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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 Five to Eight, inclusive. Few, if any, of the words appearing in the lists will be found in the adopted spelling texts.

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 teaching 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
b a bble	roil, to stir up	lash	steamer
gravel	muffins	oil	shot
padlock	strive	sag	struts
rosy	crutch	prey of a lion	twins
scour	tuning	rubbers	near-by
leaves	mirth	trying	racer
riddle	imp	slur	devise
ice cream	sunrise	thumb	safes
tagged	derrick	cheek	used to
streams	playground	spoonfuls	blend
quench	letters	tiny	slyly
plays	strengthen	pailful	okra
stuffed	knuckle	sharpen	Wednesday
yours	wring the	rabbits	packed
roof	clothes	frown	windows
strictly	diggings	lodging	gently
landing field	saddle blanket	hilly	tongs
gruff	mines	skated	priced
toe	lop	cuff	lounge
pencils	awaiting	sworn	pellet
stirrup	jailer	lions	salve
disband	gardener	tip	dial
shear the sheep	tune in	stony	harden
playful	lure	grazing	tables
grumble	sob	sledge	rates
stopping	roaring	whey	sleeps
landing gear	frolic stride	pearls	teacup
pianos		streaming	writers
seine for fish	gnaw	lines	lives
limestone	pan	hind	griddle
blubber	shingle nuts	bag	pruning
scribble	flurry	stubble cutter	milch cow stabbed
roads whittle	teasing	holey.	lessen, to
sneak	puddle	having holes	diminish
glen	daintv	smock	deadly
kindle	thrust	brisk	striking
sear, to wither	lists	girl	ripple
new hat	they'll, they	strained	prim
peanuts	will	kinsfolk	stands
snub	rocked	painter	whim
leopard	silo	lofty	no one
joyful	paints	tune out	straining
root of a tree	garter	smelt	killed
suppers	red wolf	fury	gait of a horse

5	6	7	8
gaudy	fuse	primer	spasm
tree	sprig	sheaf	playing
stuttered	grum	hauled	nap
keyhole	rostrum	rolls	sports
oranges	tap	sponge	ginger
grasp	soiled	knoll	auto
saddle horse	deaf	mould	stores
lard	glum	pillows	take-off
forces	sadder	skillet	livestock
smallpox	lurk	wail	named
daughters	frosted	prizing	striped
melody	smaller	kitty	udder
sly	walking	staying	rats
halter	Miss, title	disk, flat	presents for
layer	dishwasher	circular plate	Christmas
splash	jumped	shorn	axle
hop	soiling	marbles	swore
roses	checking	warp	lament
harness	rash	sizes	cud of the cow
splinter	stupefy	gable	sticky
wants	hubbub	wretch, un-	makes
ridden	pulley	happy person	kingly
pint	schools	push button	skiff
slide	mellow	sling	looks
gristle	prized	hid	noose
towards	scrawl	taper	raisins
stagger	prick	seashore	cricket
fang	looking	\mathbf{frog}	ruddy
throttle	sulphur	mansion	ginning
stones	teases	squaws	lived
dishful	moans	pushed	shoved
kafir corn	spilled	giraffe	cheaper
scraper	hover	tells	mop
rolling	worms	hackberry, a	spurn
names	girdle	tree	pigs
southward	pulp	working	rattlesnake
fowl, chicken	sparse	guy wire	dire
weaken	rein of a bridle	saint	sleeping
southwest	jeweler	foil	lag
din, noise	wings	theme	dike
theirs,	spoons	parked	mince pie
pronoun	log	stale	flowers
sweat	rally	throwing	stair steps
pry	cooking	friends	oak
works	hut	stung	Psalm
now	sailing	prices	softly
punch	nurses	foul ball	latch

9 10 11 12 stronger hitting ax raccoon cruelly strife wren blot dining room wedge slammed heal. to cure stout brittle tigers loaves pop sow wheat oar of a boat developing hunting trench hazelnut fluffy walnuts slid nursed stutter cord of wood briar pinch owl hedge woods lip grapevine washed swine things gaily they've, they tries hyphen pecan, a tree kennel have sounded springs words haunt fortieth nose dive reins of a scrapbook glitter grocer bridlegopher dingy wrath mire flush devoid presses no, negative roasting ear toys tag gust \mathbf{smith} steps rag award miller nostril kidnap pennies tolled a bell railing hoeing heifer squab pumpkins monthly fold sledding where's, telling toaster where is detain tin despot weighted down crest scraped shears, homes fork maple large scissors grizzly, somesad kneel what gray widow awl, a tool descends sound film rosin gizzard spine thousands overshoes spied hoe, a tool uncles digging curfew ledge uncle's, sobbed ware, as pulleys possessive homely alassware deeply strainer lapel streamed quinine resin startled melted knob molasses oust seeing races huddle unscrew mankind daisies steed sharper hinder horses meat, flesh fluster squirm spike radishes raven jammed heroes samples you'd, you weaker minded wouldscrewdriver lance smug device hive legs houses selling lion preaching knell, sound of smiles a bell open-air hale and hearty mower, mowing railed pressed mvself machine fog-horn horns shawl stricken mingle mess husk

