



Word Power

**2017-2018
High School Spelling & Vocabulary Contest
Word List**

The Details...

NATURE OF THE CONTEST

The UIL Spelling and Vocabulary Contest promotes vocabulary development and precise and effective use of words. The three part contest consists of multiple-choice questions and words that are written from diction. Eighty percent of the test will come from the UIL *Word Power* list that changes each year. Twenty percent will come from outside sources, such as commonly used words, proper names/words in the news, and words that are representative of important elements in the English language.

- Part I: Contestants are given 15 minutes to complete 30 questions that consist of 15 Proofreading questions and 15 Vocabulary questions. The Proofreading questions are comprised of list words, forms of list words and non-list (“outside”) words. The Vocabulary questions are based on the words indicated for vocabulary study in the current *Word Power*.
- Part II & III: This portion of the contest will consist of words pronounced for the contestants. Part II is the hand-written spelling of 70 words pronounced aloud to contestants. Part III is a tiebreaker section of 20 additional pronounced words.

ABOUT WORD POWER

Word Power was compiled using *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, third (1992), fourth (2000) and fifth (2011) editions. Each word was checked for possible variant spelling, capitalization, and parts of speech. *Word Power* reflects several decisions made for consistency and clarity.

SPELLING & PRONUNCIATION

If a word has more than one correct spelling, all spellings are listed, separated by a comma (frenetic, phrenetic). Students are required to spell only one variant. Although every attempt has been made to list all alternate spellings, some others will undoubtedly be discovered. *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, Third, Fourth or Fifth Edition is the final authority, not *Word Power* or the test lists.

In order to make it easier for contestants to determine the correct pronunciation of words with variable suffixes, the following guidelines are used. If the addition of a letter does not change the pronunciation of a word, the additional letter(s) may be placed in parentheses at the end of a word, or the second spelling is given on the same line. For example dialogue may also be spelled dialog; therefore, the listing in *Word Power* is dialogue, dialog. An entry such as pedagog(ue), paedagogue would indicate three acceptable spellings. On the other hand, holographic and holographical are forms of the same word in the same part of speech, but they are pronounced differently. These words will be separate entries.

Brief definitions will be given for each word pronounced in Parts II and III. During competition, students must spell the form of the word given. For instance, the list word “mecca” can be written as either a capitalized or lower-case word, depending on the definition given. In order to get credit for such a word, students must spell the form of the word which corresponds to the pronounced definition. If a word is spelled correctly but is the incorrect form, it will be considered misspelled. Words with same parts of speech and meanings but different pronunciations will appear as separate entries in *Word Power*.

CAPITALIZATION

If a word can begin with either a lowercase letter or a capital, both versions are given. It is the responsibility of the contestant to know in what circumstances to use lowercase or capital letters. Both the unnecessary use of a capital or its omission are considered errors.

MARKINGS

The English language includes words taken directly from foreign languages without changes in spelling. Marks assumed to be accent marks for syllables are really guides to the proper pronunciation of vowels; therefore, in order to spell the words correctly, it is necessary to use these marks accurately. For example, the French word *dégagé* is pronounced DAY gah ZHAY. The acute accent (´) is usually pronounced as the a in late or date. The grave (`) and the circumflex e (^) are pronounced as the e in peck or deck. The grave and circumflex a give the a sound of ah as in paw. Other commonly used pronunciation guides are the German umlaut (¨) and the Spanish tilde (~). Because the selection of a mark, such as a pronunciation mark, and its proper placement are necessary for the correct spelling and pronunciation of foreign words used by educated Americans, improper usage of accent marks or marks such as umlaut or tilde is considered a spelling error.

VOCABULARY

Approximately 350 words have been selected for vocabulary study and are designated by the symbol •. For example:

778. kookaburra •

Contestants will be responsible for the spelling, meaning, and derivation of these words. Question formats may vary from one test to another in order to provide the best method of testing the material.

Any questions regarding the correct spelling of words should be directed to the League office. Corrections to *Word Power* are posted on the Spelling and Vocabulary webpage at: www.uiltexas.org/academics/academic-contests/spelling-and-vocabulary.

