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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 of the words appearing in the lists will be found in the adopted spelling texts, or in the League Lists of 1952-53.

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.

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.

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## Grades V and VI

1	2	3	4
hauled	popcorn	cuff	rattled
they'll, they will	dishful	stared	girdle
looks	yours	flurry	streamed
straining	dainty	roses	hateful
auto	named	giraffe	tastes
haunt	fluffy	shear the sheep	younger
dagger	pellet	uncles	girl
joyful	push button	daisies	gruff
lip	awaiting	frown	you'd, you
softly	dingy	strained	would
cries	myself	rosy	ice cream
strainer	name plate	painter	toaster
hazelnut	searched	slammed	ware, as glass-
tables	preaching	quail	ware
knuckle	lives	furrows	awl, a tool
southward	dining room	dale	streams
cricket	flush	rosin	hopeful
gizzard	names	oust	kennel
haziness	scraped	pianos	toys
stuttering	telling	smallpox	weaken
rostrum	prunes	races	you
laying	loser	stout	ax
spike	root of a tree	crest	fluster
mutter	daughters	frosted	streaming
din, noise	harrow	ruddy	hurl
ginning	nap	pansy	trench
heal, to cure	sharpen	sly	warp
tallow	prick	rabbits	mess
lance	loaves	reel, motion	flywheel
speller	stale	picture	rubbers
works	deadly	near-by	writers
axle	hedge	stork	spine
glen	roof	racer	tongs
muffins	looking	prizes	overshoes
whittle	lash	skates	babble
vein of water	melted	parked	shawl
smith	icy	tells	schools
kingly	grudge	oak	uncle's, possessive
cord of wood	heed	street car	grocer
jumped	ruled	frolic	widow
heifer	dike	stair steps	radio tubes
cooking	rein of a bridle	lop	kinsfolk
milch cow	wail	playing	harness
tons	skid	glide	sharper
kittens	new, hat	bag	imp

crutch

oranges

pennies

deaf unscrew harden deeply sheaf plays smock radishes miller crowbar rushing peanuts cruelly oar of a boat pearls latch tries red wolf ginger blubber oil jumps prank fuse shoved leaves mince pie goad playground okra quinine hyphen cheek take-off pedals of bicycle desired open-air things minded despot tame leopard resin detain nostril tap lard

tolled. a bell glitter fodder pay theirs, pronoun tree lots stagger derrick nicest shoe furv no, negative shoemaker theme pruning stain fog-horn shot no one pecan, a tree skiff briar sadder kafir corn raid bribe saddle blanket tag smiles teasing developing fold praying for favors sadness preached safes forced pencils skillet window shade forces hinder striped puddle trying **—4** —

skated glum jailer knead the dough skies prizing will blot handwriting swinging grum heroes swore kneel layer whim diggings sworn hew a log strictly they've, they have stride hid walnuts hills dire tagged noose ledge foil shears (large scissors) talking striking knob hind grumble kevhole present for Xmas grapevine bristle sag kid snakes

pest

guessed, p. of sailing lessen, to knoll guess railed diminish brittle stung washed cheaper sneak hitting saint tub windows strive pulley stands mingle cud of the cow railing knowing stupefy lull pressed swear pulleys skinned nozzle thousands seashore hive used to presses grasp kidnap lessons frog stub slant salve dirge teacup cull nursed pants letters hoe, a tool shingle tune in soaked tasting rainfall startled waterproof pulling ridden hackberry, a gravel mire forests tree samples pies throttle device stronger strove nurses shoeing lure pulp hoeing lapel seeing tune out curb seems, appears thrust water pump devil sash pumpkins mirth Santa Claus limestone screwdriver hoist Miss, title curfew holey, having fork holes splash wings riddle quench seine for fish nuts raining, falling self won't, will not pigs selling in drops woods gaily gait of a horse disband words roared gable ripple lofty griddle ripping log fortieth struts stubble scotter devise homely kinds curl stuffed scour stuffing landing gear dishonor gavel moans cutter gauze scribble throwing flowers scraping pillows friends scraper thumb owl scrapbook landing field now stopping teases kindle stony puts sear, to wither fore, in front pushed mellow stones lines grim taper stirrup pups devoid stores puppy hop sticky makes dial lag stern lamely packed steed steps horns fox roaring steamer gristle wedge staying tigers punch stabbed udder foul ball squirrels