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13	14	15	16			
grim	skates	strove	pulling			
bristle	rocks	tons	thanks			
scraping	gavel	prizes	rolled			
preached	turf	spoonful	stork			
swarming	roiled	lamely	won't, will not			
puts	mason	roared	harrow			
dagger	hopeful	weevil	ripping			
spelling	reel, motion	started	soaked			
water pump	picture	crow	curl			
rattling	thickest	halves	nozzle			
painful	forced	searched	forests			
rainfall	shoeing	mouse	slant			
months	lessons	raid	pups			
skies	popcorn	shoemaker	grudge			
tub	flywheel	talking	kinds			
prank	cries	knowing	praying			
searching	wringer, for	spotless	for favors			
husking	wet clothes	blotter	swan			
quail	lots	you	lull			
swinging	heed	thistle	kittens			
hoist	speller	screech	tame			
will	desired	fox	sash			
scooter	pane of glass	handwriting	rattled			
tallow	screens	wriggle	pansies			
papa	differently	squirrels	kernel of a nut			
bribe	name plate	pedals of a	raining, falling			
stared	sadness	bicucle	in drops			
vein of water	window shade	street car	dirge			
dishonor	ponies	hew a log	mutter			
sirup	stain	pants	upshot			
glide	tastes	hurl	floe, floating ice			
lye soap	flora	devil	seems, appears			
skid	pies	twine	jumps			
twinkle	sidewalks	kid	gauze			
prunes	cull	Santa Claus	self			
soften	puppy	crowbar	dale			
waters	furrows	waterproof	radio tubes			
younger	smallest	pincers	gallows			
pansy	ruled	stuffing	sleet			
sisters	tasting	haziness	hateful			
nicest	knead the	fore, in front	goad			
rap on the door	dough	shoe	skinned			
hound	stuttering	lasso	icy			
pressing	hills	pest	toenail			
snakes	curb	speckle	guessed, p.			
fodder	loser	rushing	of guess			
laying	pay	swear	stern			
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GRADES VII AND VIII

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1 unfurl casual nickname unfounded chaperon wary rewarded lurid intact skein wealthier fingerprint causeway gaunt horizontally waif espy nasal inventor frigid substituting wifely rivalry largely cadet broadcasting locust twinging respectively windrow sect herb shroud sections unforeseen lunar gainsay reline occurring frequency taunt systems prodigal preposition subscriptions offends subscribed brooder withdrew cvclone cables invitations tournev spreading czarina brunt remembers wilfulness self-control hazard window card obscure cat's-claw. publishing a shrub dumfounded witless numeral playwright wan defrost truce duteous subscribing proceeds whither loneliness premiums assault sorrowful realm turning dental loathe gender censure portrait windshield wiper shuttle

worsted cloth

starboard

envelop, verb lore orchid notionate explaining curry intent son-in-law hardy intent lieu seepage licorice vixen declension seasoned pursuit pilot attorneys signals granite territories simmer prisoners exult serge cloth vipers afflict tickets astonishes spawn velocity corpse assertions orderly cobbler fortified void abhor infant wallet enliven suspending worthily enrolled lorn touched

smirk groundwork rating scramble punishing rhubarb charter exceeding secede goddesses unwavering pavilion exclamation uproar shameful vicar gratis telegrapher gallantry armor craze unsteady visions sprightly assemblies England volcanoes arid tortoise ventured taxing covey spacious enlist scan roughing swab waver, move unsteadily syringes hippopotamus thermos bottle sorrows verily embargo splice