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| 1. | a fortiori • | 51. | amalgamate • | 101. | assumptive • |
| 2. | à la carte, a la carte | 52. | amarelle | 102. | astrakhan, astrachan (fur) |
| 3. | a posteriori | 53. | Amazonia | 103. | astraphobia |
| 4. | Abadan | 54. | ambivalence | 104. | atamasco lily |
| 5. | abaxial • | 55. | amnesiac | 105. | atypical |
| 6. | Abednego | 56. | ampulla | 106. | au courant • |
| 7. | able-bodied | 57. | anachronism | 107. | au pair |
| 8. | abridgment, abridgement | 58. | anacoluthon • | 108. | aureola |
| 9. | absolutism | 59. | analogy | 109. | auricular |
| 10. | absorbefacient | 60. | anaphora • | 110. | australopithecine |
| 11. | academia | 61. | anarthrous | 111. | authenticity |
| 12. | acanthus, Acanthus | 62. | anathematize • | 112. | Averno • |
| 13. | acciaccatura • | 63. | ancylostomiasis | 113. | aversion |
| 14. | acclimatization | 64. | Andorra • | 114. | avian |
| 15. | accumbent | 65. | angiocardiology | 115. | babbitt metal, Babbitt metal |
| 16. | acedia | 66. | anguished | 116. | baccalaureate |
| 17. | acerbity | 67. | animadvert • | 117. | bacteriophage |
| 18. | achondroplasia | 68. | aniseikonia | 118. | baguette • |
| 19. | acidify | 69. | annuity • | 119. | Bahatism |
| 20. | acquisition | 70. | anomaly • | 120. | baldachin |
| 21. | acquittal • | 71. | anopheles, Anopheles | 121. | ball-peen hammer • |
| 22. | ad nauseam | 72. | antemortem | 122. | balmacaan • |
| 23. | ad valorem • | 73. | antepenultimate | 123. | Balthazar, Balthasar |
| 24. | adipocyte | 74. | anthropometry • | 124. | barberry |
| 25. | admonish | 75. | antimacassar | 125. | Barents Sea • |
| 26. | adobo | 76. | antinome • | 126. | baronial • |
| 27. | adulate | 77. | antipodal | 127. | bateaux |
| 28. | advection | 78. | antipyretic • | 128. | Batista y Zaldívar |
| 29. | advocacy journalism | 79. | año, anyu | 129. | bauble |
| 30. | adynamia | 80. | apatetic • | 130. | béarnaise sauce |
| 31. | aegis, egis | 81. | apéritif | 131. | beatification |
| 32. | aerophobia | 82. | aperture | 132. | beau ideal |
| 33. | affinity • | 83. | apocalyptic • | 133. | bedlamite |
| 34. | aggravation • | 84. | appertain | 134. | Begin (Israeli leader) |
| 35. | aggrieve | 85. | applicable • | 135. | bellicosity |
| 36. | agitato | 86. | apteryx, Apteryx | 136. | benzoyl peroxide |
| 37. | agnosia | 87. | aquacade | 137. | beryllium • |
| 38. | agrology | 88. | aquamarine | 138. | besotted • |
| 39. | ahimsa | 89. | Aramaic | 139. | beurre blanc |
| 40. | aide-de-camp | 90. | arbitrage | 140. | bijouterie |
| 41. | aikido | 91. | arborescent • | 141. | bilious |
| 42. | akinesia | 92. | archdiocese | 142. | bimestrial |
| 43. | alcazar • | 93. | Archimedean screw | 143. | bindlestiff |
| 44. | alfresco, al fresco • | 94. | argentiferous | 144. | biodegradation |
| 45. | algorism • | 95. | Armageddon • | 145. | biostatistics • |
| 46. | alla breve | 96. | aromaticity | 146. | blasé |
| 47. | allottee | 97. | artifact, artefact | 147. | blepharitis |
| 48. | allurement | 98. | asperse | 148. | bombastically |
| 49. | altercation • | 99. | asphodel | 149. | booboisie • |
| 50. | altricial | 100. | aspidistra, Aspidistra | 150. | bookkeeping |

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| 151. | boreal, Boreal | 201. | Centaurus | 251. | condolatory • |
| 152. | borzoi | 202. | cerebration | 252. | condonation • |
| 153. | bouleversement • | 203. | cerecloth | 253. | condyle • |
| 154. | bradycardia | 204. | cerotype • | 254. | conglobate • |
| 155. | brandish • | 205. | certitude | 255. | consanguinity |
| 156. | bresaola • | 206. | chagrined | 256. | consentaneous |
| 157. | briarroot • | 207. | chalcedony, calcedony | 257. | conspiracy theory |
| 158. | broad-minded | 208. | chamois, chammy, shammy | 258. | constringe |
| 159. | brocade | 209. | chancery | 259. | consubstantial |
| 160. | brotherliness | 210. | chanoyu • | 260. | continuum • |
| 161. | brouhaha | 211. | Charybdis | 261. | contortionist |
| 162. | brumal | 212. | chassé | 262. | contradistinguish • |
| 163. | Buddha | 213. | chatelaine | 263. | convolute |
| 164. | bulletproof | 214. | chemin de fer | 264. | convoy |
| 165. | bureaucratize | 215. | chemoautotroph | 265. | copacetic, copasetic |
| 166. | Burundi | 216. | chemurgy | 266. | cordons bleu (singular) |
| 167. | cabaret | 217. | chiasmus | 267. | coronary bypass surgery |
| 168. | Cabeza de Vaca | 218. | chicanery | 268. | corporeity |
| 169. | cacique | 219. | chiffonier • | 269. | corroborating |
| 170. | cacophonous • | 220. | cholera • | 270. | cosmetology |
| 171. | caisson disease | 221. | choreographer | 271. | Côte d'Azur |
| 172. | calipash | 222. | Christology • | 272. | countercoup |
| 173. | caliphate | 223. | Ciceronian | 273. | counterintelligence • |
| 174. | calque | 224. | Cinco de Mayo | 274. | covenantee |
| 175. | Canaanite • | 225. | cinquain | 275. | crapehanger |
| 176. | cantaloupe, cantaloup | 226. | cinquecentist | 276. | cravenly • |
| 177. | cantonment | 227. | circumscribe | 277. | creditable • |
| 178. | capital-intensive | 228. | citronella | 278. | crepitate |
| 179. | capitulation | 229. | clay pigeon | 279. | cretinism • |
| 180. | caravel, caravelle | 230. | clear-air turbulence | 280. | croquet |
| 181. | carbon-14 dating | 231. | clique | 281. | crozier, crozier |
| 182. | Caribbean | 232. | coadjutant • | 282. | crypt |
| 183. | carom | 233. | cochlea | 283. | cuesta • |
| 184. | carotenoid | 234. | cocklebur | 284. | cultivator |
| 185. | caseous • | 235. | codeine • | 285. | cummerbund • |
| 186. | cashier's check | 236. | coextensive | 286. | curettage |
| 187. | cassoulet • | 237. | cognitive | 287. | cursor • |
| 188. | cataclysmal | 238. | coho salmon | 288. | cycloid |
| 189. | catamaran | 239. | collateralize | 289. | cyclopean, Cyclopean |
| 190. | catarrh | 240. | collodion | 290. | cystectomy |
| 191. | catchword • | 241. | columbarium | 291. | Dachau |
| 192. | catholic, Catholic | 242. | comestibles • | 292. | damage control |
| 193. | catoptric | 243. | comeuppance | 293. | dandruff |
| 194. | caudate | 244. | commitment | 294. | Dantesque |
| 195. | causerie • | 245. | comparison-shopped • | 295. | dariole • |
| 196. | caveat emptor | 246. | compeer | 296. | dashiki |
| 197. | cede • | 247. | comportment • | 297. | de trop • |
| 198. | ceilometer | 248. | comprehensible | 298. | debarred |
| 199. | celibacy | 249. | con spirito • | 299. | debauched |
| 200. | cellulitis | 250. | concavity • | 300. | decadelong |

