



February 26, 2007

Dear Parents and Fifth Grader,

Fifth graders will be participating in a fifth grade spelling bee on Thursday, April 19. Prior to that, each classroom will hold their own spelling bees to qualify the top 5 students in each classroom. Only the top five from each classroom will participate in our bee. Parents are invited to attend.

The top 3 students from Challenger's Spelling Bee will participate in the "district-wide" spelling bee on Tuesday, May 1 at 9:30 am in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices. Parents are invited to attend.

Attached you will find a list of words that will be used in both spelling bees. Students should study them to help prepare them for each contest.

We are looking forward to this event and know that you will do a fine job in preparing for it.

Sincerely,

Challenger Fifth Grade Teachers



Spelling Bee Contest Rules

Please review carefully. Be sure that your spelling bee contestants understand these rules before they attend the district spelldown.

1. Words used during the district competition will be randomly selected from the list of high-frequency writing words in Rebecca Sitton's Spelling Sourcebook. In the event that this list is depleted, words will then be taken from the current fifth grade Houghton Mifflin spelling book.
2. During the competition, after the pronouncer gives the contestant a word, the contestant may also pronounce the word before spelling it, after spelling it, or, if he/she chooses, not at all.
3. The contestant may request the pronouncer to repronounce the word, define it, or use it in a sentence. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. Judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling.
4. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be no change of letters and their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters and their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
5. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant.
6. When the contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given the opportunity to spell the same word. If the second contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second contestant shall be declared the winner.
7. If one of the last two spellers misses and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to him/her, then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he/she shall be declared the winner.
8. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The contest shall continue under rules 6 and 7.
9. Any question relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the judges immediately. The deadline for making a protest is before the contestant affected would have received his/her next word had se/she stayed in the contest. No protest will be entertained after that word has been given to another speller. When only two spellers remain, a protest must be made immediately, that is, before the second speller has started to spell the word given to him/her, or, if both have missed the same word, before the correct spelling is given to the audience.
10. The judges are in complete control of the bee. Their decision shall be final on all questions.

78 Word Bank of 1200 High-Frequency Writing Words

frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word
1 the	49 how	97 just	145 number	193 want
2 of	50 up	98 where	146 great	194 school
3 and	51 out	99 most	147 tell	195 important
4 a	52 them	100 know	148 men	196 until
5 to	53 then	101 get	149 say	197 form
6 in	54 she	102 through	150 small	198 food
7 is	55 many	103 back	151 every	199 keep
8 you	56 some	104 much	152 found	200 children
9 that	57 so	105 go	153 still	201 feet
10 it	58 these	106 good	154 between	202 land
11 he	59 would	107 new	155 name	203 side
12 for	60 other	108 write	156 should	204 without
13 was	61 into	109 our	157 home	205 boy
14 on	62 has	110 me	158 big	206 once
15 are	63 more	111 man	159 give	207 animal
16 as	64 her	112 too	160 air	208 life
17 with	65 two	113 any	161 line	209 enough
18 his	66 like	114 day	162 set	210 took
19 they	67 him	115 same	163 own	211 four
20 at	68 see	116 right	164 under	212 head
21 be	69 time	117 look	165 read	213 above
22 this	70 could	118 think	166 last	214 kind
23 from	71 no	119 also	167 never	215 began
24 I	72 make	120 around	168 us	216 almost
25 have	73 than	121 another	169 left	217 live
26 or	74 first	122 came	170 end	218 page
27 by	75 been	123 come	171 along	219 got
28 one	76 its	124 work	172 while	220 earth
29 had	77 who	125 three	173 might	221 need
30 not	78 now	126 must	174 next	222 far
31 but	79 people	127 because	175 sound	223 hand
32 what	80 my	128 does	176 below	224 high
33 all	81 made	129 part	177 saw	225 year
34 were	82 over	130 even	178 something	226 mother
35 when	83 did	131 place	179 thought	227 light
36 we	84 down	132 well	180 both	228 country
37 there	85 only	133 such	181 few	229 father
38 can	86 way	134 here	182 those	230 let
39 an	87 find	135 take	183 always	231 night
40 your	88 use	136 why	184 show	232 picture
41 which	89 may	137 help	185 large	233 being
42 their	90 water	138 put	186 often	234 study
43 said	91 long	139 different	187 together	235 second
44 if	92 little	140 away	188 asked	236 soon
45 do	93 very	141 again	189 house	237 story
46 will	94 after	142 off	190 don't	238 since
47 each	95 words	143 went	191 world	239 white
48 about	96 called	144 old	192 going	240 ever

frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word
241 paper	289 turn	337 grow	385 horse	433 game
242 hard	290 move	338 draw	386 matter	434 system
243 near	291 face	339 yet	387 stand	435 bring
244 sentence	292 door	340 less	388 box	436 watch
245 better	293 cut	341 wind	389 start	437 shell
246 best	294 done	342 behind	390 that's	438 dry
247 across	295 group	343 cannot	391 class	439 within
248 during	296 true	344 letter	392 piece	440 floor
249 today	297 half	345 among	393 surface	441 ice
250 however	298 red	346 able	394 river	442 ship
251 sure	299 fish	347 dog	395 common	443 themselves
252 knew	300 plants	348 shown	396 stop	444 begin
253 it's	301 living	349 mean	397 am	445 fact
254 try	302 black	350 English	398 talk	446 third
255 told	303 eat	351 rest	399 whether	447 quite
256 young	304 short	352 perhaps	400 fine	448 carry
257 sun	305 United States	353 certain	401 round	449 distance
258 thing	306 run	354 six	402 dark	450 although
259 whole	307 book	355 feel	403 past	451 sat
260 hear	308 gave	356 fire	404 ball	452 possible
261 example	309 order	357 ready	405 girl	453 heart
262 heard	310 open	358 green	406 road	454 real
263 several	311 ground	359 yes	407 blue	455 simple
264 change	312 cold	360 built	408 instead	456 snow
265 answer	313 really	361 special	409 either	457 rain
266 room	314 table	362 ran	410 held	458 suddenly
267 sea	315 remember	363 full	411 already	459 easy
268 against	316 tree	364 town	412 warm	460 leaves
269 top	317 course	365 complete	413 gone	461 lay
270 turned	318 front	366 oh	414 finally	462 size
271 learn	319 American	367 person	415 summer	463 wild
272 point	320 space	368 hot	416 understand	464 weather
273 city	321 inside	369 anything	417 moon	465 miss
274 play	322 ago	370 hold	418 animals	466 pattern
275 toward	323 sad	371 state	419 mind	467 sky
276 five	324 early	372 list	420 outside	468 walked
277 himself	325 I'll	373 stood	421 power	469 main
278 usually	326 learned	374 hundred	422 problem	470 someone
279 money	327 brought	375 ten	423 longer	471 center
280 seen	328 close	376 fast	424 winter	472 field
281 didn't	329 nothing	377 felt	425 deep	473 stay
282 car	330 though	378 kept	426 heavy	474 itself
283 morning	331 idea	379 notice	427 carefully	475 boat
284 I'm	332 before	380 can't	428 follow	476 question
285 body	333 lived	381 strong	429 beautiful	477 wide
286 upon	334 became	382 voice	430 everyone	478 least
287 family	335 add	383 probably	431 leave	479 tiny
288 later	336 become	384 area	432 everything	480 hour