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5 6 7 8 reserving professors subdue cruising rustic texture tuber penal belle, a beauticustomhouse ridicule weal ful girl limited short wave exertion affirmative glut staging varying scholastic inquired touchdown siege relinquish luscious seeder, sower fairness window-shopper of seeds tornado joist craft bevel pall airy calomel trio vaguely secrecy sublime typing instil hackneyed lustv gaiter nymph cluster limpid tether scheming ponder pheasant marrowed repay hoary ether naturalist competitor unravel restraint presenting spangle clumsiness shouldering equation clotted siphon pennant sorely tavern uprising tester casting relav throe, pain obtains tissue paper gambol, play sporting zinc implements climax aboutprogressing offenses released siding wrest, violent portly cringe rations twist reinforced voiced grooved buckwheat resist retch, to vomit fringe angle iron bust remained unexplored loathsome truancy ordeal scenic defended duelist cudgel gospel vacated naval officers tissue headway furnishing spaghetti denounce kangaroo infancy assail endorsement ransacked contend disposed lattice emphasize sorrowed narrating scaling nickel-plate titbit proclaim resolute pomp wealthiest terselv cutout persimmon proceeding curtail portal spreader gluing lunacy staid, i.e., gruesome defv pretension sober, grave, windowfulfilled healthful sedateshopping squabbling surveying agencies energetic eke out a living frankness tumult soothsaver recorder ivy squarely vermilion woodchuck siren vanish thereby oversize brawn chowder separator remaining replenish shutters enclosed cautiously travels deem produced sex, male or stanch narrows assaults tendril female plaid tacit

9 10 11 12 responded persevere essavists provincial urchin hairbreadth sentenced heroism eving sportive unsound vigorously repetition tribute bombard tepid seemingly infer hoodwink intently motto tropical falsify sewer hiccup wearisome chisel flank shrew outcrop astonishment testify ravage procures telegrams canker wattle acknowledging horizontal sketched busybody bisector conqueror denying potash turret aloft resigning vacate sinew wooer unmindful invoke grouping excusable telephoning towering declamation thereupon cocklebur profound gardening attire scorpion invisible numskull straightforward approved sorrowing somber clodhopper resound unmistakably (or sombre) terrify elegance withe of oats cinnamon garland tornadoes torpedoes decimal relax actively obscurely whomsoever expressing vocabulary inhabit Latin sordid trusting ungraceful steadfast gullible relaxation watershed tinsel blissful tension simpleton observance trailed amounting bard, a poet casually vie captured whence hovel torpedo registers bugbear wattles terrace unlikely umpires fatally charges fagot bewitch invalids anguish vesper syringe shampoos deposits glutton bronze fine arts regularity ensnare righteous ordain navy-yard gore drunkenness singing prelude exert occurrence replacement schooling recommending millinery negative film renews forthwith postures agreeably chatter oasis shamrock weaving brethren towered fathers-in-law wickedness victuals epoch likelihood unison connections blight sketches retailing vessel Apollo stalwart brutal possessor quoted plodders virgin veranda utensil eider down scowl depending savorv titled valentines Britain thickness scanned expelled vigorous tarnish breed frankly undergrowth sponsor

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heavily remedied scorn random retrace prolonged unmask cavern brawny trinkets cornet embroider Japanese pitied, symgrippe, an tripod poring, studypathized with ailmentbillion ina taillight ruffian emphatic tasteful bevv wearving czar breaker liberates substituted homestead revival wrenching racial unreasonable carat, a unit greetings origin heroine of weight suite of rooms thresh telegraphed frontier turpentine scantily stead switchboard wingspread overwhelm preside coffin coupling values instructor relatives cue, an actor's prowess sever vacht ungentlemanly thoroughness trifled deprive quay, wharf horror choral chaff enlighten service uniformed tendencies ungrateful plight intrust prominently humid wily torrent dependence caramel skirmish tumor numerical governmental exercised enrich unpleasantly prediction wistful plaids tours unfavorable jealousy leaven chieftain brood tidily banker rejoin regulator venom pore of the goggle eightieth standpipe skinfaultless brink prosper embrace inserted hardihood armored fallow tremor dungeon Caesar asparagus violently retake sardines grope lunatic stylish expel horsepower trader faction cronv planet sirloin nursling realizing trough dross saber plumage remedying usage trellis mania dangerously prevailing vertical groundless items bridal party renounce veteran inflammable caret, a proofbland torrents ungrounded reader's mark separable gnarled posture solitude reflected consumer gauge for bias counterpart zeal measuring reporting starry plaited. torrid wasting braided. bombing plane ventures breakers shampoo cherish beloved oath wile tutor subdues foster truant guiltless prairies rancid invade subjected rites, ceremony

