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# **School Level Spelling Bee Word List**



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**Aardwolf** is a hyena-like animal of southern and eastern Africa.  
**Aberration** is departing from the usual course.  
**Abridgment** is a shortened form of a book.  
**Abscission** is sudden termination.  
**Acerbate** is to make sour or bitter.  
**Aficionado** is a devotee of something.  
**Algorithm** is a set of rules for solving a problem.  
**Alignment** is arrangement in a straight line.  
**Allocution** is a formal speech.  
**Ancillary** is a subordinate or subsidiary.  
**Apocalypse** is widespread destruction or disaster.  
**Applique** is ornamentation applied to a material.  
**Archetype** (arkitype) is the original model.  
**Avenge** is to exact satisfaction for.  
**Babushka** is a woman's scarf.  
**Baccalaureate** is a religious service held before commencement day.  
**Balalaika** is a Russian musical instrument.  
**Baroque** pertains to architecture and art from 17th century Italy.  
**Barracuda** is a long, predaceous fish.  
**Bayou** is a marshy arm of a river, usually sluggish or stagnant.  
**Beleaguer** is to surround with troubles.  
**Belligerence** is a hostile attitude.  
**Beret** is a soft, visorless cap.  
**Bivouac** is a military encampment.  
**Blithe** is joyous, glad or cheerful.  
**Boatswain** is a warrant officer on a warship.  
**Bourgeois** is to be a member of the middle class.  
**Boutique** is a small shop within a larger store.  
**Boutonniere** is a flower worn by a man in his lapel.  
**Boysenberry** is a blackberry-like fruit.  
**Buoy** is a float used to mark a water channel.  
**Cabaret** is a restaurant providing food, drink and music.  
**Calisthenics** are gymnastic exercises.  
**Callous** is hard or indifferent.  
**Camouflage** is hiding oneself from one's enemy.  
**Cannoneer** is an artilleryman.  
**Cantankerous** is disagreeable to deal with.  
**Cardiopulmonary** pertaining to the heart and lungs.  
**Carnivorous** means flesh-eating.  
**Catastrophe** is a sudden and widespread disaster.



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**Celerity** is swiftness, speed.  
**Censer** a container in which incense is burned.  
**Changeable** is liable to change or to be changed.  
**Chaparral** is a dense growth of shrubs or trees (southwest).  
**Commemorate** is to serve as a reminder of.  
**Committal** is an act or instance of committing.  
**Connoisseur** is a person competent to pass critical judgment.  
**Convalescence** is the gradual recovery to health after illness.  
**Cornucopia** is the horn of plenty in mythology.  
**Corruptible** is that which can be corrupted.  
**Crevasse** is a fissure in ice or the earth.  
**Croissant** is a rich, buttery crescent-shaped roll.  
**Curmudgeon** is a bad-tempered, cantankerous person.  
**Cynic** is a person who believes in selfishness as prime motivation.  
**Dachshund** is a long, German dog.  
**Decaffeinate** is to extract caffeine from.  
**Deliverance** is an act or instance of delivering.  
**Denouement** is the final resolution of the intricacies of a plot.  
**Diaphragm** is a part of the human body.  
**Dichotomy** is division into two parts.  
**Dietitian** is a person who is an expert on nutrition.  
**Diphthong** is an unsegmented gliding speech sound  
**Docile** is easily handled or manageable.  
**Echo** is a repetition of sound produced by reflection of sound waves.  
**Eclair** is a finger-shaped cream puff.  
**Eczema** is an inflammatory condition of the skin.  
**Effervescent** is bubbling, vivacious or gay.  
**Eloquence** is using language with fluency and aptness.  
**Encumbrance** is something burdensome.  
**Exquisite** is of special beauty or charm.  
**Extemporaneous** is done without special preparation.  
**Facsimile** is an exact copy.  
**Fallacious** means logically unsound.  
**Fascinate** is to attract and hold attentively.  
**Fauna** are the animals of a region considered as a whole.  
**Flocculent** is like a clump of wool.  
**Foliage** is the leaves of a plant.  
**Forage** is food for cattle or horses.  
**Forsythia** is a shrub of the olive family.  
**Fraught** means full of or accompanied by.  
**Fuchsia** is a bright, purplish-red color.



