

The Best Spelling Vocabulary List

This list was devised to help pupils know which spelling words they should master - the list contains 692 words that account for 80 percent of the words children use in their writing — the ones they need to be able to spell correctly.

Mastering this relatively small corpus of words yields a high rate of return. Aim to do one every day and within the course of 2 years you can master them all!

	Spelling	Spelling Tips	Sentence
1	absence	It makes "sence" that absence makes the heart grow fonder.	Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
2	accommodate	This word can accommodate a double "c" and a double "m."	I would like to accommodate his wishes.
3	achieve	Remember "I" before "e" except after "c."	He achieved all his dreams.
4	acquire	I "c" that you want to acquire it.	The team acquired three new players this year.
5	across	Let "Ross" row across.	Let's row the boat across the pond.
6	address	Deliver the double "d" to the right address.	Make sure you have the right address before you send the pa
7	advertise	The ADVERT was revISEd.	Madison Avenue knows it pays to advertise.
8	advice	I "c" that you gave me advice.	Good advice is as good as gold.
9	among	A monk was among the worshipers.	He was among the living.
10	apparent	The AP ate with his PARENT.	It's apparent that he made a mistake.
11	argument	Gumbo lost an e in an argument.	The two politicians got into a heated argument.
12	athlete	Don't delete the "l" in athlete.	Tom Brady is one of the country's top athletes.
13	awful	Something that is full of aw is always very bad.	That food smelled awful. It must have spoiled in the fridge.
14	balance	The BAd man used a LANCE.	Try to strike a balance between diet and exercise.
15	basically	It's BASIC that I have an ALLY.	He is basically dishonest.
16	becoming	BEes will be COMING to flowers near you.	The boy is quickly becoming a man.
17	before	BEe went to the FORE when called upon.	He'll be going away to college before you know it.
18	beginning	Add an "n" and "ing" to begin to get beginning.	In the beginning, there was the heaven and the Earth.
19	believe	Do not believe a lie.	I believe in magic.
20	benefit	BENE is very FIT.	The benefit raised quite a bit of money for charity.
21	breathe	Take an extra "e" when you breathe.	I can't breathe; I need some air.
22	brilliant	The BRILLO pad was gIANT.	Einstein's theory of relativity was brilliant.
23	business	The BUS IN the terminal was a mESS.	It's not personal; it's just business.
24	calendar	Dara checked the calendar every day.	Look at the calendar to see what date Thanksgiving is on this
25	careful	Careful not to add an extra "l" to careful.	Be careful when crossing the street.
26	category	The CAT's EGg is GORY.	When you play Jeopardy, pick the right category.
27	ceiling	I before "e" except after "c."	Do you know how to install a ceiling fan?
28	cemetery	Eileen found herself at e's in the cemetery.	Many horror stories take place in the cemetery.
29	certain	He's CERebral, so don't TAINt it.	I'm certain I left my keys by the door.
30	chief	Remember "I" before "e" except after "c."	The chief of police just took over the job last month.
31	citizen	Don't CITE It; practice ZEN.	The good citizen votes in every election.
32	coming	Coming is too short to have two "m's."	I'll be coming home soon.
33	competition	COMe PET IT, ION.	The competition at the track meet was fierce.
34	convenience	I before "e" except after "c."	The convenience store opened at 7 a.m.
35	criticize	There's no "s" in criticize.	I don't mean to criticize, but you did the problem wrong.
36	decide	Clide, remove the "l" and spell decide.	You need to decide which man to marry.
37	definite	DEb had a FINITE limit.	I'll need a definite answer today.
38	deposit	DEb POSITed that we deposit the money.	Don't forgot to deposit the check at the bank.
39	describe	DEb hired a SCRIBE.	Please describe the man who attacked you.
40	desperate	DES. PER your direction, rATEd it.	I am desperate to find a new place to live.
41	develop	Lop off the "e" in develop.	They used to develop film in a darkroom.
42	difference	We DIFFER about pENCE.	What's the difference between pink and mauve?
43	dilemma	Emma faced a dilemma.	I'm in a terrible dilemma; I don't know what to do.
44	disappear	It takes two "p's" but only one "s" to spell disappear.	The boy just disappeared. I hope he wasn't kidnapped.
45	disappoint	You have a point; add the second "p" in disappoint.	I hate to disappoint my mother.
46	discipline	The DISC is Perfectly in LINE.	He is a believer in strong discipline.
47	does	The DOE Sang.	Does she want to come with us?
48	during	DU bought a RING.	It happened during the night.
49	easily	The bEAST Is LovelY.	My mom is so easily fooled.
50	eight	There's an eight in hEIGHT.	"Eight is Enough" was the name for a TV show.
51	either	Ed Is THERE.	Either he goes, or I do.