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| 301. | decalescence | 351. | disruptive | 401. | enteritis • |
| 302. | Decalogue, Decalog | 352. | distaff side | 402. | entombment |
| 303. | decemvir | 353. | distillate | 403. | entrepreneurial |
| 304. | decoupage, découpage | 354. | diva | 404. | epaulet, epaulette |
| 305. | decrepitude | 355. | divination | 405. | epergne |
| 306. | dedifferentiation | 356. | Dixieland • | 406. | epicycloid • |
| 307. | de-escalate, deescalate | 357. | Dobro (trademark) | 407. | epinephrine, epinephrin • |
| 308. | deference | 358. | domicile | 408. | epistemology |
| 309. | definiens • | 359. | donnée | 409. | epistle, Epistle |
| 310. | definitive • | 360. | Dostoyevsky, Dostoevski | 410. | equiponderate |
| 311. | defray | 361. | doubting Thomas | 411. | eremitic |
| 312. | deglamorize • | 362. | dramatic monologue | 412. | Eritrea |
| 313. | deism | 363. | drogue | 413. | erudite |
| 314. | deliquescence | 364. | dual-purpose | 414. | erythrocytometer |
| 315. | Delphic | 365. | dubitable • | 415. | escheatage |
| 316. | demijohn | 366. | duopsony | 416. | eschew • |
| 317. | demission | 367. | dura mater | 417. | espial |
| 318. | demographer | 368. | dynamo • | 418. | esprit de corps |
| 319. | demoniac • | 369. | dysfunction, disfunction | 419. | estoppel |
| 320. | dendritic | 370. | E. coli | 420. | Ethiopian |
| 321. | denomination | 371. | ecclesiasticism | 421. | étui |
| 322. | denuclearize | 372. | ecesis | 422. | euphoric |
| 323. | deploy • | 373. | echelon | 423. | Euromarket |
| 324. | deprivation | 374. | écorché • | 424. | eutrophic • |
| 325. | deracinate | 375. | ectogenous • | 425. | evincible |
| 326. | derring-do | 376. | editor in chief | 426. | evolutionary |
| 327. | dervish | 377. | effendi | 427. | ex officio |
| 328. | desipramine | 378. | efflorescence | 428. | ex post facto |
| 329. | desquamate | 379. | effrontery | 429. | excelsior • |
| 330. | deterioration | 380. | effulgent | 430. | exclusionary |
| 331. | detritus | 381. | egotism • | 431. | exclusivity |
| 332. | devil's advocate | 382. | élan • | 432. | excrescence • |
| 333. | devoid | 383. | eldritch • | 433. | exegetic • |
| 334. | devolvement | 384. | elegiac stanza | 434. | exempli gratia • |
| 335. | diamante, diamanté | 385. | elegize | 435. | exemplum • |
| 336. | Diaspora, diaspora | 386. | eluviation | 436. | exoteric |
| 337. | dictum | 387. | Elysian | 437. | exotically |
| 338. | dieffenbachia, Dieffenbachia | 388. | embolden | 438. | expansionism |
| 339. | digitalis, Digitalis | 389. | embryectomy | 439. | expatiate • |
| 340. | dilatation | 390. | emendate | 440. | explicitness • |
| 341. | diocese | 391. | emergence | 441. | expurgation • |
| 342. | Diogenes | 392. | empennage | 442. | exquisitely |
| 343. | diorama | 393. | en brochette • | 443. | excind |
| 344. | disambiguate | 394. | en passant | 444. | extirpate |
| 345. | discomfited • | 395. | encaustic | 445. | extraconstitutional |
| 346. | discommoded • | 396. | encomiast • | 446. | extremist • |
| 347. | discursive | 397. | endergonic | 447. | eyes-only |
| 348. | disinterred | 398. | enmity • | 448. | factionalize |
| 349. | dispassionate | 399. | enokidake | 449. | factious • |
| 350. | dispensary | 400. | enouncement | 450. | falafel, felafel |