gently

fowl, chicken lament lye, soap squaws squirm padlock squab roads wringer, for mankind tip wet clothes grizzly, somepailful spurn what gray lion springs flora tiny sprig mansion disk, flat cirlions cular plate horses raising spotless painful weevil sports hound toe spoons digging differently spoonfuls gust paints spoonful toenail rally sponge Wednesday maple splinter dishwasher lists spilled floe, floating ice sulphur rap on the door spied tuning spelling marbles pan speckle where's, where rash spasm rates ispane of glass sparse pinch fang pansies weighted down guy wire sow wheat rattlesnake southwest hover whev mason sounded rattling huddle sound film meat, flesh pint sobbed hubbub rats soften hunting pincers soiled lived molasses soiling turf raven sob gallows working monthly husk playful roasting ear smelt smallest worms slyly months husking gardener smaller rocked slid pop livestock slide hut twine sling prev of a lion mop slur rocks wren lodging pressing roil, to stir up twinkle priced wring, the garter wrath sleet clothes roiled sledding lurk mould sledge gaudy sirup sleeping twins sisters mower, mowing prices sizes wretch, unmachine sleeps prim happy person shorn primer mouse sidewalks rolling rolled swarming prized stutter wriggle silo suppers thistle swan houses papa screens rolls sunrise screech homes stuttered waters grazing weaker

killed

searching

scrawl

#### Grades VII and VIII

1 voices plea schemes unpleasantly asvlum tresses depending taunt repetition instructor frontier shroud equation random typing lorn wilfulness ransacked competitor fulfilled vacht abhor shutters tavern coffin ransom unravel fallow version lunacy vesper expelled orderly caramel spreading unreasonable breaker seasoned tepid Japanese improvements probe reline lore marrowed grovel shrew eights lunar bewitch shouldering acknowledging cornet shouldered deceased uproar short wave infancy tersely wrenching preside somber headstrong quay registering securely rejoin jealousy lunatic trespass en route acreage lattice cudgel granite spaghetti taxation define respective persimmon shamrock brawny towered hiccup wasting dumfounded shared autobiography bias sheathe busybody educates shortsighted cables hackneved faction tasteful dahlia gullible kangaroo implements ioist quoted zinc Indian racial wallet rustic ruffian loom vacate attorneys unison roughing czarina vacated roguish guise utensil zeal origin son-in-law shampoos rivalry rogue tarnish attire wrest (violent usage eider down vacates twist) rites (cerehumid fagot eightieth cocklebur mony) damaged shampoo cacti ordeal shameful banish shafts infant taxing eke (out a sex (male or damsel living) attaching female) banker rigor outcrop kindliness tremor cadet lurid elegance iuvenile bantam sewer hovel infer sever wreak wealthiest services (vengeance) trellis service outer trestle query

guinea

partnership

largely

elves

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Caesar vaguely infirm server valentines atom bomb saber calomel dangerously pursuit pilot wry (twisted) fairness hospitable values embargo righteous treating Calvary plight serge (cloth) decimal oversize travels guiltless lathe worthily playwright canker vanish overweight astonishment exult urns (vessels) falsify trailed czar embrace declamation ridicule wary luscious overwhelm trader loneliness pail embroider fringe urchin ordain captured tapioca varving bust shuttle astonishes separator punishing radiant declension carat (unit of worsted (cloth) hairbreadth weight) fatally passport Latin vaseline separable plodders telegram sentencing worshipful rancid sentences orchid guile sentenced busier planet cyclone assertions expressing syringes twinging omitting buckwheat syringe guild switchboard bugbear waif twinge pavilion uprising tutor asserts current turpentine barbecue gruesome volcano cobbler fathers-in-law narcissus cutout emerald lax (not tense) perfection deem void infirmary peony hardihood pennant wan sensed self-control faultless penal turning umpires seethe caret (proofemphasize seepage bard (a poet) reader's mark) grouping seeder (sower assemblies deemed hardship customhouse inflammable emphatic of seeds) leaven seemingly rewarded tumult revival uniformed seeded tumor defended (planted) tuition wand tuber voicing performed carnage muzzle barracks rhubarb unwholesome assaults sections wooer secrecv truthful voiced secede assault casting sect beacon enclosed featured phrases savory casual defrost groundwork pheasant sardines groundless hardy petticoat trusting publishing persevere revenues wane casually brutish explaining sallow