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**Gauche** means lacking in social grace.  
**Genre** is a class of artistic endeavor having a particular form.  
**Germane** means relevant.  
**Gerrymander** is dividing election districts to suit one group or party.  
**Glockenspiel** is a musical instrument.  
**Gnash** is to grind or strike the teeth together.  
**Granary** is a storehouse for grain.  
**Grippe** is the former name for influenza.  
**Guillotine** a device for execution.  
**Hallelujah** means praise ye the Lord.  
**Handwrought** is formed or shaped by hand, esp. metal objects.  
**Harebrained** means giddy or reckless.  
**Harpichord** is a keyboard instrument, precursor of the piano.  
**Haughty** is disdainfully proud.  
**Heir** is a person who inherits.  
**Hemorrhage** is a profuse discharge of blood.  
**Heterogeneous** is different in kind, unlike.  
**Hoard** is a supply that is carefully guarded or hidden.  
**Holocaust** is a great or complete destruction.  
**Homogenize** is to form by blending unlike elements.  
**Homonym** is a word the same in spelling and sound, but different in meaning.  
**Horde** is a large group, a multitude.  
**Humoresque** is a musical composition of humorous character.  
**Hydraulic** is employing water or other liquids in motion.  
**Hydrolysis** is chemical decomposition by reacting with water.  
**Hypothesis** is a proposition set forth to explain some occurrence.  
**Hysterical** is of or pertaining to hysteria.  
**Idyll** is a composition, usually describing pastoral scenes or any appealing incident, or the like.  
**Iguana** is a large lizard native to Central and South America.  
**Imperceptible** is very slight, gradual or subtle.  
**Impetuous** is characterized by sudden or rash action.  
**Impossible** means not possible or unable to be done.  
**Impromptu** means done without previous preparation.  
**Incidence** means the rate of change or occurrence.  
**Indicator** is a person or thing that indicates.  
**Infallible** is absolutely trustworthy or sure.  
**Inferior** is lower in station, rank or degree.  
**Insurgence** is an act of rebellion.  
**Interfere** is to meddle in the affairs of others.  
**Invoice** is an itemized bill for goods or services.  
**Iridescent** is displaying a play of bright colors, like a rainbow.



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**Isle** is a small island.