17 18 19 20 thieving relent numerator wreak sons-in-law grievous tresses vengeance acreage tingeing hitherto sensed conceivable wry, twisted bearer Chinese tripped hardship seethe infirm dry cell resisted performed politely refit enforceable perfection hospitable tense trackless numb revenues overweight resemblance situations vineyard biped legion attaching singeing giver trickle crafty carnage fragment scarred granary arguing tenement allowing stolid toilet billow bride registering squabble stamping beacon envied akin etiquette similarly winnow treating infirmary fume barbecue nations muzzle damaged services berrying, version token lax, not tense gathering thrasher berries query groom misspelling brooch juvenile sinewy cravat invasion reserved unfulfilled sultry chipping procuring gawky asylum stoutly hearken restrained significance torment deemed peony kindliness coachman dependent securely needful voicing respective bred in the bone cacti spirited autobiography seeded, planted guile sallow erect preceded roguish tenderness loom titles tapering exile server remains lighten worshipful dual, two shortsighted relentless customers weakening taxation featured bowel skeptic busier ashore trespass lathe spotlight interfering elves archer refining Arctic tippler deign, to guild remembrances cultivators condescend traceable blest radiant brother-in-law thrive petticoat dahlia stucco guinea narcissus wicket telegraphing alligator theaters nationality headstrong father-in-law vaseline beseech gorge truthful instinct educates shouldered solicits repose torpor remedies spiral grovel eighths rigor define twinge sentences currants probe torpid partnership bantam

24 21 22 23 recline winsome slough banish scouts privileges bliss assert brutish sorrel regrets cube windlass guise unsightly goggles damsel tandem livelihood tenon verbatim gelatin suited Calvary novice prejudices window shutter preserves flexible tapioca protesting verify sketching militia intake gesture views couplet exchangeable regulate warrior logic sheathe consume duration asphalt procured torturing Indian visitors encore scrimmage omitting thoughtful hosiery crosscut saw solicited mutually pollen listless bewilder sister-in-law tuition shared trestle plea equations army corps hearsay rogue schemes gear sentencing undersized weariness voices wand invoices outer portico inflated hominy barracks enterprise bloated verge anecdotes struggles tortured passport withhold narration atom bomb unwholesome unlimited vacates chasm progressed wane convent scruple situate deceased improvements weird ransom urns, vessels emerald craftsman smelter phrases sprayer wheedle soliciting talcum shafts

en route

repelled

wayward

unaware

HIGH SCHOOL

1 epilepsy populous, having many people monotony profile ultimo muse, to meditateverbose libelous affliction exasperate mutable alderman beatitude coöperative polygamy arbor vitae dirigible privation excerpt iuveniles manifold crescent diminutive criterion mutation dilated exchequer preamble ruth, pity magistrate paging optimistic calyx munitions deference traversing constrain pronunciation inhabitants ensilage nonentity deflated piratical

magneto venial serene negotiable turbine niggard capsize derision vertigo promulgate unjustifiable conferred defiance propositions calaboose deferred brunette naturalization barrier illusion veneer scripture paralleled courtier idolatry multiform profligate discrepancy veracity impair monopolize pastorate fertilizer propitiate venomous hereditary scullion matriculation demolished cadence universities credible asthma uncouth humility impassioned

3 nomadic dishevel paltry obsolete semblance lignite prevalence ordinance excommunicate martyrdom carburetor pillage geological idiot radiophone inoculation unalterable senile pollution desolately verminous premise graphite diagramming pilgrimage housing nutritive inert trite infest disclaim obnoxious tubular discredit refute proportionate corral turbulence denim habitual transplant bivouac preconceive machinist infliction ventriloquist

preventive matrimony discommode placate licentious ocular autocrat transgress autopsy diffused typhus ill-willed particularize sciences asterisk palatable disappearance imaginative monopoly digest preclude fumigate tyrannical palpitate uniformity despicable manuscript hallelujah disdain recondition festive premature guaranty monotonous unfledged degradation barbarian fusion presumptuous vertebras credence panacea demountable identical transgression append

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5 exempt macaroni detrimental nauseous bereave unnecessarily paralysis recluse equilibrium optional gravity prejudicial barricade mosque pollute appendage covetous innocuous denizen presentment phraseology covet exterminate magnolia refutation precision nominal idol, a thing worshipped proportioned bazaar reciprocal proposals auxiliary brokerage predatory inhospitable apprehension potent hemorrhage defray promontory festivity barbarity manufactories discreet paraphernalia umbrageous