systems cat's-claw (shrub) warrior assail nymph causeway retch (to vomit) cautiously unlikely grippe (an ailment) suite (of rooms) asphalt nursling fine arts censure restraint subscribing politely wattles exertion chaff tropical wayward restrained exert charter ashore narration unaware responded visions narrows goggles undergrowth subdue Chinese exchangeable tours nasal hearken rations chisel armored portrait recline

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pitied (sympathized with) retrace duelist hosiery inflated suspending bearer groom unlimited cavern retailing grievous items unmistakably belle (a beautiful girl) subscriptions oath liberates defy fingerprints tripped waver (move unsteadily) granary charges gospel inquired obscure subscribed excusable inserted exclamation chieftain subdues beseech trickle traceable goddesses undersized ravage bevel gnarled unexplored violently armor

truce grooved grope brunt suited truant watershed retake ivv plaited (braided) exile duteous legion wattle trough substituted narrating inhabit unmindful hazard tripod berrying (gathering berries) chasm exercised deign (condescend) trinkets gore dental invoke ponder subjected pore (of the skin) trackless exceeding portico realizing weal etiquette portal ether chowder stylish

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brutal swab plaid expel woodchuck plaids surveying truancy unmask sultry vocabulary horsepower oasis plumage greetings substituting asparagus gratis beloved vixen trifled chaperon pollen trio chatter visitors headway pomp cherish army corps healthful numskull respectively sublime weakening rating goggle virgin clipping realm portly vipers choral glutton possessor recommending tribute

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posture cinnamon stucco vineyard hearsay torturing climax vigorously stolid refit. Arctic torture archer nations flank clotted regularity wearisome cluster gender regulate steadfast craze torrent Apollo dependence weaving torpor vicar heavily mutually bisector reinforced angle iron naval (officers) stamping bland tornado pretension wheedle blest cruising prevailing squarely whither

gardening

relent

recorder towering essayist denounce touchdown postures espy stoutly prairies giver tortoise gesture instinct unforeseen bevy regrets prediction flexible billow coachman stead biped regulator gelatin intact premiums torpid envied forthwith numerical preposition stanch gaunt intent stalwart weird torment occurrence likelihood unfurl fortified whence squabbling prisoners amounting released foster

15 glut arid instil touched potash gluing staightforward wealthier erect. torrid equations denying licorice weariness registers bewilder heroism epoch prejudices starry wearying standpipe eying naturalist observance torpedoes gawky dependent lighten cronv tornadoes envelop (verb) staid (i.e., sober sedate) preserves token navy-yard intently deposits herb blight squabble relax cue (an actor's) relay

unfavorable nationality tourney refining arguing struggles clodhopper vigorous torrents views heroine obscurely preceded reflected clumsiness vie billion approved starboard prelude cringe victuals unfounded lieu torpedo anguish unfulfilled intake presenting obtains veteran staging crosscut saw relatives toilet anecdotes garland enterprise vessel cube sprightly titles bliss relaxation vertical blissful whomsoever

hippopotamus

cultivators

spreader currants wickedness titled ungentlemanly sporting vermilion bombard tippler enrolled remains gambol (play about) aloft windlass bowel tingeing negative film remembers splice connection renews verify throe (pain) conqueror window-shopping hreed sorrows window shutter thoroughness professors repelled sorrel airy nickname frankness thieving windrow thereby solitude windshield wiper texture corpse brink tester veranda skirmish homestead

bloated privileges ensnare limited sportive hitherto wifely tissue discreet proceeds intrust remedied needful procured customers tidily motto window card spirited breakers ticket enliven thrive frankly prodigal spacious ungrateful sorrowful listless produced offends profound sorely gainsay invalids ungrounded thickness progressed replenish solicits progressing wingspread testify England drunkenness relentless interfering wicket spotlight fragment proceeding tissue paper ungraceful wile limpid remedies occurring sponsor allowing remaining lusty brawn spiral window-shopper spangle gallantry thrasher hoary renounce thoughtful disposed sorrowing invade consume nickel-plate brethren sordid enlighten dross livelihood thermos bottle replacement contend soliciting reporting convent prolonged tether gorge inventor slough

