability remonstrance abstemious publicist reprisal prosperous transpose mechanical vigilance arraign squalor contusion tenacity masticate transcribe indigenous medieval inhibit peruse unseemly hippopotamus arson continuous exotic surmise imposing contumely perpetuate maze, confusion of thought chaos susceptible feline indistinct unconnected superstition

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