52	embarrass	It's hard to embarrass really righteous and serious students.	I don't want to embarrass you, but your pants have a rip.
53	environment	A new environment will iron me out.	Many people are concerned about the environment.
54	equipped	Emphatically, hE QUIPPED that he was equipped for the job.	The plane is equipped with many of the modern luxuries and c
55	exaggerate	Goofy Greg loved to exaggerate.	Don't exaggerate; the fish you caught was only three inches lo
56	excellent	The EXact CELL is bENT.	The meal was excellent.
57	except	My EX is Certain I'm inEPT.	The student completed all the problems but the last one.
58	exercise	LEXERt and I'm preCISE when I exercise.	To lose weight, you need to eat nutritious foods and exercise.
59	existence	I EXIST with mike pENCE.	Many have debated the existence of an all-powerful being.
60	expect	I met my EX in PE, what do you expeCT?	What did you expect?
61	experience	My EX said that PER Irv we'll invite mike pENCE.	The trip was a great experience for the kids.
62	Experiment	PER my EX, I MENTored him.	Scientists perform many experiments to find the truth.
63	explanation	My EX had a PLAN AT the UNION.	I think he deserves an honest explanation.
64	familiar	That liar looks familiar.	The surroundings look familiar, but I'm still lost.
65	fascinating	"S" before "C" in fascinating.	Mr. Spock found many things to be fascinating.
66	finally	In the end, there are two "l's" in finally.	He has finally arrived; now we can eat our Thanksgiving meal.
67	foreign	FOR ElGht, the Nation said they were foreign.	He grew up in a foreign country.
68	forty	There's no "u" in forty.	The punt return specialist ran to ball out the forty-yard line.
69	forward	FOR sam, he was a WARD of the court.	Be optimistic; always look forward.
70	friend	Don't be a fiend; insert the "r" in friend.	He was a dedicated and loyal friend.
71	fundamental	Fundamental is just FUN, DAMEN, and TAL.	We have fundamental differences of opinion.
72	generally	Generally, a general is your best ally.	The general was generally correct.
73	government	The GOVERNor was deMENTed.	The government may shut down if the parties don't reach a de
74	grammar	GRAM didn't want to MAR our grammar.	I try, but my grammar is atrocious.
75	guarantee	The GUARd AND the TEEn guaranteed it.	The car has a 100,000-mile guarantee.
76	guidance	The GUIDe was in a trance because there's only one "e" in guidance.	The guidance counselor advised the student not to attend coll
77	happiness	Drop the "y" and replace it with an "i" to achieve happiness.	Jefferson wrote that all people are entitled to life, liberty, and th
78	heroes	HE ROped an E for hiS heroes.	World War II produced many heroes.
79	humorous	He HUMs FOR the MOUSE.	The author was very humorous. His books displayed great wit
80	identity	There is an "ID" in identity.	It's easy to have your identity stolen.
81	imaginary	IMAGINE there's no heaven. It's easy if you give it A tRY.	The little girl had an imaginary friend.
82	imitation	Don't imitate. There's only one "m" in imitation.	Imitation is the greatest form of flattery.
83	immediately	Mom ate immediately.	Come here immediately.
84	incidentally	He INCltd by DENtIng the car of his ALLY.	Incidentally, I borrowed your car last night.
85	independent	There is a dent in independent.	The young man was very independent.
86	intelligent	IN TELLIng the GENT, he showed he was intelligent.	She is extremely intelligent; she scored 1,600 on her SATs.
87	interesting	The INTERn was bEST at showing he was interesting.	This article is very interesting.
88	interfere	The INTERn watered the FERn I sEe.	Please do not interfere.
89	interpretation	The INTERn PRETended that A staTION was near.	The two had very different interpretations as to what happened
90	interruption	Don't interrupt: Interruption has two "r's."	The interruption couldn't be helped; his wife was having a bab
91	invitation	I INVITe you to offer a raTION.	He received an invitation to the birthday party.
92	irrelevant	Don't make the second "r" in irrelevant, irrelevant. And, remember, there's an "ant" at the end.	The information he provided was irrelevant.
93	irritable	It would irritate me if you forgot the second "r" in irritable, and don't forget the table at the end.	After the operation, she was very irritable.
94	island	An island is land surrounded by water.	Hawaii is made up of a group of islands.
95	jealous	JEAN's a LOUSE to be jealous.	He was jealous of her former lover.
96	judgment	Unlike judge, there is no "e" after the "g" in judgment.	He showed bad judgment by putting that story in the paper.
97	knowledge	I KNOW you can reach the LEDGE.	How do you measure the sum of all knowledge?
98	laboratory	I had to LABOR at orATORY.	The scientist labored away in her laboratory.
99	length	Make it longer by putting a "g" between the "n" and "t" in length.	He ran the kickoff return the length of the football field.
100	lesson	Listen to the lesson, and spend LESS time ON studying.	The teacher gave a great lesson.
101	library	They had brandy in the library.	You'll find many books in the library.
102	license	To say he had LICE is nonSENSE.	That's not a license to steal.
103	loneliness	The LONE LINE did have SS at the end.	Emily Dickenson suffered from great loneliness.
104	losing	I like to hear LO SING.	Coach Vince Lombardi hated losing.
105	lying	Truthfully, there's a "y" but no "ie" in lying.	I was lying on my back, while he was laying the book down.
106	marriage	h=He MARRied her in carrIAGE.	Their marriage is on the rocks.
107	mathematics	MATH and E equals matheMATICS.	Einstein was an expert in mathematics.
108	medicine	Club MED Is at the CINema.	All doctors practice medicine in one form or another.
109	miniature	A MINI A has no staTURE.	Legoland has many miniature scenes built from the interlockin
110	minute	Minute is MINU and TE.	It only takes a minute.
111	mysterious	MY STERIO is for US.	She was very mysterious.
112	naturally	NATURe has an ALLY.	She is naturally blond.