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| 451. | falciform | 501. | geomancy | 551. | hierarchize |
| 452. | fanfaronade | 502. | geostrategy | 552. | Hippocrene |
| 453. | fantastico • | 503. | gestic | 553. | histrionics • |
| 454. | farraginous • | 504. | giaour | 554. | hoisin sauce |
| 455. | faun • | 505. | gigot | 555. | homogeneity • |
| 456. | favela | 506. | glaciologist • | 556. | honorific • |
| 457. | featherstitch | 507. | glaucomatous | 557. | Hoosier |
| 458. | febrifacient | 508. | glyptography | 558. | hors d'oeuvre • |
| 459. | felonious | 509. | gnosis • | 559. | huckster |
| 460. | fenestration • | 510. | goethite | 560. | humanitarianism • |
| 461. | fermata • | 511. | googol | 561. | humeral veil |
| 462. | fiancée (female) | 512. | Gore-Tex (trademark) | 562. | humidify |
| 463. | fibrillation | 513. | gourami | 563. | hydrocephalous (adjective) |
| 464. | fiducial | 514. | gram-negative, Gram-negative | 564. | hydrogenate |
| 465. | filiform | 515. | grandstanding | 565. | hygrometer • |
| 466. | filiopietistic | 516. | Graves' disease | 566. | hypabyssal |
| 467. | fiscal year • | 517. | grenadine | 567. | hypnophobia • |
| 468. | fistula • | 518. | Grendel | 568. | hypoesthesia |
| 469. | flagitious • | 519. | griot • | 569. | ibuprofen |
| 470. | flameout | 520. | Guadalcanal | 570. | ichthyosis |
| 471. | fledgling, fledgeling | 521. | guardant, gardant | 571. | icosahedron • |
| 472. | fleur-de-lis, fleur-de-lys | 522. | gurus | 572. | idée fixe (singular) |
| 473. | flotsam | 523. | Guyana • | 573. | idiot savant • |
| 474. | fluoridation • | 524. | gymnosophist | 574. | ihram |
| 475. | fluvial | 525. | habitué | 575. | illative |
| 476. | fluviomarine | 526. | hafnium | 576. | imagism, Imagism • |
| 477. | fontanel, fontanelle | 527. | Haggadah, Haggada | 577. | imam, Imam |
| 478. | fool's errand | 528. | hamartia | 578. | imbibition |
| 479. | foramina • | 529. | hardscrabble | 579. | immobility |
| 480. | foreknowledge | 530. | Hare Krishna | 580. | impartial |
| 481. | fractionalize • | 531. | harmattan • | 581. | impasse |
| 482. | fraught | 532. | haruspex • | 582. | imperturbable • |
| 483. | freemason, Freemason | 533. | hasenpfeffer | 583. | impetuosity |
| 484. | frivolity | 534. | heavy-handed | 584. | impious • |
| 485. | führer, fuehrer | 535. | Hebraic • | 585. | impregnable |
| 486. | fulminate | 536. | hectoréd • | 586. | imprudence |
| 487. | fumarole | 537. | hedonics • | 587. | imputable |
| 488. | fungible | 538. | Hegelianism • | 588. | in extremis |
| 489. | furtively | 539. | Hejaz, Hedjaz | 589. | in medias res |
| 490. | Gadsden Purchase | 540. | heliotrope | 590. | inauspicious • |
| 491. | gallimaufry | 541. | hellacious | 591. | incarcerate |
| 492. | Gallomania | 542. | hepatotoxicity | 592. | incompatibility |
| 493. | garrulous • | 543. | Hephaestus | 593. | incorporeal |
| 494. | Gatorade (trademark) | 544. | Heptateuch • | 594. | inculcate |
| 495. | gauchely • | 545. | herbivorous | 595. | indelible • |
| 496. | Gehenna | 546. | hereditament | 596. | indite |
| 497. | geländesprung | 547. | heritability • | 597. | Indonesia • |
| 498. | generative | 548. | heterodox | 598. | indophenol |
| 499. | geniculate | 549. | hexad | 599. | inexpiable |
| 500. | gentrification | 550. | hexagonal • | 600. | inexpugnable |

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| 601. | infamy • | 651. | kedgeree • | 701. | ligation • |
| 602. | infrequent | 652. | kefir | 702. | limacine |
| 603. | ingesta • | 653. | kendo • | 703. | limbic system |
| 604. | inglorious • | 654. | keratin | 704. | linoleum • |
| 605. | inhibitible | 655. | ketosteroid | 705. | lipectomy |
| 606. | initiatory • | 656. | khapra beetle | 706. | liquefaction |
| 607. | inquietude | 657. | Khoisan | 707. | lithology |
| 608. | inquiline | 658. | Khyber Pass | 708. | lobster thermidor |
| 609. | insensate | 659. | kinescope | 709. | loci |
| 610. | insidious • | 660. | kineticism | 710. | long-standing, longstanding |
| 611. | insurgency | 661. | Kirkuk • | 711. | longueur |
| 612. | intenerate | 662. | klieg light | 712. | Lou Gehrig's disease |
| 613. | interagency | 663. | knock-kneed | 713. | lucubrate |
| 614. | intercoastal | 664. | knurl | 714. | Luddite |
| 615. | interdependent | 665. | Komodo dragon | 715. | luminaria • |
| 616. | interim • | 666. | Kshatriya | 716. | lumpectomy |
| 617. | interscholastic | 667. | kuchen | 717. | lymphoma |
| 618. | intonate • | 668. | Kurdistan | 718. | lyricize |
| 619. | intravasation | 669. | Kuwait | 719. | macédoine |
| 620. | intrepid | 670. | kylix • | 720. | Machiavellian • |
| 621. | inurn | 671. | labor-intensive | 721. | machinist |
| 622. | invariable • | 672. | Lacedaemon | 722. | mackinaw |
| 623. | iridectomy • | 673. | lacertilian • | 723. | macramé |
| 624. | irrefutable | 674. | lactescent | 724. | macrobiotics |
| 625. | irremediable | 675. | lactometer • | 725. | macrocosm • |
| 626. | irreproachable | 676. | Lag b'Omer | 726. | magna cum laude |
| 627. | Islamabad | 677. | laity • | 727. | magnanimity • |
| 628. | isolable | 678. | lambda • | 728. | magniloquent |
| 629. | italicization | 679. | landsleit | 729. | maharajah, maharaja |
| 630. | iterate • | 680. | langlauf | 730. | maidenhair fern |
| 631. | Jacobean | 681. | langoustine | 731. | majolica |
| 632. | jactitation | 682. | lapis lazuli • | 732. | major-domo |
| 633. | Jacuzzi (trademark) | 683. | lares and penates | 733. | majoritarianism |
| 634. | janissary • | 684. | largess, largesse | 734. | malapropism • |
| 635. | jejunum | 685. | laser printer | 735. | malefic |
| 636. | Jekyll and Hyde | 686. | latifundium | 736. | Malthusian • |
| 637. | jihad, jehad | 687. | law-abiding | 737. | manageability |
| 638. | jobbery | 688. | Lebanon | 738. | mandala • |
| 639. | jocular | 689. | lebkuchen | 739. | mandarin, Mandarin |
| 640. | journalize | 690. | legist • | 740. | mangonel |
| 641. | jubilee, Jubilee | 691. | leisurewear | 741. | manicotti • |
| 642. | judiciously • | 692. | lento | 742. | manicurist |
| 643. | jump-start | 693. | lentissimo | 743. | mansuetude • |
| 644. | jurat • | 694. | leptosome • | 744. | manumit |
| 645. | jury-rigged | 695. | leukocytosis, leucocytosis | 745. | Manxwoman |
| 646. | juvenile delinquent | 696. | leviathan | 746. | marasmus • |
| 647. | Kaddish • | 697. | levitate • | 747. | marcescent |
| 648. | Kafkaesque • | 698. | libelous, libellous | 748. | Marfan syndrome |
| 649. | kamikaze | 699. | libration | 749. | marjoram |
| 650. | Karachi • | 700. | lief • | 750. | marquee |