80 Word Bank of 1200 High-Frequency Writing Words

frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	
481	happened	529	bird	577	woman
482	foot	530	wood	578	eye
483	care	531	color	579	milk
484	low	532	war	580	choose
485	else	533	fly	581	north
486	gold	534	yourself	582	seven
487	build	535	seem	583	famous
488	glass	536	thus	584	late
489	rock	537	square	585	pay
490	tall	538	moment	586	sleep
491	alone	539	teacher	587	iron
492	bottom	540	happy	588	trouble
493	check	541	bright	589	store
494	reading	542	sent	590	beside
495	fall	543	present	591	oil
496	poor	544	plan	592	modern
497	map	545	rather	593	fun
498	friend	546	length	594	catch
499	language	547	speed	595	business
500	job	548	machine	596	reach
501	music	549	information	597	lot
502	buy	550	except	598	won't
503	window	551	figure	599	case
504	mark	552	you're	600	speak
505	heat	553	free	601	shape
506	grew	554	fell	602	eight
507	listen	555	suppose	603	edge
508	ask	556	natural	604	soft
509	single	557	ocean	605	village
510	clear	558	government	606	object
511	energy	559	baby	607	age
512	week	560	grass	608	minute
513	explain	561	plane	609	wall
514	lost	562	street	610	meet
515	spring	563	couldn't	611	record
516	travel	564	reason	612	copy
517	wrote	565	difference	613	forest
518	farm	566	maybe	614	especially
519	circle	567	history	615	necessary
520	whose	568	mouth	616	he's
521	correct	569	middle	617	unit
522	bed	570	step	618	flat
523	measure	571	child	619	direction
524	straight	572	strange	620	south
525	base	573	wish	621	subject
526	mountain	574	soil	622	skin
527	caught	575	human	623	wasn't
528	hair	576	trip	624	I've
				625	yellow
				626	party
				627	force
				628	test
				629	bad
				630	temperature
				631	pair
				632	ahead
				633	wrong
				634	practice
				635	sand
				636	tail
				637	wait
				638	difficult
				639	general
				640	cover
				641	material
				642	isn't
				643	thousand
				644	sign
				645	guess
				646	forward
				647	huge
				648	ride
				649	region
				650	nor
				651	period
				652	blood
				653	rich
				654	team
				655	corner
				656	cat
				657	amount
				658	garden
				659	led
				660	note
				661	various
				662	race
				663	bit
				664	result
				665	brother
				666	addition
				667	doesn't
				668	dead
				669	weight
				670	thin
				671	stone
				672	hit
				673	wife
				674	island
				675	we'll
				676	opposite
				677	born
				678	sense
				679	cattle
				680	million
				681	anyone
				682	rule
				683	science
				684	afraid
				685	women
				686	produce
				687	pull
				688	son
				689	meant
				690	broken
				691	interest
				692	chance
				693	thick
				694	sight
				695	pretty
				696	train
				697	fresh
				698	drive
				699	lead
				700	break
				701	sit
				702	bought
				703	radio
				704	method
				705	king
				706	similar
				707	return
				708	corn
				709	decide
				710	position
				711	bear
				712	hope
				713	song
				714	engine
				715	board
				716	control
				717	spread
				718	evening
				719	brown
				720	clean