**Isthmus** is a narrow strip of land with water on both sides, connecting two larger strips of land.

**Jackal** is a wild dog of Asia and Africa.

**Jacuzzi** is a trade name for a whirlpool bath and related products.

**Joist** is a beam used to support ceilings or floors or the like.

**Juxtaposition** is the act of placing close together.

**Kaiser** is a German or Austrian emperor.

**Kaleidoscope** is a continually shifting pattern or scene.

**Ketch** is a two-masted sailing vessel.

**Knave** is an unprincipled or dishonest person.

**Knell** is the sound made by a bell rung slowly, at a death.

**Knoll** is a small, rounded hill.

**Labyrinth** is an intricate combination of paths in which it is difficult to find the exit.

**Laconic** is using few words, being concise.

**Laggard** is a lingerer; loiterer.

**Lagoon** is an area of shallow water separated from the sea by sandy dunes.

**Laryngitis** is the inflammation of the larynx.

**Larynx** is the structure in which the vocal cords are located.

**Lavender** is a pale bluish purple.

**Legionnaire** is a member of any legion.

**Leprechaun** is a dwarf or sprite in Ireland.

**Liege** is a Feudal lord entitled to allegiance or service.

**Luau** is a feast of Hawaiian food.

**Luscious** is highly pleasing to the taste or smell.

**Lyre** is a musical instrument of ancient Greece, harp-like.

**Lymphatic** is pertaining to, containing or conveying lymph.

**Mace** is a club-like, armor-breaking weapon, used in the Middle Ages.

**Magnanimous** is generous in forgiving insult or injury.

**Magnify** is to increase the apparent size of, as does a lens.

**Malfeasance** is wrongdoing by a public official.

**Maneuver** is a planned movement of troops or warships, etc.

**Mantle** is a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape.

**Marquee** is a projection above a theater entrance, usually containing the name of the feature at the theater.

**Masquerade** is a party of people wearing masks and other disguises.

**Mature** is complete in natural growth or development.

**Maul** is a heavy hammer.

**Melee** is a confused, hand-to-hand fight among several people.

**Memento** is a keepsake or souvenir.

**Mercenary** is working or acting merely for money or reward.

**Mesquite** is a spiny tree found in western North America.



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**Mettle** is courage or fortitude.

**Minuscule** means very small.

**Mirage** is something illusory, without substance or reality.

**Momentous** is of great or far-reaching importance.

**Monastery** is a house occupied by usually monks.

**Monocle** is an eyeglass for one eye.

**Morgue** is a place in which bodies are kept.

**Morphine** is a narcotic used as a pain-killer or sedative.

**Mosque** is a Muslim temple or place of public worship.

**Motif** is a recurring subject, theme or idea.

**Mousse** is a sweetened dessert with whipped cream as a base.

**Mozzarella** is a mild, white, semi-soft Italian cheese.

**Muenster** is a white cheese made from whole milk.

**Municipal** is of or pertaining to a town or city or its government.

**Mysterious** is full of or involving mystery.

**Mystique** is an aura of mystery or mystical power surrounding a particular occupation or pursuit.

**Naughty** means disobedient or mischievous.

**Neuter** is gender that is neither masculine nor feminine.

**Nickel** is a coin of the U.S., 20 of which make a dollar.

**Nickelodeon** is an early motion-picture theater.

**Nomenclature** are names or terms comprising a set or system.

**Nonchalant** is coolly unconcerned, unexcited.

**Nonpareil** is having no equal.

**Noxious** is harmful or injurious to health.

**Nuance** is a subtle difference in meaning.

**Nucleus** is the core.

**Nuisance** is an obnoxious or annoying person.

**Nuptial** is of or pertaining to marriage or the ceremony.

**Nylons** are stockings worn by women.

**Obnoxious** is highly objectionable or offensive.

**Obsolescent** means passing out of use, as a word.

**Occurrence** is the action, fact or instance of happening.

**Ocelot** is a spotted, leopard-like cat, ranging from Texas to South America.

**Ogre** is a monster in fairy tales.

**Onyx** is black.

**Ophthalmology** is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.

**Ordnance** is cannon or artillery.

**Orphan** is a child who has lost both parents through death.

**Oscillate** is to swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum.



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**Overwrought** is extremely excited or agitated.