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| 751. | Marquesan | 801. | misogynistic | 851. | newel |
| 752. | mascarpone | 802. | mitral stenosis | 852. | Nez Perce |
| 753. | masjid | 803. | modularized | 853. | nightclothes |
| 754. | mastectomy | 804. | modus operandi | 854. | nigrescence • |
| 755. | masticatory | 805. | mollify | 855. | nihilism, Nihilism |
| 756. | matrilineage | 806. | molluscoid | 856. | nimiety |
| 757. | maxillofacial • | 807. | mongering | 857. | niveous • |
| 758. | maximization | 808. | moniliform | 858. | nociceptor |
| 759. | mazzard • | 809. | monk's cloth | 859. | nodose |
| 760. | McIntosh | 810. | monogenism | 860. | nolle prosequi |
| 761. | mea culpa | 811. | monograph | 861. | nomothetic |
| 762. | means test (noun) | 812. | monomania • | 862. | non grata • |
| 763. | mediagenic • | 813. | monostich • | 863. | non prosequitur |
| 764. | medicinal | 814. | monteith | 864. | noncustodial |
| 765. | meerscham • | 815. | Monticello • | 865. | nonferrous |
| 766. | megacephaly | 816. | morality • | 866. | nonintervention |
| 767. | megalopolistic | 817. | mortmain | 867. | nonuple |
| 768. | melanoma | 818. | mortuary | 868. | Nostradamus |
| 769. | mellifluous | 819. | motorcade | 869. | noteworthiness • |
| 770. | mellophone | 820. | mouflage | 870. | noumenon |
| 771. | melodeon | 821. | mousse | 871. | nuclear-free zone |
| 772. | meno mosso | 822. | mouton • | 872. | nullah |
| 773. | mentor, Mentor | 823. | Mozambique | 873. | nutation |
| 774. | Mercator projection | 824. | mozo • | 874. | nux vomica • |
| 775. | merengue | 825. | muliebrity | 875. | nyctitropism |
| 776. | meroplankton | 826. | multilateral • | 876. | obfuscation |
| 777. | mesophyte | 827. | multipliable | 877. | obligee • |
| 778. | mestiza | 828. | multistage | 878. | obliquity • |
| 779. | metabolically • | 829. | musique concrète | 879. | obovate |
| 780. | metasomatism | 830. | Muskogean, Muskhogean | 880. | obstructionist |
| 781. | metatarsal | 831. | mutagen | 881. | occasionally |
| 782. | metonymy | 832. | myasthenia • | 882. | ocelot • |
| 783. | mezzo-soprano • | 833. | mycetoma • | 883. | octosyllabic |
| 784. | microampere | 834. | mydriasis • | 884. | odalisque, odalisk |
| 785. | microchip | 835. | myology • | 885. | odiously |
| 786. | microscopy • | 836. | myrrh | 886. | odontology |
| 787. | midwifery • | 837. | nabob • | 887. | offshore |
| 788. | miliaria | 838. | Nagasaki | 888. | Okinawa |
| 789. | millesimal | 839. | nainsook | 889. | olecranon |
| 790. | millipede, millepede | 840. | narcotism | 890. | Oligocene • |
| 791. | miniature schnauzer | 841. | nativistic | 891. | olivaceous |
| 792. | minié ball | 842. | naysayer • | 892. | ominously |
| 793. | Minotaur | 843. | Neanderthaloid | 893. | oncologic |
| 794. | mintage • | 844. | necessitate • | 894. | oneiromancer |
| 795. | mirador | 845. | Negev | 895. | opalesce |
| 796. | mirepoix • | 846. | neoimpressionism, neo-impressionism | 896. | operose |
| 797. | misattribution | 847. | Neolithic | 897. | ophidian |
| 798. | misbegotten | 848. | nephrotomy | 898. | ophiophagous |
| 799. | misdemeanant | 849. | neuromuscular | 899. | Oppenheimer • |
| 800. | mismanagement • | 850. | New Left | 900. | Ordovician |