113	necessary	It's necessary to remember the cesspool in the middle.	Is that really necessary?
114	neighbour	The horse NEIGHed at the BORing man.	My neighbor is very nice.
115	neither	NEll is THERE.	It's neither here nor there to me.
116	noticeable	The NOTICE is ABLE to help.	His gray hair was very noticeable.
117	occasion	It's an occasion to remember that occasion has two "c's" and one "s."	It's a special occasion.
118	occurred	It occurred to him that there are two "c's" and two "s's" in occurred.	It never occurred to her to change the light bulb.
119	official	Old Frank Finklestein Is Cute In A Loving way.	It's official: He's now the president.
120	often	OF mice and men there were TEN.	I don't come here very often.
121	omission	Omit the second "m" but not the second "s" in omission.	That was an omission on my part.
122	operate	I hOPE to RATE it.	The doctor decided to operate.
123	optimism	hOP with TIM into the schISM.	I have great optimism that better days are ahead.
124	original	ORIGami Is NAL's favorite.	His work wasn't very original.
125	ought	Ought is "bought" minus the "b."	He ought to have told you.
126	paid	PA Is Done with work.	When do you get paid?
127	parallel	Two "l's" form parallel lines in parallel.	Parallel parking can be difficult.
128	particularly	PART Is the CULt with ARLY.	His error was particularly egregious.
129	peculiar	It's peculiar the PECU is a LIAR.	That bird is very peculiar.
130	perceive	PERCE has a hIVE.	I perceive things differently than you.
131	perform	PER the directions they FORMed a line.	Will the band perform tonight.
132	permanent	The PERM of the mAN costs just a cENT.	That change was permanent.
133	persevere	PER the directions, he SEVEREd it.	The only way to succeed is to persevere.
134	personally	the PERSON was an ALLY.	Personally, I don't like it.
135	persuade	PER the SUN, he had it mADE.	Tried to persuade him that he is wrong.
136	picture	The PIC was taken with the right aperture.	That's a beautiful picture.
137	piece	Have a piece of the pie.	I won't let my daughter pierce her ears.
138	planning	Plan to put two "n's" in planning.	I was planning to come later.
139	pleasant	He tried to PLEASE the ANT.	The visit has been very pleasant.
140	political	The POL Is noT ethIcAL.	Everything is so political these days.
141	possess	Remember to possess two double "s's" in possess.	You don't possess an ounce of dignity.
142	possible	The POSSe Is BLEssed.	It's just not possible to get the assignment completed in time.
143	practical	PRACTICe to replace the "e" with "al" in practical.	It's not practical to rely on magic.
144	prefer	PREp the FERn.	I prefer orange juice to lemonade.
145	prejudice	Don't PREJUDge; think twICE.	The racist man was very prejudice.
146	presence	the PRESident chose pENCE.	He made is presence known.
147	privilege	Privilege is just PRIVI with a LEG and an E.	It's been a privilege to meet you.
148	probably	He handled the PROBLEM ABLY.	I could probably meet for lunch next week.
149	professional	The PROFESSor said there are two "s's" in professional.	He was very professional in his conduct at work.
150	promise	The PROM was a surpRISE.	I never promised you a rose garden.
151	proof	I have proof there are two "o's" in proof.	Einstein showed mathematical proof the $E = mc^2$.
152	psychology	Please Say You Can Hit Old Ladies. Or Get Yogurt.	He practiced psychology for many years.
153	quantity	The QUANT Is TinY.	That's a large quantity of grapes.
154	quarter	The QUARTEt is Ready.	Four quarters make a dollar.
155	quiet	Please keep quiet about my diet.	Just be quiet!
156	quit	Quiet lost its "e" and became quit.	No, I won't quit this job.
157	quite	Quit added an "e" and became quite.	That's quite a statement you made.
158	realize	The REAL man materialIzEd.	I didn't realize I was being so bold.
159	receive	Remember "l" before "e" except after "c."	It's better to give than to receive.
160	recognize	Ryan Epping was COGent that he had to orgaNIZE.	He was recognized for his bravery.
161	recommend	I recommend you put two "m's" in recommend.	I highly recommend the applicant.
162	reference	REFER it to mike pENCE.	I'll be happy to serve as a reference.
163	religious	RELIGate the task to the pIOUS man.	There's a great divide between the religious and nonreligious.
164	repetition	REPEat TI TI in repetitiON.	Repetition is the best way to learn.
165	restaurant		He ran a very clean restaurant.
166	rhythm	Rhythm helps your two hips move.	Dance to the rhythm of the night.
167	ridiculous	RID the Island of CURious LOUSes.	What you propose is just ridiculous.
168	sacrifice	use the SACK to RId the oriFICE of mice.	It was a great sacrifice for me to come here.
169	safety	Safely add "ty" to safe to get safety.	He needs to beware of the safety rules.
170	scissors	Steve Cut Into the Seven Samurai on Orders from Rick Smith.	Never run with scissors.
171	secretary	Just add "ary" to secret to get secretary.	The secretary is very quick at dictation.
172	separate	There's a rat in separate.	There are two separate doors at the front and back of the hou
173	shining	Jack Nicholson hurt his SHIN in the shinING.	The sun was shining brightly.

174	similar	SIMI valley has a lot of LARd.	The two theories are very similar.
175	sincerely	Pair SINCE and RELY to get sincerely.	Generally, end a letter by saying "sincerely."
176	soldier	Sam Ordered Larry to DIE Respectfully for his country.	The soldier died in battle.
177	speech	Draw it out: Put two "e's" in speech.	Martin Luther King Jr. gave a memorable speech in Washington.
178	stopping	STOP and hear the PING.	We'll be stopping at the store on the way home (to go shopping).
179	strength	Schwarzenegger Trained REally Neatly at Gold's Gym on FIFTH.	The athlete showed great strength and agility.
180	studying	Just add "ing" to STUDY to get studyING.	I've been up all night studying.
181	succeed	To succeed, put two "c's" in succeed.	If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.
182	successful	Be successful: Put two "c's" and two "s's" in successful.	The businesswoman is very successful.
183	surely	SURE, just add "LY" to sure to get surely.	Surely you don't believe that!
184	surprise	The SURPlus caused inventory to RISE.	It was a wonderful surprise to see you here.
185	temperature	The TEMP, Ed, Realized Afterward That Umpire Rick Equivocated.	He had a temperature of 100.4 F.
186	temporary	The TEMP OR Rick Ate Rare Yogurt.	Relax. This situation is only temporary.
187	through	Just add "hr" to tough to get through.	He counted every number from one through 10,000.
188	toward	I TOW and ARDvark.	Never run toward danger.
189	tries	Just switch the "r" and "e" in tires to get tries.	He tries so hard, but he rarely succeeds.
190	truly	Tom Really Understands Libby's Yeti.	I truly appreciate your help.
191	twelfth	The TWin ELF THOUGHT about it.	He sang until the twelfth of never.
192	until	To spell until, just think until without the "e."	He sang until the twelfth of never.
193	unusual	UNUSed, Uni Asked Larry for a loan.	It's unusual to duplicate sentences, but sometimes it's called foreshadowing.
194	using	Using is just like use, but replace the "e" with "ing."	I don't like using a computer.
195	usually	USU was his ALLY.	He usually arrives early.
196	village	It takes two "l's" to spell village.	It takes a village to solve problems.
197	weird	I before e except after c.	That man was weird.
198	welcome	WE Love COmmunists from MEndecino.	Welcome to the jungle.
199	Whether, weather	WE Love COmmunists from MEndecino.	Whether I want to accept it or not, the weather will soon turn to rain.
200	writing	To write writing, just drop the "e" and replace with "ing."	As of this writing, the information is correct.
201	Aardwolf is a hyena-like animal of southern and eastern Africa.		
202	Aberration is departing from the usual course.		
203	Abridgment is a shortened form of a book.		
204	Abscission is sudden termination.		
205	Acerbate is to make sour or bitter.		
206	Aficionado is a devotee of something.		
207	Algorithm is a set of rules for solving a problem.		
208	Alignment is arrangement in a straight line.		
209	Allocution is a formal speech.		
210	Ancillary is a subordinate or subsidiary.		
211	Apocalypse is widespread destruction or disaster.		
212	Applique is ornamentation applied to a material.		
213	Archetype (arkitype) is the original model.		
214	Avenge is to exact satisfaction for.		
215	Babushka is a woman's scarf.		
216	Baccalaureate is a religious service held before commencement day.		
217	Balalaika is a Russian musical instrument.		
218	Baroque pertains to architecture and art from 17th century Italy.		
219	Barracuda is a long, predaceous fish.		
220	Bayou is a marshy arm of a river, usually sluggish or stagnant.		
221	Beleaguer is to surround with troubles.		
222	Belligerence is a hostile attitude.		
223	Beret is a soft, visorless cap.		
224	Bivouac is a military encampment.		
225	Blithe is joyous, glad or cheerful.		
226	Boatswain is a warrant officer on a warship.		
227	Bourgeois is to be a member of the middle class.		
228	Boutique is a small shop within a larger store.		
229	Boutonniere is a flower worn by a man in his lapel.		
230	Boysenberry is a blackberry-like fruit.		
231	Buoy is a float used to mark a water channel.		
232	Cabaret is a restaurant providing food, drink and music.		
233	Calisthenics are gymnastic exercises.		
234	Callous is hard or indifferent.		