deprive relinguish sprayer curry remained titbit bombing plane curtail wily remedying proclaim tinsel enrich verily procures conceivable spawn remembrances procuring alligator thresh verge bred (in the bone) enlist sorrowed gaiter repay akin consumer soothsaver verbatim hominy offenses thereupon sons-in-law bridal (party) solicited theaters bride repose smirk agreeably notionate smelter prominently resemblance

covey

tacit signals Britain enforceable novice talcum frequency resigning couplet scantily protesting simpleton craftsman frigid telephoning energetic loathsome prowess tenderness militia siphon craftv brooder scorn locust withhold scramble terrace millinery terrify scrimmage invoices situations unwavering witless

scaling winnow gear tail-light hoodwink unsightly scan broadcasting resist wistful simmer brooch horizontal telegraphing scenic invisible withe (of oats) numb venom singeing tenement unsteady schooling invitations tense scowl affirmative poring (studying) scruple misspelling situate logic skein cravat

reserved agencies reserving dry cell loathe significance winsome tapering bronze telegrapher withdrew resisted scarred dual (two) governmental brood afflict tendril singing fume dungeon scholastic gauge (for measuring) scouts tension velocity siding numerator sister-in-law duration horror skeptic furnishing sketching

siren ventures invasion mania tandem prosper similarly coupling telegraphed provincial ventured scanned unsound sinew craft tendencies resound sinewy horizontally endorsement scheming counterpart tenon scorpion numeral actively siege territories sirloin resolute encore sketched brother-in-law sketches

parsimony auxiliary decorative macadamize recluse provender overture inoculation protein dishevel ensilage ideals prosaic buoyantly disgorge typography propriety mystical nurture discriminate autocrat ovation propitiate authorities discredit undeniable muse, to meditate propensity disconsolate serene fusion propel turbulence calculation veneer promontory tumultuous multiform infraction discernible projection magnanimity venerable

disastrous

truculent

ornamental

defer nutritious inopportune nadir provincialism sanity machinist protector calamity fermentation libelous prosecute innovation mystify nasturtium propound autograph vicarious discs proportioned turpitude bullion inhospitable crescent turgid credible licentious inhabitants pronunciation credentials turbine ostracism promissory munificent ingeniously auctioneer magistrate profuse tubular barbarism disavow notoriety unction

profile

vernacular cadence macaroni provisional tyrannize barbarian prostrate barbarians gaseous Madeira prospector automatically calculate disdain propositions discursive buoyancy typhus proportionate undeviating criterion discrepancy mutable nutriment buffet serenity enumerate humility pronounceable discomfit. maelstrom barbaric promiscuous credence disciplinary covetous discernment profligate notorious barbarity disbanded notaries public uncouth productive disappearance

procrastination juveniles proviso vendor's lien calaboose prospering autopsy haberdasher naive prospered tyrannical narcotic innocuous proposals mutiny crucial mutilate nutritive initiate mutation prophesied turmoil outrageous vibrate exterminate austere discommode promulgate munitions undaunted nullify prologue disclaim auricle of the heart prolific profiteer ostracise calisthenics disburse tuberculous magneto professions attorneys general magnitude

5 attorneys at law infliction disaffection prodigality uncharitable originality privacy multifarious dirigible camp-fire girl primarily assassinate mulattoes dilute inert dilated unanimity brunette ineffective pretentious exploit presentment diffused mortise premonition exempt asbestos ordinance detrimental cope arbor vitae preferment noisome despoiled aqueduct ruse consumption desolately predispose apprehension habitation brilliancy derogatory generalize venial capability precision appetizing