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| 901. | organ of Corti | 951. | parvis • | 1001. | pique |
| 902. | oribi • | 952. | passacaglia | 1002. | piranha, piraña |
| 903. | orientalize, Orientalize | 953. | passé | 1003. | pith helmet |
| 904. | ornithosis | 954. | pastime | 1004. | placable |
| 905. | orthoscopic | 955. | patelliform | 1005. | plaintiff |
| 906. | orthotics | 956. | patency • | 1006. | plateau |
| 907. | ossification | 957. | patriarchy | 1007. | Platonic, platonic |
| 908. | ostensibly | 958. | patrilineage • | 1008. | platypuses |
| 909. | osteomalacia | 959. | patulous | 1009. | plectrum |
| 910. | otalgia | 960. | peccant • | 1010. | plenipotentiary |
| 911. | Ouachita Mountains • | 961. | peccary | 1011. | plethysmograph |
| 912. | outpatient | 962. | pedagoguish | 1012. | plumb bob |
| 913. | overrepresented | 963. | pediatrics | 1013. | plunger • |
| 914. | ovolactovegetarian, ovo-lacto vegetarian | 964. | pelisse | 1014. | Plutonian |
| 915. | oxbow | 965. | penchant | 1015. | pocourante |
| 916. | ozonize • | 966. | penetralia | 1016. | poet laureate • |
| 917. | pachisi | 967. | pentathlete | 1017. | poetic license |
| 918. | pachucos | 968. | peonage • | 1018. | Polaris |
| 919. | pachydermatous | 969. | perambulate | 1019. | politesse |
| 920. | pack rat | 970. | percolate | 1020. | Pollyanna |
| 921. | pageantry | 971. | peregrine • | 1021. | polydactyl |
| 922. | paillette | 972. | perestroika | 1022. | polydemic |
| 923. | Paiute, Piute (noun) | 973. | periodontia | 1023. | pomade |
| 924. | paleoanthropic • | 974. | periphrasis | 1024. | Pomeranian |
| 925. | palimpsest | 975. | perjure | 1025. | pontiff • |
| 926. | palinode • | 976. | peroneal | 1026. | populace |
| 927. | pallbearer | 977. | perpetuate | 1027. | porridge |
| 928. | paltriness • | 978. | Perseid | 1028. | porte-cochère, porte-cochere |
| 929. | pampean, Pampean | 979. | persnickety • | 1029. | portmanteau word |
| 930. | pamphleteer | 980. | pertinacity • | 1030. | Portuguese man-of-war |
| 931. | panacean | 981. | pervious | 1031. | postdiluvian |
| 932. | Panglossian • | 982. | pestilential • | 1032. | postexilic |
| 933. | pangolin • | 983. | petit point | 1033. | postiche |
| 934. | panhuman | 984. | petrochemical | 1034. | postprandial • |
| 935. | paparazzo | 985. | pettifogger | 1035. | potboiler |
| 936. | papier-mâché | 986. | phalanger | 1036. | potpourri |
| 937. | pappataci fever | 987. | pharyngology | 1037. | praxeology, praxiology |
| 938. | parabolic | 988. | pheromone • | 1038. | preachment |
| 939. | parameter | 989. | philanthropist | 1039. | predecease |
| 940. | paraparesis | 990. | philosophize • | 1040. | predominately |
| 941. | paraselene (singular) | 991. | phlox, Phlox | 1041. | preeclampsia |
| 942. | parasomnia | 992. | photojournalism | 1042. | preemptive, pre-emptive |
| 943. | parasympathetic | 993. | photomontage | 1043. | premeditation |
| 944. | parhelion | 994. | phreatic | 1044. | preordination |
| 945. | pariah | 995. | phthiriasis | 1045. | prerogative • |
| 946. | parmigiana | 996. | phytophagous | 1046. | presage |
| 947. | parotitis | 997. | pianissimo • | 1047. | pre-Socratic |
| 948. | parsimonious • | 998. | piassaba | 1048. | prestdigitation |
| 949. | parterre | 999. | pileated woodpecker | 1049. | preterition |
| 950. | particularize | 1000. | pimpernel | 1050. | prime mover |

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| 1051. | primitivism | 1101. | radiopaque • | 1151. | rheumatoid arthritis |
| 1052. | printer's devil | 1102. | raison d'être (singular) | 1152. | Rhodes scholar |
| 1053. | probity | 1103. | ramada | 1153. | rhodopsin • |
| 1054. | problematic | 1104. | rampageous • | 1154. | rhythm and blues • |
| 1055. | procrystic | 1105. | rara avis • | 1155. | rickettsiosis |
| 1056. | prognosticator | 1106. | ratatouille | 1156. | rigadoon • |
| 1057. | prolepsis | 1107. | rationalism | 1157. | Riggs' disease • |
| 1058. | pronouncement | 1108. | ravelment | 1158. | ring buoy |
| 1059. | pronunciamento • | 1109. | realignment • | 1159. | ringhals |
| 1060. | proscenium | 1110. | reappraisal | 1160. | ring-necked pheasant |
| 1061. | prosecute | 1111. | rebuke • | 1161. | ritualistic |
| 1062. | proselytize | 1112. | recalcitrant | 1162. | Riyadh • |
| 1063. | prosy | 1113. | recidivist | 1163. | robustious |
| 1064. | protoplasm | 1114. | recoilless • | 1164. | roentgenography |
| 1065. | prototype • | 1115. | reconstitute | 1165. | rogatory |
| 1066. | provost • | 1116. | recuperatory | 1166. | roisterous |
| 1067. | proxemics | 1117. | Red Cloud | 1167. | rondeau |
| 1068. | psalmodist | 1118. | redacted • | 1168. | rondelet |
| 1069. | psephology | 1119. | redound | 1169. | Rosetta stone |
| 1070. | pseudo-event | 1120. | redux | 1170. | Rosicrucian • |
| 1071. | psychobabble • | 1121. | refluent | 1171. | rotiform |
| 1072. | pterodactyl | 1122. | reggae | 1172. | rouleau |
| 1073. | ptomaine | 1123. | régisseur (singular) | 1173. | rubella |
| 1074. | pulmonic | 1124. | registrar | 1174. | Rubicon |
| 1075. | pulsar | 1125. | regnant • | 1175. | rumination |
| 1076. | punditry | 1126. | reinforcement | 1176. | runcible spoon |
| 1077. | punitive | 1127. | relaxant • | 1177. | Russian wolfhound |
| 1078. | pursuant | 1128. | reminiscence | 1178. | Russophobia |
| 1079. | purulence | 1129. | remission | 1179. | sabadilla |
| 1080. | pusillanimous | 1130. | reniform | 1180. | sabulous • |
| 1081. | Pygmalion • | 1131. | renouncement | 1181. | sacerdotalism • |
| 1082. | pyretic | 1132. | repatriate | 1182. | Sacramentarian |
| 1083. | pyriform | 1133. | repetitious • | 1183. | sadhu, saddhu |
| 1084. | Pyrrhic victory | 1134. | repine • | 1184. | saga novel |
| 1085. | pythonic | 1135. | replicate | 1185. | Saint Elmo's fire |
| 1086. | quadrumanous • | 1136. | reprobate | 1186. | salaam |
| 1087. | quaffed | 1137. | requite • | 1187. | saliferous |
| 1088. | qualitative analysis | 1138. | res gestae | 1188. | sallet |
| 1089. | quartile | 1139. | rescind | 1189. | saluki |
| 1090. | quatrefoil • | 1140. | resorption | 1190. | salutatory |
| 1091. | query | 1141. | resplendent • | 1191. | salver |
| 1092. | Quetzalcoatl | 1142. | resurgence | 1192. | samizdat • |
| 1093. | quinoa | 1143. | reticulate | 1193. | sanbenito • |
| 1094. | quinquennium • | 1144. | retinitis pigmentosa | 1194. | sanctification |
| 1095. | quitclaim • | 1145. | retrofit | 1195. | sanctum sanctorum |
| 1096. | quixotical • | 1146. | reunification | 1196. | sandalwood |
| 1097. | quokka | 1147. | revenue sharing (noun) | 1197. | sannyasi • |
| 1098. | Rabelaisian | 1148. | reverse osmosis | 1198. | sans-culotte |
| 1099. | raclette | 1149. | rhapsodic | 1199. | sapid |
| 1100. | radioecological | 1150. | rhetorician • | 1200. | saprophagous |