**Oxygen** is the element constituting about one-fifth of the atmosphere.

**Pacifist** is a person who is opposed to war or to violence of any kind.

**Palette** is a board with a thumb hole, used by painters to mix colors.

**Palomino** is a horse with a golden coat, and a white mane and tail.

**Pamphlet** is a short essay, generally controversial, on some subject of contemporary interest.

**Pantomime** is the art of conveying things through gestures, without speech.

**Papacy** is the office, dignity or jurisdiction of the pope.

**Parable** is a short story designed to illustrate some truth.

**Paralysis** is a loss of movement in a body part, caused by disease or injury.

**Paraphernalia** is apparatus necessary for a particular activity.

**Parishioner** is one of the inhabitants of a parish.

**Parochial** is of or pertaining to a parish or parishes.

**Parody** is a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature.

**Parquet** is a floor composed of strips or blocks of wood forming a pattern.

**Partition** is a division into portions or shares.

**Pasture** is grass used to feed livestock.

**Patriarch** is the male head of a family or tribal line.

**Patrician** is a person of noble rank; an aristocrat.

**Paunchy** is having a large and protruding belly.

**Pause** is a temporary stop or rest.

**Pavilion** is a building used for shelter, concerts, or exhibits.

**Peak** is the pointed top of a mountain.

**Penchant** is a strong inclination or liking for something.

**Penguin** is a flightless bird of the Southern Hemisphere.

**Penicillin** is an antibiotic of low toxicity.

**Penitentiary** is a prison maintained for serious offenders.

**Perennial** is lasting for a long time; enduring.

**Periphery** is the external boundary of any area.

**Perjury** is lying under oath.

**Perseverance** is doggedness, steadfastness.

**Persuade** is to prevail on a person to do something.

**Peruse** is to read through with care.

**Pesticide** is a chemical preparation to destroy pests.

**Petition** is a formally drawn request.

**Phalanx** is a body of troops in close array.

**Phenomenon** is a fact or occurrence observed or observable.

**Philosopher** is one who offers views on profound subjects.

**Phoenix** is a mythical bird able to rise from its own ashes.

**Physics** is the science that deals with matter, energy, motion and force.

**Picturesque** is visually charming or quaint.





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**Peace** is a country's condition when not involved in war.  
**Pinnacle** is a lofty peak.  
**Pinafore** is a child's apron.  
**Pixie** is a fairy or sprite, especially a mischievous one.  
**Placard** is a paperboard sign or notice.  
**Placebo** is a pill with no medicine but used to soothe a patient.  
**Plaid** is any fabric woven of differently colored yarns in a cross-barred pattern.  
**Plight** is a condition or situation especially an unfavorable one.  
**Plumber** is a person who installs and repairs piping, fixtures, etc.  
**Pneumonia** is inflammation of the lungs with congestion.  
**Poignant** is keenly distressing to the feelings.  
**Poinsettia** is sometimes called the Christmas flower.  
**Politicize** is to bring a political flavor to.  
**Populous** means heavily populated.  
**Porridge** is a food made of cereal, boiled to a thick consistency in water or milk.  
**Posse** is a force armed with legal authority.  
**Posthumous** is arising, occurring, or continuing after one's death.  
**Potpourri** is any mixture of unrelated objects, subjects, etc.  
**Practitioner** is a person engaged in the practice of a profession or occupation.  
**Prairie** is a tract of grassland; a meadow.  
**Precise** is definitely or strictly stated.  
**Prerogative** is an exclusive right or privilege.  
**Prestigious** is having a high reputation.  
**Prey** is an animal hunted or seized for food.  
**Principle** is an accepted or professed rule of action or conduct.  
**Pronunciation** is an accepted standard of the sound and stress patterns of a syllable or word.  
**Psalm** is a sacred song or hymn.  
**Psychology** is the science of the mind or of mental states and processes.  
**Purge** is to cleanse or to purify.  
**Quaff** is to drink a beverage.  
**Quandary** is a state of uncertainty.  
**Quarantine** is a strict isolation.  
**Questionnaire** is a list of questions submitted for replies.  
**Queue** is a braid of hair or a line of people.  
**Quiche** is a dish with cheeses and other vegetables.  
**Quintessence** is the pure and concentrated essence of a substance.  
**Rabble** is a disorderly crowd; mob.  
**Raffle** is a form of a lottery.  
**Rambunctious** is difficult to control or handle.  
**Rancid** is having an unpleasant smell or taste.  
**Raspberry** is the fruit of a shrub.





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**Ratchet** is a tool.