6 nostrum magnolia asthma privateer covet extemporaneous mahogany preventive dimity courtier barbarous assassin dilate trigonometry nominal digestion mosque senility presumption explicit ineffably seminary copyright diagramming ruth, pity viands morass despotism prejudicial trenchant viaduct incomprehensible semblance optimistic nocturnal ultimo predatory designate vesture consultation lignite incinerate officiate nitrogenous precipitous derision

troupe of actors calyx disabuse privation diplomacy nonentity diocese prevalent infest nondescript malfeasance ensue dilapidated nominee tributary mosques corral digest presumptuous senile asphyxiate expenditure diction indulgent nomadic bronchitis premise optional preliminaries umbrage brokerage despicable broker monotonous preconception sarsaparilla apportion monopoly environment habitual preclude barricade precinct vestibule precarious ultimatum

problematical infidel probation asterisk unchangeable triumphantly prevalence diminutive trite unanimously capabilities digestive malice unalterable corroding aspirations mosaic presuppose coquette differential presentiment mortify umbrageous tribulation cooperative detention rusticate premature monotony contagion apprentice excommunicate vexation tremulously preconceive appraise desecrate precocious applicable sassafras fertilize repertory precedence tremendously precaution monopolize constraint

brigands

9 appendix deputy preamble vertebrate mechanics niggard exchequer posterity matrimony travesty denunciation populous octagon appease ulcer apparition popularity gymnastics regime masticate immoral hallelujah pollution obliterate barrier having many people pleurisy aperture plaintive. mournful vernal unpretending malignant antidote placate naturalize antedate oblivious deliberate pillar equilibrium transgress ventilation dejection physique capitulate

immerse vertigo considerate ultimate rehearse segregate posthumous impeach conservative impassioned portable rehearsal denizen traversing denim ponderous fumigate neutralize unprincipled versatile fertilizer pollute malicious demolished satellite naturalization fertilizing demented platinum antiseptic bludgeon excavated bivouac delusion placard antediluvian deliverance geological imagined pillage sciences obnoxious bazaar alternate phraseology allusion

beauteous

breach of promise treatise objectively furlough potent depository Bologna sausage ulterior matriculation posterior nicety impassable versification impair pompous humiliate excerpt transversal blueprint apoplexy poets laureate venomous linguist radiophone capacious generate immigration plaintiff in law suitconfront seersucker confide imbue pitiable deluded imbecile satiate nausea pilgrimage globular rapturous malpractice imaginative photography degredation transgression phenomenal

constrain practical maudlin ocular practicable appendage vertebras append exceptionable conjunction bois d'arc a tree maternal polygamy lyceum segment oceanic conjecture demountable pneumatic apex epilepsy undiscernible imminent Territory of Hawaii plagiarism demagogue immaterial fulfillment massacre verminous piracy imbrue ramify equidistant rapacity pied alternately nauseous undulate capitalist phlegmatic ill will unenlightened phenomenon maltreat

pharmacy alluring beatitude mammon obsequies pastorate transitive defray venturous partisan captious manipulate obsequy partially veracious idolatry alcoholic parity albumen recondition obsession festive paraphernalia obsolete universe carnivorous paragon negotiation binocular papacy hemorrhage obstinacy default paltry conferred nepotism scrupulous longevity palmistry obtrude biology scrutiny cartilage grotesque pagan lugubrious unnumbered

degeneracy ill-willed unfledged rarefied pastoral obsequious illusion benignant particularize allegory unintelligible reciprocate alderman bereave manslaughter parochial observatory deferred negotiable parchment Hawaiian paramount manufactories bereavement idleness graphite transmitter defensive panorama scripture manuscript agonize palter biography transmute gravity heredity palliate marriageable deduction regalia idiom paging verdant exasperate biographical scullion

ventricle ventriloquist nautical pasteurize reciprocal manifold capsize participial deflated venue necessitate deficit carburetor unity parsimonious reciprocating idol, a thing worshipped parasites graphic paralysis veracity deference script negotiate cartel festivity panoply refutation verbiage locomotion palpitate verification uniustifiable obstinate fetid palisade verbose lubrication unnecessarily palatable neuter affliction obtrusion decree pacify confederate

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caprice transient passionate navigation uniformity allotment participle illicit bequest translated ignoramus partiality translation defiance negligee parentheses deferential alacrity scintillate paralleled a la carte eulogy recreant transmit idiotic gravitation panacea universities air corps evacuate palpable idiot maritime refute evangelist palaver aggrieve exalt palatial hostility transplant frieze of building martyrdom paean regenerate identical transpose