6 palaver massacre vendor's lien participial venerable gravitation panorama obstinacy cartilage infraction originality allusion carnivorous Madeira nausea predispose authorities unnumbered regime transitive partisan generalize idiotic vestibule provender disastrous bois d' arc, a tree antedate undeniable pompous antediluvian vertebrate precipitous innovation ruse parochial grotesque biography mosaic palter naive unchangeable pastoral extemporaneous malfeasance plaintive. mournful

unanimity copyright promiscuous despoiled Hawaiian palpable demented asphyxiate poets laureate gymnastics applicable preliminaries attorneys at law calculation imagined serenity malignant parenthesis undeviating ovation posthumous officiate barbaric credentials maternal austere evacuate ramify transpose evangelist nurture satiate deliverance mahogany provisional disconsolate capabilities graphic privacy ostracism decorative infidel vicarious neuter considerate outrageous alternate

8 viaduct rarefied defensive partially ideals appendix constraint rehearse impeach disbanded pied impassable veracious diction precaution locomotion frivolous mechanics dejection venturous octagon defer ostracize apoplexy nautical frieze of a building truculent ultimate designate pretentious venue tributary auctioneer precedence versatile objectively unprincipled protector

incinerate

tyrannize

prosecute

digestion

probation

capacious

mortify

broker

translation

9 desecrate mutiny indulgent aspirations pronounceable undulate conjunction physique fermentation ill will consultation ulterior sassafras munificent navigation segregate confederate aperture transmit propriety vesture lugubrious plagiarism excavated albumen preferment sarsaparilla noisome maritime illicit depository prevalent confide exceptionable parentheses ultimatum marriageable procrastination inopportune deduction prospector mystical ensue barbarism nominee photography cope

prodigality

10 obliterate appetizing neutralize palisade Territory of Hawaii disciplinary maudlin translated discomfit rapacity presuppose scintillate manipulate partiality vibrate multifarious unity parsimonious autograph scrupulous prospering magnanimity turmoil umbrage barbarous parasites bullion capitalist tuberculous primarily explicit script propound obstinate negligee capability auricle of the heart corroding buoyancy oblivious diocese presentiment appease buoyantly paragon appraise

11 macadamize digestive barbarians notoriety consumption discriminate obsequious productive transient practicable vexation demagogue ponderous alcoholic ingeniously decree automatically projection transmute biographical precinct bequest turpitude dilapidated buffet fulfillment rapturous premonition malpractice universe nasturtium participle incomprehensible problematical vernal brigands promissory rehearsal apportion treatise morass vernacular nadir seminary furlough discernible paramount

imbue provincialism imbecile attorneys general sanity pacify delusion regalia palmistry disabuse conjecture lvceum mortise alacrity pasteurize tremendously fetid precocious tribulation caprice popularity bronchitis asbestos parity travesty nullify initiate bereavement papacy agonize narcotic coquette palatial conservative mulattoes prosaic trigonometry humiliate binocular maltreat oceanic a la carte senility immaterial globular undiscernible ventilation

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breach of promise differential imminent palliate unanimously obsession detention prologue transversal uncharitable profiteer recreant nutriment portable viands deliberate beauteous magnitude phenomenal allegory necessitate environment ineffably cartel fertilizing propensity troupe of actors allotment dilute posterity heredity neuralgia pitiable disburse Air Corps plaintiff in a law suit captious exploit professions verdant scrutiny ulcer platinum manslaughter

generate

mosques nutritious seersucker overture nicety prophesied ventricle posterior brilliancy equidistant rusticate assassin tremulously mutilate antidote discernment biology obsequies parsimony typography notaries public paean exalt disaffection camp-fire girl repertory alternately expenditure crucial habitation pneumatic calculate antiseptic discursive maelstrom prolific calamity reciprocating passionate lubrication capitulate preconception mammon obsequy panoply deficit immerse placard

turgid diplomacy pillar proviso degeneracy confront immoral masticate deputy nitrogenous bludgeon pagan derogatory satellite tumultuous imbrue pharmacy disgorge aggrieve mystify enumerate apex pleurisy notorious versification gaseous verification nondescript sanity prostrate immigration nepotism hostility phenomenon calisthenics negotiate prospered nostrum deferential linguist discs obtrusion apparition dimity Bologna sausage haberdasher nocturnal

profuse triumphantly segment ornamental default privateer contagion despotism eulogy trenchant benignant unenlightened aqueduct protein disavow unpretending apprentice precarious alluring ignoramus piracy transmitter malice regenerate negotiation deluded propel fertilize unction denunciation assassinate observatory dilate verbiage longevity idiom reciprocate undaunted obtrude parchment blueprint ineffective presumption unintelligible naturalize phlegmatic malicious idleness