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721	wouldn't	769	wear	817	path
722	section	770	act	818	careful
723	spent	771	hat	819	narrow
724	ring	772	arm	820	mental
725	teeth	773	believe	821	nine
726	quiet	774	major	822	useful
727	ancient	775	gray	823	public
728	stick	776	wonder	824	according
729	afternoon	777	include	825	steel
730	silver	778	describe	826	salt
731	nose	779	electric	827	speech
732	century	780	sold	828	forth
733	therefore	781	visit	829	nation
734	level	782	sheep	830	knowledge
735	you'll	783	I'd	831	appear
736	death	784	office	832	ate
737	hole	785	row	833	dinner
738	coast	786	contain	834	hurt
739	cross	787	fit	835	spend
740	sharp	788	equal	836	experiment
741	fight	789	value	837	touch
742	capital	790	yard	838	drop
743	fill	791	beat	839	chair
744	deal	792	inch	840	east
745	busy	793	sugar	841	separate
746	beyond	794	key	842	truck
747	send	795	product	843	sing
748	love	796	desert	844	column
749	cool	797	bank	845	twice
750	cause	798	farther	846	particular
751	please	799	won	847	shop
752	meat	800	total	848	unless
753	lady	801	sell	849	spot
754	west	802	wire	850	neither
755	glad	803	rose	851	met
756	action	804	cotton	852	wheel
757	pass	805	spoke	853	none
758	type	806	rope	854	hill
759	attention	807	fear	855	television
760	gas	808	shore	856	bill
761	kitchen	809	throughout	857	solve
762	pick	810	compare	858	pressure
763	scale	811	movement	859	report
764	basic	812	exercise	860	farmer
765	happen	813	bread	861	count
766	safe	814	process	862	trade
767	grown	815	nature	863	chief
768	cost	816	apart	864	month
				865	clothes
				866	doctor
				867	indeed
				868	dance
				869	church
				870	original
				871	enjoy
				872	string
				873	sister
				874	familiar
				875	onto
				876	imagine
				877	blow
				878	quick
				879	law
				880	lie
				881	final
				882	rise
				883	loud
				884	fair
				885	herself
				886	slow
				887	noise
				888	statement
				889	hungry
				890	join
				891	tube
				892	rode
				893	empty
				894	twenty
				895	broke
				896	nice
				897	effect
				898	paid
				899	motion
				900	myself
				901	divide
				902	supply
				903	laid
				904	dear
				905	surprise
				906	gun
				907	entire
				908	fruit
				909	crowd
				910	band
				911	wet
				912	solid
				913	northern
				914	flower
				915	star
				916	feed
				917	wooden
				918	sort
				919	develop
				920	shoulder
				921	variety
				922	season
				923	share
				924	jump
				925	regular
				926	represent
				927	market
				928	we're
				929	flew
				930	finger
				931	expect
				932	army
				933	cabin
				934	camp
				935	danger
				936	purpose
				937	breakfast
				938	proper
				939	coat
				940	push
				941	express
				942	shot
				943	angry
				944	southern
				945	dress
				946	bag
				947	proud
				948	neck
				949	breath
				950	strength
				951	member
				952	twelve
				953	mine
				954	company
				955	current
				956	pound
				957	valley
				958	double
				959	till
				960	match