235	<u>Camouflage is hiding oneself from one's enemy.</u>	
236	<u>Cannoneer is an artilleryman.</u>	
237	<u>Cantankerous is disagreeable to deal with.</u>	
238	<u>Cardiopulmonary pertaining to the heart and lungs.</u>	
239	<u>Carnivorous means flesh-eating.</u>	
240	<u>Catastrophe is a sudden and widespread disaster.</u>	
241	<u>Celerity is swiftness, speed.</u>	
242	<u>Censer a container in which incense is burned.</u>	
243	<u>Changeable is liable to change or to be changed.</u>	
244	<u>Chaparral is a dense growth of shrubs or trees (southwest).</u>	
245	<u>Commemorate is to serve as a reminder of.</u>	
246	<u>Committal is an act or instance of committing.</u>	
247	<u>Connoisseur is a person competent to pass critical judgment.</u>	
248	<u>Convalescence is the gradual recovery to health after illness.</u>	
249	<u>Cornucopia is the horn of plenty in mythology.</u>	
250	<u>Corruptible is that which can be corrupted.</u>	
251	<u>Crevasse is a fissure in ice or the earth.</u>	
252	<u>Croissant is a rich, buttery crescent-shaped roll.</u>	
253	<u>Curmudgeon is a bad-tempered, cantankerous person.</u>	
254	<u>Cynic is a person who believes in selfishness as prime motivation.</u>	
255	<u>Dachshund is a long, German dog.</u>	
256	<u>Decaffeinate is to extract caffeine from.</u>	
257	<u>Deliverance is an act or instance of delivering.</u>	
258	<u>Denouement is the final resolution of the intricacies of a plot.</u>	
259	<u>Diaphragm is a part of the human body.</u>	
260	<u>Dichotomy is division into two parts.</u>	
261	<u>Dietitian is a person who is an expert on nutrition.</u>	
262	<u>Diphthong is an unsegmented gliding speech sound</u>	
263	<u>Docile is easily handled or manageable.</u>	
264	<u>Echo is a repetition of sound produced by reflection of sound waves.</u>	
265	<u>Eclair is a finger-shaped creampuff.</u>	
266	<u>Eczema is an inflammatory condition of the skin.</u>	
267	<u>Effervescent is bubbling, vivacious or gay.</u>	
268	<u>Eloquence is using language with fluency and aptness.</u>	
269	<u>Encumbrance is something burdensome.</u>	
270	<u>Exquisite is of special beauty or charm.</u>	
271	<u>Extemporaneous is done without special preparation.</u>	
272	<u>Facsimile is an exact copy.</u>	
273	<u>Fallacious means logically unsound.</u>	
274	<u>Fascinate is to attract and hold attentively.</u>	
275	<u>Fauna are the animals of a region considered as a whole.</u>	
276	<u>Flocculent is like a clump of wool.</u>	
277	<u>Foliage is the leaves of a plant.</u>	
278	<u>Forage is food for cattle or horses.</u>	
279	<u>Forsythia is a shrub of the olive family.</u>	
280	<u>Fraught means full of or accompanied by.</u>	
281	<u>Fuchsia is a bright, purplish-red color.</u>	
282	<u>Gauche means lacking in social grace.</u>	
283	<u>Genre is a class of artistic endeavor having a particular form.</u>	
284	<u>Germane means relevant.</u>	
285	<u>Gerrymander is dividing election districts to suit one group or party.</u>	
286	<u>Glockenspiel is a musical instrument.</u>	
287	<u>Gnash is to grind or strike the teeth together.</u>	
288	<u>Granary is a storehouse for grain.</u>	
289	<u>Grippe is the former name for influenza.</u>	
290	<u>Guillotine a device for execution.</u>	
291	<u>Hallelujah means praise ye the Lord.</u>	
292	<u>Handwrought is formed or shaped by hand, esp. metal objects.</u>	
293	<u>Harebrained means giddy or reckless.</u>	
294	<u>Harpsichord is a keyboard instrument, precursor of the piano.</u>	
295	<u>Haughty is disdainfully proud.</u>	