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| 1201. | sassaby | 1251. | silvicolous | 1301. | stringendo • |
| 1202. | satori | 1252. | simile | 1302. | stromatolite |
| 1203. | saturnine • | 1253. | simulacrum • | 1303. | strychnine |
| 1204. | savagery • | 1254. | singspiel | 1304. | Sturm und Drang |
| 1205. | saxifrage | 1255. | Sinicize | 1305. | subaltern |
| 1206. | scabrous | 1256. | Sisyphean | 1306. | subfusc |
| 1207. | scalariform | 1257. | sitzkrieg • | 1307. | subgum |
| 1208. | scalawag | 1258. | slalomed | 1308. | submontane |
| 1209. | scaphocephalic | 1259. | sluggard • | 1309. | subpoena • |
| 1210. | Scarborough | 1260. | smarmy • | 1310. | substantiate |
| 1211. | scarify | 1261. | snollygoster | 1311. | subtilize |
| 1212. | scherzo • | 1262. | socioeconomic • | 1312. | sudorific |
| 1213. | scholasticism, Scholasticism | 1263. | Socotra | 1313. | sufficiency • |
| 1214. | Schrödinger | 1264. | solenoid | 1314. | summitry |
| 1215. | schussing | 1265. | solicitude • | 1315. | supercilious |
| 1216. | sclerotic • | 1266. | solmization | 1316. | supplicatory |
| 1217. | scopolamine | 1267. | sommelier | 1317. | Suquamish |
| 1218. | scree | 1268. | somniloquy | 1318. | surcingle |
| 1219. | scriptwriter | 1269. | songstress • | 1319. | survivable |
| 1220. | scrobiculate | 1270. | sonneteer | 1320. | Swaziland • |
| 1221. | sculpin | 1271. | soubise | 1321. | swordfish |
| 1222. | sea change • | 1272. | soul-searching | 1322. | syllogism |
| 1223. | séance | 1273. | spangle • | 1323. | symptomatic |
| 1224. | second-generation • | 1274. | Spaniard | 1324. | syneresis, synaeresis |
| 1225. | secretion • | 1275. | species-specific | 1325. | synod |
| 1226. | Seder | 1276. | Spenserian sonnet | 1326. | tabescent |
| 1227. | segregable | 1277. | sphenic | 1327. | taboret, tabouret |
| 1228. | self-incrimination | 1278. | spherometer • | 1328. | taeniaceae, teniacide |
| 1229. | semanteme | 1279. | sphragistics | 1329. | talipes • |
| 1230. | semé | 1280. | spinneret | 1330. | tallyho |
| 1231. | semiautonomous | 1281. | spirea, spiraea, Spiraea | 1331. | tangential |
| 1232. | semilogarithmic | 1282. | sporiferous | 1332. | Tanzania |
| 1233. | semiopaque • | 1283. | spumoni, spumone | 1333. | taphonomy • |
| 1234. | sensei | 1284. | spurious | 1334. | tarragon |
| 1235. | sententious | 1285. | stalwart | 1335. | tartuffery |
| 1236. | sequential | 1286. | Stanford-Binet test | 1336. | taverna |
| 1237. | sequestrate | 1287. | starets | 1337. | Tay-Sachs disease |
| 1238. | seriocomic | 1288. | starveling • | 1338. | teary-eyed |
| 1239. | seroconversion | 1289. | stellar | 1339. | Telemachus |
| 1240. | severable | 1290. | stelliform | 1340. | telomere |
| 1241. | shabu-shabu | 1291. | stephanotis, Stephanotis | 1341. | tenantry |
| 1242. | Shakespearean sonnet | 1292. | steroid (noun) | 1342. | tendentiously • |
| 1243. | shamefaced | 1293. | stickle | 1343. | tenuous • |
| 1244. | sharecropper | 1294. | stigmatize • | 1344. | tenuto |
| 1245. | Shekinah, Shekhinah | 1295. | stochastic | 1345. | terraqueous |
| 1246. | shiatsu | 1296. | stogy, stogie | 1346. | terrigenous |
| 1247. | shillelagh, shillalah | 1297. | stonemason • | 1347. | tessellate • |
| 1248. | sialorrhoea, sialorrhoea | 1298. | straightforward | 1348. | tête-à-tête |
| 1249. | sic passim | 1299. | strategize | 1349. | Tetragrammaton |
| 1250. | Sierra Leone | 1300. | stratificate | 1350. | tetrazzini, Tetrizzini |