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frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word	frequency word
961 average	1009 industry	1057 dangerous	1105 vegetable	1153 disease
962 die	1010 they're	1058 event	1106 parents	1154 construction
963 liquid	1011 beneath	1059 leader	1107 style	1155 motor
964 alive	1012 laugh	1060 peace	1108 education	1156 affect
965 stream	1013 groceries	1061 spelling	1109 required	1157 conversation
966 provide	1014 popular	1062 chapter	1110 political	1158 evidence
967 drink	1015 thank	1063 swimming	1111 daughter	1159 citizen
968 experience	1016 quarter	1064 opportunity	1112 individual	1160 environment
969 future	1017 climbed	1065 immediately	1113 progress	1161 influence
970 tomorrow	1018 continue	1066 favorite	1114 altogether	1162 cancel
971 drove	1019 potatoes	1067 settled	1115 activities	1163 audience
972 population	1020 receive	1068 telephone	1116 article	1164 apartment
973 finish	1021 design	1069 repeat	1117 equipment	1165 worse
974 station	1022 president	1070 prepare	1118 discuss	1166 transportation
975 shook	1023 charge	1071 instance	1119 healthy	1167 frozen
976 stage	1024 mistake	1072 avenue	1120 perfect	1168 waste
977 oxygen	1025 hospital	1073 newspaper	1121 recognize	1169 couple
978 poem	1026 remain	1074 actually	1122 frequently	1170 function
979 solution	1027 service	1075 employee	1123 character	1171 connect
980 burn	1028 increase	1076 review	1124 personal	1172 project
981 cent	1029 students	1077 convince	1125 disappear	1173 pronounce
982 electricity	1030 insects	1078 allowed	1126 success	1174 offered
983 everybody	1031 address	1079 nobody	1127 traffic	1175 apply
984 rate	1032 sincerely	1080 details	1128 yesterday	1176 improve
985 dust	1033 dollars	1081 muscles	1129 situation	1177 stomach
986 worth	1034 belong	1082 model	1130 realize	1178 collect
987 community	1035 bottle	1083 climate	1131 message	1179 prevent
988 captain	1036 flight	1084 coffee	1132 recently	1180 courage
989 bus	1037 forget	1085 whenever	1133 account	1181 occur
990 protect	1038 bicycle	1086 serious	1134 physical	1182 foreign
991 cook	1039 secret	1087 angle	1135 neighbor	1183 quality
992 raise	1040 soldier	1088 feather	1136 excited	1184 terrible
993 further	1041 silent	1089 determined	1137 whisper	1185 instrument
994 steam	1042 structure	1090 dictionary	1138 available	1186 balance
995 guide	1043 height	1091 ordinary	1139 college	1187 ability
996 discover	1044 observe	1092 extra	1140 furniture	1188 arrange
997 plain	1045 indicate	1093 rough	1141 leather	1189 rhythm
998 usual	1046 railroad	1094 library	1142 husband	1190 avoid
999 seat	1047 knife	1095 condition	1143 principal	1191 daily
1000 accept	1048 married	1096 arrived	1144 medicine	1192 identity
1001 police	1049 suggested	1097 located	1145 excellent	1193 standard
1002 consider	1050 entered	1098 program	1146 operation	1194 combine
1003 dozen	1051 magazine	1099 pencil	1147 council	1195 attached
1004 baseball	1052 agree	1100 tongue	1148 author	1196 frighten
1005 rubber	1053 fifty	1101 title	1149 organize	1197 social
1006 symbol	1054 escape	1102 enemy	1150 concern	1198 factory
1007 support	1055 threw	1103 garage	1151 barbecue	1199 license
1008 exactly	1056 planet	1104 lose	1152 accident	1200 recommend

Words from Language Arts

affix	catalog	imperative sentence	portfolio
alliteration	colon	initials	preposition
almanac	conference	interrogative sentence	process
anecdotes	conjunction	interview	pronunciation
antecedent	declarative sentence	irregular	repetition
appendix	diagram	limerick	scan
argument	exclamatory sentence	lyric poem	sequence
articles	explanation	metaphor	series
autobiography	hero	negative	simile
ballad	heroine	opinion	subtopic

Words from Math

acute angle	formula	octagon	scale drawing
array	function	parallelogram	similar figures
billion	generalization	pattern	standard unit
compatible numbers	hundredth	plane	survey
compute	mean	protractor	symbol
congruent	measurement	quadrilateral	thousandth
data	median	range	trapezoid
equation	midpoint	ray	tree diagram
estimation	mode	relationship	variable
face	obtuse angle	right angle	vertex

Words from Science

algae	conduction	immune	reflex
antibiotics	convection	instinct	seismograph
artificial	cumulus	insulate	solar system
atrium	density	magnification	stimulus
bacteria	eclipse	membrane	stratus
barometer	environment	meteorites	tornadoes
behavior	galaxy	meteorologist	toxin
carbohydrates	hemoglobin	particles	vaccine
chlorophyll	hormone	plasma	ventricle
cirrus	humidity	precipitation	virus

Words from Social Studies

abolitionist	emancipation	minority	reform
amendment	equality	nationalism	representative
assembly	federal	ordinance	republic
boycott	ghetto	pacifism	revolution
Cabinet	hemisphere	patriotism	secede
citizenship	independence	petition	segregation
council	latitude	politics	slavery
delegate	legislature	precedent	suffrage
democracy	longitude	race	tolerance
discrimination	migrate	ratify	veto