296	<u>Heir is a person who inherits.</u>	
297	Hemorrhage is a profuse discharge of blood.	
298	<u>Heterogeneous is different in kind, unlike.</u>	
299	Hoard is a supply that is carefully guarded or hidden.	
300	<u>Holocaust is a great or complete destruction.</u>	
301	Homogenize is to form by blending unlike elements.	
302	<u>Homonym is a word the same in spelling and sound, but different in meaning.</u>	
303	Horde is a large group, a multitude.	
304	<u>Humoresque is a musical composition of humorous character.</u>	
305	Hydraulic is employing water or other liquids in motion.	
306	<u>Hydrolysis is chemical decomposition by reacting with water.</u>	
307	Hypothesis is a proposition set forth to explain some occurrence.	
308	<u>Hysterical is of or pertaining to hysteria.</u>	
309	Idyll is a composition, usually describing pastoral scenes or any appealing incident, or the like.	
310	<u>Iguana is a large lizard native to Central and South America.</u>	
311	Imperceptible is very slight, gradual or subtle.	
312	<u>Impetuous is characterized by sudden or rash action.</u>	
313	Impossible means not possible or unable to be done.	
314	<u>Impromptu means done without previous preparation.</u>	
315	Incidence means the rate of change or occurrence.	
316	<u>Indicator is a person or thing that indicates.</u>	
317	Infallible is absolutely trustworthy or sure.	
318	<u>Inferior is lower in station, rank or degree.</u>	
319	Insurgence is an act of rebellion.	
320	<u>Interfere is to meddle in the affairs of others.</u>	
321	Invoice is an itemized bill for goods or services.	
322	<u>Iridescent is displaying a play of bright colors, like a rainbow.</u>	
323	Isle is a small island.	
324	<u>Isthmus is a narrow strip of land with water on both sides, connecting two larger strips of land.</u>	
325	Jackal is a wild dog of Asia and Africa.	
326	<u>Jacuzzi is a trade name for a whirlpool bath and related products.</u>	
327	Joist is a beam used to support ceilings or floors or the like.	
328	<u>Juxtaposition is the act of placing close together.</u>	
329	Kaiser is a German or Austrian emperor.	
330	<u>Kaleidoscope is a continually shifting pattern or scene.</u>	
331	Ketch is a two-masted sailing vessel.	
332	<u>Knave is an unprincipled or dishonest person.</u>	
333	Knell is the sound made by a bell rung slowly, at a death.	
334	<u>Knoll is a small, rounded hill.</u>	
335	Labyrinth is an intricate combination of paths in which it is difficult to find the exit.	
336	<u>Laconic is using few words, being concise.</u>	
337	Laggard is a lingerer; loiterer.	
338	<u>Lagoon is an area of shallow water separated from the sea by sandy dunes.</u>	
339	Laryngitis is the inflammation of the larynx.	
340	<u>Larynx is the structure in which the vocal cords are located.</u>	
341	Lavender is a pale bluish purple.	
342	<u>Legionnaire is a member of any legion.</u>	
343	Leprechaun is a dwarf or sprite in Ireland.	
344	<u>Liege is a Feudal lord entitled to allegiance or service.</u>	
345	Luau is a feast of Hawaiian food.	
346	<u>Luscious is highly pleasing to the taste or smell.</u>	
347	Lyre is a musical instrument of ancient Greece, harp-like.	
348	<u>Lymphatic is pertaining to, containing or conveying lymph.</u>	
349	Mace is a club-like, armor-breaking weapon, used in the Middle Ages.	
350	<u>Magnanimous is generous in forgiving insult or injury.</u>	
351	Magnify is to increase the apparent size of, as does a lens.	
352	<u>Malfeasance is wrongdoing by a public official.</u>	
353	Maneuver is a planned movement of troops or warships, etc.	
354	<u>Mante is a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape.</u>	
355	Marquee is a projection above a theater entrance, usually containing the name of the feature at the theater.	
356	<u>Masquerade is a party of people wearing masks and other disguises.</u>	

357	Mature is complete in natural growth or development.	
358	<u>Maul is a heavy hammer.</u>	
359	Melee is a confused, hand-to-hand fight among several people.	
360	<u>Memento is a keepsake or souvenir.</u>	
361	Mercenary is working or acting merely for money or reward.	
362	<u>Mesquite is a spiny tree found in western North America.</u>	
363	Mettle is courage or fortitude.	
364	<u>Minuscule means very small.</u>	
365	Mirage is something illusory, without substance or reality.	
366	<u>Momentous is of great or far-reaching importance.</u>	
367	Monastery is a house occupied by usually monks.	
368	<u>Monocle is an eyeglass for one eye.</u>	
369	Morgue is a place in which bodies are kept.	
370	<u>Morphine is a narcotic used as a pain-killer or sedative.</u>	
371	Mosque is a Muslim temple or place of public worship.	
372	<u>Motif is a recurring subject, theme or idea.</u>	
373	Mousse is a sweetened dessert with whipped cream as a base.	
374	<u>Mozzarella is a mild, white, semi-soft Italian cheese.</u>	
375	Muenster is a white cheese made from whole milk.	
376	<u>Municipal is of or pertaining to a town or city or its government.</u>	
377	Mysterious is full of or involving mystery.	
378	<u>Mystique is an aura of mystery or mystical power surrounding a particular occupation or pursuit.</u>	
379	Naughty means disobedient or mischievous.	
380	<u>Neuter is gender that is neither masculine nor feminine.</u>	
381	Nickel is a coin of the U.S., 20 of which make a dollar.	
382	<u>Nickelodeon is an early motion-picture theater.</u>	
383	Nomenclature are names or terms comprising a set or system.	
384	<u>Nonchalant is coolly unconcerned, unexcited.</u>	
385	Nonpareil is having no equal.	
386	<u>Noxious is harmful or injurious to health.</u>	
387	Nuance is a subtle difference in meaning.	
388	<u>Nucleus is the core.</u>	
389	Nuisance is an obnoxious or annoying person.	
390	<u>Nuptial is of or pertaining to marriage or the ceremony.</u>	
391	Nylons are stockings worn by women.	
392	<u>Obnoxious is highly objectionable or offensive.</u>	
393	Obsolescent means passing out of use, as a word.	
394	<u>Occurrence is the action, fact or instance of happening.</u>	
395	Ocelot is a spotted, leopard-like cat, ranging from Texas to South America.	
396	<u>Ogre is a monster in fairy tales.</u>	
397	Onyx is black.	
398	<u>Ophthalmology is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.</u>	
399	Ordnance is cannon or artillery.	
400	<u>Orphan is a child who has lost both parents through death.</u>	
401	Oscillate is to swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum.	
402	<u>Overwrought is extremely excited or agitated.</u>	
403	Oxygen is the element constituting about one-fifth of the atmosphere.	
404	<u>Pacifist is a person who is opposed to war or to violence of any kind.</u>	
405	Palette is a board with a thumb hole, used by painters to mix colors.	
406	<u>Palomino is a horse with a golden coat, and a white mane and tail.</u>	
407	Pamphlet is a short essay, generally controversial, on some subject of contemporary interest.	
408	<u>Pantomime is the art of conveying things through gestures, without speech.</u>	
409	Papacy is the office, dignity or jurisdiction of the pope.	
410	<u>Parable is a short story designed to illustrate some truth.</u>	
411	Paralysis is a loss of movement in a body part, caused by disease or injury.	
412	<u>Paraphernalia is apparatus necessary for a particular activity.</u>	
413	Parishioner is one of the inhabitants of a parish.	
414	<u>Parochial is of or pertaining to a parish or parishes.</u>	
415	Parody is a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature.	
416	<u>Parquet is a floor composed of strips or blocks of wood forming a pattern.</u>	
417	Partition is a division into portions or shares.	