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| 1351. | thalassic | 1401. | undergird | 1451. | viscosity • |
| 1352. | theanthropism | 1402. | underpinning (noun) • | 1452. | Visigoth • |
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| 1354. | theophany | 1404. | ungainly | 1454. | vivace |
| 1355. | thermogenic | 1405. | unguent | 1455. | vizier • |
| 1356. | theurgy | 1406. | unicuspid | 1456. | volcanology |
| 1357. | threnody | 1407. | uniparous • | 1457. | voluntarism |
| 1358. | Tiananmen Square | 1408. | unipotent • | 1458. | vorticism |
| 1359. | ticqueur | 1409. | unkennel | 1459. | vox populi |
| 1360. | timbre | 1410. | unmitigated | 1460. | waggish • |
| 1361. | tirade | 1411. | unpaginated | 1461. | wahine |
| 1362. | Tishri | 1412. | unscrupulous | 1462. | walkabout |
| 1363. | titanium | 1413. | unsubstantial | 1463. | Wallachia, Walachia |
| 1364. | tonka bean | 1414. | unwearied | 1464. | Walter Mitty |
| 1365. | tonsonial • | 1415. | unwieldy | 1465. | Wampanoag • |
| 1366. | topography | 1416. | up-tempo, uptempo | 1466. | warrantee |
| 1367. | totalitarianism | 1417. | upwelling | 1467. | wastrel • |
| 1368. | tour de force (singular) | 1418. | user-friendly | 1468. | watermark |
| 1369. | toxicity • | 1419. | usurious | 1469. | weather-beaten |
| 1370. | trachea | 1420. | vacationland | 1470. | Wellington boot |
| 1371. | transcendent | 1421. | vade mecum | 1471. | Weltschmerz |
| 1372. | transfigure • | 1422. | vagus nerve | 1472. | whey-face • |
| 1373. | transliterate | 1423. | valance | 1473. | whipstall |
| 1374. | transmute • | 1424. | valgus • | 1474. | white paper |
| 1375. | trattoria • | 1425. | valuation | 1475. | whited sepulcher |
| 1376. | trefoil | 1426. | Vanderbilt • | 1476. | Wilderness Road |
| 1377. | trenchant | 1427. | varicotomy | 1477. | wind shear |
| 1378. | trestletree | 1428. | vasculum • | 1478. | wisteria, Wisteria |
| 1379. | triable | 1429. | vassalage • | 1479. | wondrous • |
| 1380. | triceps | 1430. | Veda | 1480. | Worcestershire • |
| 1381. | tridactyl | 1431. | veloce • | 1481. | worst-case |
| 1382. | triphthong • | 1432. | velour, velours (singular) | 1482. | writ of error • |
| 1383. | triptych | 1433. | vendible, vendable | 1483. | xenogamy |
| 1384. | trivialize | 1434. | ventriloquial | 1484. | xerosis |
| 1385. | troglydyte | 1435. | venue | 1485. | xylograph |
| 1386. | trousseau • | 1436. | verderer, verderor | 1486. | Yahwist |
| 1387. | Tucson | 1437. | vernacularize | 1487. | yaupon |
| 1388. | tumefacient | 1438. | verruca | 1488. | yellowfin tuna • |
| 1389. | turbid | 1439. | vers libre • | 1489. | yeshiva, yeshivah |
| 1390. | turpitude | 1440. | vertiginous | 1490. | Yuchi |
| 1391. | tutelary | 1441. | vetiver | 1491. | zaibatsu |
| 1392. | ultraism | 1442. | viable | 1492. | Zambian |
| 1393. | ultraliberal • | 1443. | viaticum | 1493. | zareba, zareeba |
| 1394. | unabashed | 1444. | viceroy | 1494. | zedonk |
| 1395. | unachievable • | 1445. | vicious circle | 1495. | zero gravity • |
| 1396. | unassailable | 1446. | Vietnamese | 1496. | zinc oxide • |
| 1397. | uncensored | 1447. | vigoroso | 1497. | Zionism |
| 1398. | uncommitted | 1448. | vilipend | 1498. | zooglea, zoogloea |
| 1399. | unconscious | 1449. | vindictiveness | 1499. | zydeco |
| 1400. | undercarriage | 1450. | Virginia cowslip | 1500. | zygodactyl • |

Sample Test Questions

Univesity Interscholastic League Spelling and Vocabulary Part I

Questions 1-15 test your ability to recognize and correct misspelled words. From each of the 15 sets, select the one misspelled entry, then write it correctly spelled in the corresponding blank on your answer sheet. Questions 16-30 test your knowledge of the meanings and origins of words. For each sentence, select the best answer; then, using a printed capital letter, write it in the corresponding blank on your answer sheet. You will have 15 minutes to complete questions 1-30, which are worth 1 point each. Credit will be given ONLY for answers placed on your answer sheet.

Proofreading: 15 Points

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| 7. coup d'état | barquantine | samaritan | uncontrollable | melisma |
| 8. epilog | Pacification | sequined | homo sapien | antitussive |
| 9. keeshound | aigret | Prohibitionist | waterloo | everyman |
| 10. gaff | louvre | Sybaritic | re-educate | Cancun |
| 11. arugula | bon vivant | chancel | Naragansset | cachepot |

Vocabulary: 15 Points

16. Because of the hostile feelings between the two families, Romeo and Juliet's relationship was doomed_____.
- A. in petto B. al dente C. passim D. hoi polloi E. ab initio
17. When choosing plants with which to landscape our Texas backyard, we chose the hardy native _____ trees and shrubs rather than any of the tropical varieties.
- A. granivorous B. laniferous C. mycophagous D. autochthonous E. conchoidal
18. The word "_____" likely comes from both the French and Greek, meaning "agent of fine letters."
- A. agent provocateur B. belletrist C. rosarian D. brevet E. Sephardi
19. France is often considered a Catholic country, but one influential French group, the _____, were Protestant.
- A. Andalusians B. Sephardi C. Serbo-Croatians D. Huguenots E. Gnostics
20. The trait of left-handedness in both twins is considered a rare _____.
- A. concordance B. appurtenance C. globalism D. obeisance E. senectitude

Sample Answer Sheet Part I

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Answer Sheet for Part I
(30 questions, 15 minutes, 1 point each)

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Sample Answer Sheet Part II, III

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