418	<u>Pasture is grass used to feed livestock.</u>	
419	<u>Patriarch is the male head of a family or tribal line.</u>	
420	<u>Patrician is a person of noble rank; an aristocrat.</u>	
421	<u>Paunchy is having a large and protruding belly.</u>	
422	<u>Pause is a temporary stop or rest.</u>	
423	<u>Pavilion is a building used for shelter, concerts, or exhibits.</u>	
424	<u>Peak is the pointed top of a mountain.</u>	
425	<u>Penchant is a strong inclination or liking for something.</u>	
426	<u>Penguin is a flightless bird of the Southern Hemisphere.</u>	
427	<u>Penicillin is an antibiotic of low toxicity.</u>	
428	<u>Penitentiary is a prison maintained for serious offenders.</u>	
429	<u>Perennial is lasting for a long time; enduring.</u>	
430	<u>Periphery is the external boundary of any area.</u>	
431	<u>Perjury is lying under oath.</u>	
432	<u>Perseverance is doggedness, steadfastness.</u>	
433	<u>Persuade is to prevail on a person to do something.</u>	
434	<u>Peruse is to read through with care.</u>	
435	<u>Pesticide is a chemical preparation to destroy pests.</u>	
436	<u>Petition is a formally drawn request.</u>	
437	<u>Phalanx is a body of troops in close array.</u>	
438	<u>Phenomenon is a fact or occurrence observed or observable.</u>	
439	<u>Philosopher is one who offers views on profound subjects.</u>	
440	<u>Phoenix is a mythical bird able to rise from its own ashes.</u>	
441	<u>Physics is the science that deals with matter, energy, motion and force.</u>	
442	<u>Picturesque is visually charming or quaint.</u>	
443	<u>Peace is a country's condition when not involved in war.</u>	
444	<u>Pinnacle is a lofty peak.</u>	
445	<u>Pinafore is a child's apron.</u>	
446	<u>Pixie is a fairy or sprite, especially a mischievous one.</u>	
447	<u>Placard is a paperboard sign or notice.</u>	
448	<u>Placebo is a pill with no medicine but used to soothe a patient.</u>	
449	<u>Plaid is any fabric woven of differently colored yarns in a cross-barred pattern.</u>	
450	<u>Plight is a condition or situation especially an unfavorable one.</u>	
451	<u>Plumber is a person who installs and repairs piping, fixtures, etc.</u>	
452	<u>Pneumonia is inflammation of the lungs with congestion.</u>	
453	<u>Poignant is keenly distressing to the feelings.</u>	
454	<u>Poinsettia is sometimes called the Christmas flower.</u>	
455	<u>Politicize is to bring a political flavor to.</u>	
456	<u>Populous means heavily populated.</u>	
457	<u>Porridge is a food made of cereal, boiled to a thick consistency in water or milk.</u>	
458	<u>Posse is a force armed with legal authority.</u>	
459	<u>Posthumous is arising, occurring, or continuing after one's death.</u>	
460	<u>Potpourri is any mixture of unrelated objects, subjects, etc.</u>	
461	<u>Practitioner is a person engaged in the practice of a profession or occupation.</u>	
462	<u>Prairie is a tract of grassland; a meadow.</u>	
463	<u>Precise is definitely or strictly stated.</u>	
464	<u>Prerogative is an exclusive right or privilege.</u>	
465	<u>Prestigious is having a high reputation.</u>	
466	<u>Prey is an animal hunted or seized for food.</u>	
467	<u>Principle is an accepted or professed rule of action or conduct.</u>	
468	<u>Pronunciation is an accepted standard of the sound and stress patterns of a syllable or word.</u>	
469	<u>Psalm is a sacred song or hymn.</u>	
470	<u>Psychology is the science of the mind or of mental states and processes.</u>	
471	<u>Purge is to cleanse or to purify.</u>	
472	<u>Quaff is to drink a beverage.</u>	
473	<u>Quandary is a state of uncertainty.</u>	
474	<u>Quarantine is a strict isolation.</u>	
475	<u>Questionnaire is a list of questions submitted for replies.</u>	
476	<u>Queue is a braid of hair or a line of people.</u>	
477	<u>Quiche is a dish with cheeses and other vegetables.</u>	
478	<u>Quintessence is the pure and concentrated essence of a substance.</u>	

479	Rabble is a disorderly crowd; mob.	
480	Raffle is a form of a lottery.	
481	Rambunctious is difficult to control or handle.	
482	Rancid is having an unpleasant smell or taste.	
483	Raspberry is the fruit of a shrub.	
484	Ratchet is a tool.	
485	Rationale is the fundamental reason serving to account for something.	
486	Recede means to go or move away.	
487	Recluse is a person who lives apart or in seclusion.	
488	Reconnaissance is the act of reconnoitering.	
489	Rectify is to make or set right.	
490	Recurrence is an act of something happening again.	
491	Reggae is a style of Jamaican popular music.	
492	Rehearse is to practice.	
493	Reign is the period during which a sovereign sits on a throne.	
494	Rein is the leather strap used to control a horse.	
495	Remembrance is a memory.	
496	Reminiscence is the process of recalling experiences.	
497	Requisition is the act of requiring or demanding.	
498	Rescind is to annul or repeal.	
499	Respondent is a person who responds or makes replies.	
500	Resume is a summing up, a summary.	
501	Resurrection is the act of rising from the dead.	
502	Revise is to amend or alter.	
503	Rhapsodic is ecstatic or extravagantly enthusiastic.	
504	Rhetoric is bombast or the undue use of exaggeration or display.	
505	Rhubarb is a plant of the buckwheat family.	
506	Right is in accordance with what is good or just.	
507	Rigor is strictness, severity or hardness.	
508	Rotor is a rotating part of a machine.	
509	Rouge is any of various red cosmetics for cheek and lips.	
510	Roulette is a game of chance.	
511	Rubella is a disease also called German measles.	
512	Sable is an Old World weasel-like animal.	
513	Sachet is a small bag containing perfuming powder or the like.	
514	Sacrilegious is pertaining to the violation of anything sacred.	
515	Saffron is a crocus having showy, purple flowers.	
516	Salutatorian is the person ranking second in the graduating class.	
517	Sanctimonious is making a hypocritical show of religious devotion.	
518	Sapphire is a gem with a blue color.	
519	Sarcasm is harsh or bitter derision or irony.	
520	Satellite is a body that revolves around a planet, a moon.	
521	Sauerkraut is cabbage allowed to ferment until sour.	
522	Sauna is a bath that uses dry heat to induce perspiration.	
523	Scandalous is disgraceful or shocking behavior.	
524	Scarab is a beetle regarded as sacred by the ancient Egyptians.	
525	Scenario is the outline of a plot of a dramatic work.	
526	Scepter is a rod held as an emblem of regal or imperial power.	
527	Schizophrenia is a severe mental disorder.	
528	Schnauzer is a German breed of medium-sized dogs.	
529	Sciatic is pertaining to the back of the hip.	
530	Scour is to remove dirt by hard scrubbing.	
531	Scourge is a cause of affliction or calamity.	
532	Scrod is a young Atlantic codfish or haddock.	
533	Scruple is a moral standard that acts as a restraining force.	
534	Sculptor is a person who practices the art of sculpture.	
535	Seance is a meeting in which people try to communicate with spirits.	
536	Seclude is to withdraw into solitude.	
537	Seine is a fishing net.	
538	Semaphore is an apparatus for conveying visual signals.	
539	Sensuous means pertaining to or affecting the senses.	

540	<u>Separate means to keep apart or divide.</u>	
541	<u>Sepulcher is a tomb, grave or burial place.</u>	
542	<u>Sequoia is a large tree, aka redwood.</u>	
543	<u>Sergeant is a noncommissioned officer above the rank of corporal.</u>	
544	<u>Serial is anything published in short installments at regular intervals.</u>	
545	<u>Sew is to join or attach by stitches.</u>	
546	<u>Shackle is something used to secure the wrist, leg, etc.</u>	
547	<u>Sheathe is to put a sword into a sheath.</u>	
548	<u>Sheen is luster, brightness, radiance.</u>	
549	<u>Shrew is a woman of violent temper and speech.</u>	
550	<u>Shroud is a cloth or sheet in which a corpse is wrapped for burial.</u>	
551	<u>Sierra is a chain of hills or mountains, the peaks of which suggest the teeth of a saw.</u>	
552	<u>Silhouette is a two-dimensional representation of the outline of an object.</u>	
553	<u>Simile is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, as in she is like a rose.</u>	
554	<u>Simultaneous is occurring or operating at the same time.</u>	
555	<u>Singe is to burn slightly, to scorch.</u>	
556	<u>Siphon is a tube bent into legs of unequal length, for getting liquid from one container to another.</u>	
557	<u>Skeptic is a person who questions the validity of something.</u>	
558	<u>Skew is to turn aside or swerve.</u>	
559	<u>Slaughter is the killing of cattle, etc., for food.</u>	
560	<u>Sleigh is a vehicle on runners, especially used over snow or ice.</u>	
561	<u>Sleight is skill or dexterity.</u>	
562	<u>Sleuth is a detective.</u>	
563	<u>Slough (sloo) is an area of soft, muddy ground.</u>	
564	<u>Sojourn is a temporary stay.</u>	
565	<u>Solder is an alloy fused and applied to the joint between metal objects to unite them.</u>	
566	<u>Solemn is grave or sober or mirthless.</u>	
567	<u>Sovereign is a monarch or a king.</u>	
568	<u>Spasm is a sudden involuntary muscular contraction.</u>	
569	<u>Specter is a ghost, phantom or apparition.</u>	
570	<u>Sponsor is a person who vouches for or is responsible for a person.</u>	
571	<u>Squabble is to engage in a petty quarrel.</u>	
572	<u>Squeak is a short, sharp, shrill cry.</u>	
573	<u>Squint is to look with the eyes partly closed.</u>	
574	<u>Stationery is writing paper.</u>	
575	<u>Stimulus is something that incites to action or exertion.</u>	
576	<u>Strait is a narrow passage of water between 2 larger bodies of water.</u>	
577	<u>Straitjacket is a garment made of strong material and designed to bind the arms.</u>	
578	<u>Stroganoff is a dish of meet sauteed with onions and cooked in a sauce of sour cream.</u>	
579	<u>Suave is smoothly agreeable or polite.</u>	
580	<u>Subpoena is the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses.</u>	
581	<u>Subtle is thin, tenuous or delicate in meaning.</u>	
582	<u>Succinct means expressed in few words, concise, terse.</u>	
583	<u>Sufficiency is adequacy.</u>	
584	<u>Suite is a number of things forming a set.</u>	
585	<u>Supersede is to replace in power, or acceptance.</u>	
586	<u>Supposition is something that is supposed; assumption.</u>	
587	<u>Surety is security against loss or damage.</u>	
588	<u>Surrey is a light carriage for four persons.</u>	
589	<u>Surrogate is a person appointed to act for another; a deputy.</u>	
590	<u>Surveillance is a watch kept over a person or group.</u>	
591	<u>Swerve is to turn aside abruptly.</u>	
592	<u>Symposium is a meeting to discuss some subject.</u>	
593	<u>Synod is an assembly of church delegates.</u>	
594	<u>Synonym is a word having nearly the same meaning as another.</u>	
595	<u>Syntax is the study of the rules for the formation of grammatical sentences in a language.</u>	
596	<u>Tabernacle is a place or house of worship.</u>	
597	<u>Tableau is a picture of a scene.</u>	
598	<u>Tabular means arranged into a table.</u>	
599	<u>Tachometer is a machine to measure velocity or speed.</u>	
600	<u>Tacky is not tasteful or fashionable.</u>	

601	Tact is a sense of what to say without raising offense.	
602	<u>Taffy is a chewy candy.</u>	
603	Tail is the hindmost part of an animal.	
604	<u>Taint is a trace of something bad or harmful.</u>	
605	Tally is an account or reckoning.	
606	<u>Tambourine is a small drum consisting of a circular frame with skin stretched over it and several pairs of metal jingles attached.</u>	
607	Tandem is one following or behind the other.	
608	<u>Tangible is capable of being touched.</u>	
609	Tantalize means to torment with.	
610	<u>Tapestry is a fabric used for wall hangings or furniture coverings.</u>	
611	Tassel is an ornament consisting of a bunch of threads hanging from a round knob, used on clothing or jewelry.	
612	<u>Taught is the past participle of teach.</u>	
613	Taunt means to mock.	
614	<u>Tawdry means showy or cheap.</u>	
615	Tea is something to drink.	
616	<u>Tee is a golfer's aid.</u>	
617	Technique is the manner in which the technical skills of a particular art or field of endeavor are used.	
618	<u>Tedious means long and tiresome.</u>	
619	Teeter means to move unsteadily.	
620	<u>Telegraph is an apparatus to send messages to a distant place.</u>	
621	Telepathy is communication between minds.	
622	<u>Telephone is an apparatus to send sound to distances.</u>	
623	Temblor is a tremor; earthquake.	
624	<u>Tempt means to entice or allure to do something often considered wrong.</u>	
625	Tenor is the meaning that runs through something written or spoken.	
626	<u>Tense is stretched tight; high-strung or nervous.</u>	
627	Terrain is a tract of land.	
628	<u>Terse is neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy.</u>	
629	Tetanus is a disease, commonly called lockjaw.	
630	<u>Thatch is a material used to cover roofs.</u>	
631	Thermometer is a device for measuring temperature.	
632	<u>Thesaurus is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms.</u>	
633	Thesis is a proposition put forth to be considered.	
634	<u>Thigh is between the hip and the knee.</u>	
635	Thimble is a small cap, worn over the fingertip to protect it when pushing a needle through a cloth in sewing.	
636	<u>Third is next after the second.</u>	
637	Thistle is a prickly plant.	
638	<u>Thorough is executed without negligence or omissions.</u>	
639	Thumb is the short, thick inner digit of the human hand.	
640	<u>Tier is one of a series of rows rising one behind or above another.</u>	
641	Tinsel is a glittering, metallic substance, usually in strips.	
642	<u>Titanic meaning gigantic.</u>	
643	Titlist is a titleholder, champion.	
644	<u>Tobacco is the plant used in making cigarettes.</u>	
645	Tongue is the movable organ in the mouth of humans.	
646	<u>Tonsillectomy is the operation removing one or both tonsils.</u>	
647	Topaz is a mineral used as a gem.	
648	<u>Torque is something that produces rotation.</u>	
649	Tout is to solicit business.	
650	<u>Toxicity is the degree of being poisonous.</u>	
651	Traceable is capable of being traced.	
652	<u>Trachea is the windpipe.</u>	
653	Trait is a distinguishing characteristic or quality.	
654	<u>Tranquil is calm or peaceful.</u>	
655	Transcend is to rise above or go beyond.	
656	<u>Transient means not lasting or enduring.</u>	
657	Translucent is letting pass through, but not clearly.	
658	<u>Trapeze is an apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar attached to two suspending ropes.</u>	
659	Trauma is a body wound or shock produced by sudden physical injury.	
660	<u>Trestle is a type of frame, used in railroad spans.</u>	
661	Trichotomy means divided into three parts.	

662	<u>Trivial means of little significance or importance.</u>	
663	<u>Trough is a receptacle, usually for drinking from.</u>	
664	<u>Troupe is a group of actors or performers, esp. travelers.</u>	
665	<u>Truancy is the act of being truant or late.</u>	
666	<u>Tyrannize is to exercise absolute control or power.</u>	
667	<u>Ulcer is a sore on the skin.</u>	
668	<u>Uncollectible means it can't be collected.</u>	
669	<u>Unkempt is disheveled or messy.</u>	
670	<u>Vaccinal pertaining to vaccine or vaccination.</u>	
671	<u>Vague is not clearly expressed or identified.</u>	
672	<u>Vaudeville is a theatrical entertainment.</u>	
673	<u>Vehemence meaning ardor or fervor.</u>	
674	<u>Veneer is a thin layer of wood.</u>	
675	<u>Vengeance means violent revenge or getting back.</u>	
676	<u>Vermicelli is a form of pasta.</u>	
677	<u>Victuals are food supplies.</u>	
678	<u>Viscount is a nobleman just below an earl or count.</u>	
679	<u>Vogue means something in fashion.</u>	
680	<u>Vying is competing or contending.</u>	
681	<u>Waive is to give up or to forgo.</u>	
682	<u>Whack is to strike with a sharp blow or blows.</u>	
683	<u>Wheelwright is a person whose trade is to make wheels.</u>	
684	<u>Wherever is in, at or to whatever place.</u>	
685	<u>Wince is to draw back or tense the body.</u>	
686	<u>Wrack is wreck or wreckage.</u>	
687	<u>Wreak to inflict or execute as punishment or vengeance.</u>	
688	<u>Wren is a small, active songbird.</u>	
689	<u>Yeoman is a petty officer in a navy.</u>	
690	<u>Zeppelin is a rigid airship or dirigible.</u>	
691	<u>Zoological is of or pertaining to zoology.</u>	
692	<u>Zucchini is a variety of summer squash.</u>	