**Rationale** is the fundamental reason serving to account for something.

**Recede** means to go or move away.

**Recluse** is a person who lives apart or in seclusion.

**Reconnaissance** is the act of reconnoitering.

**Rectify** is to make or set right.

**Recurrence** is an act of something happening again.

**Reggae** is a style of Jamaican popular music.

**Rehearse** is to practice.

**Reign** is the period during which a sovereign sits on a throne.

**Rein** is the leather strap used to control a horse.

**Remembrance** is a memory.

**Reminiscence** is the process of recalling experiences.

**Requisition** is the act of requiring or demanding.

**Rescind** is to annul or repeal.

**Respondent** is a person who responds or makes replies.

**Resume** is a summing up, a summary.

**Resurrection** is the act of rising from the dead.

**Revise** is to amend or alter.

**Rhapsodic** is ecstatic or extravagantly enthusiastic.

**Rhetoric** is bombast or the undue use of exaggeration or display.

**Rhubarb** is a plant of the buckwheat family.

**Right** is in accordance with what is good or just.

**Rigor** is strictness, severity or hardness.

**Rotor** is a rotating part of a machine.

**Rouge** is any of various red cosmetics for cheek and lips.

**Roulette** is a game of chance.

**Rubella** is a disease also called German measles.

**Sable** is an Old World weasel-like animal.

**Sachet** is a small bag containing perfuming powder or the like.

**Sacrilegious** is pertaining to the violation of anything sacred.

**Saffron** is a crocus having showy, purple flowers.

**Salutatorian** is the person ranking second in the graduating class.

**Sanctimonious** is making a hypocritical show of religious devotion.

**Sapphire** is a gem with a blue color.

**Sarcasm** is harsh or bitter derision or irony.

**Satellite** is a body that revolves around a planet, a moon.

**Sauerkraut** is cabbage allowed to ferment until sour.

**Sauna** is a bath that uses dry heat to induce perspiration.

**Scandalous** is disgraceful or shocking behavior.

**Scarab** is a beetle regarded as sacred by the ancient Egyptians.



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**Scenario** is the outline of a plot of a dramatic work.  
**Scepter** is a rod held as an emblem of regal or imperial power.  
**Schizophrenia** is a severe mental disorder.  
**Schnauzer** is a German breed of medium-sized dogs.  
**Sciatic** is pertaining to the back of the hip.  
**Scour** is to remove dirt by hard scrubbing.  
**Scourge** is a cause of affliction or calamity.  
**Scrod** is a young Atlantic codfish or haddock.  
**Scruple** is a moral standard that acts as a restraining force.  
**Sculptor** is a person who practices the art of sculpture.  
**Seance** is a meeting in which people try to communicate with spirits.  
**Seclude** is to withdraw into solitude.  
**Seine** is a fishing net.  
**Semaphore** is an apparatus for conveying visual signals.  
**Sensuous** means pertaining to or affecting the senses.  
**Separate** means to keep apart or divide.  
**Sepulcher** is a tomb, grave or burial place.  
**Sequoia** is a large tree, aka redwood.  
**Sergeant** is a noncommissioned officer above the rank of corporal.  
**Serial** is anything published in short installments at regular intervals.  
**Sew** is to join or attach by stitches.  
**Shackle** is something used to secure the wrist, leg, etc.  
**Sheathe** is to put a sword into a sheath.  
**Sheen** is luster, brightness, radiance.  
**Shrew** is a woman of violent temper and speech.  
**Shroud** is a cloth or sheet in which a corpse is wrapped for burial.  
**Sierra** is a chain of hills or mountains, the peaks of which suggest the teeth of a saw.  
**Silhouette** is a two-dimensional representation of the outline of an object.  
**Simile** is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, as in she is like a rose.  
**Simultaneous** is occurring or operating at the same time.  
**Singe** is to burn slightly, to scorch.  
**Siphon** is a tube bent into legs of unequal length, for getting liquid from one container to another.  
**Skeptic** is a person who questions the validity of something.  
**Skew** is to turn aside or swerve.  
**Slaughter** is the killing of cattle, etc., for food.  
**Sleigh** is a vehicle on runners, especially used over snow or ice.  
**Sleight** is skill or dexterity.  
**Sleuth** is a detective.  
**Slough (sloo)** is an area of soft, muddy ground.  
**Sojourn** is a temporary stay.



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**Solder** is an alloy fused and applied to the joint between metal objects to unite them.  
**Solemn** is grave or sober or mirthless.  
**Sovereign** is a monarch or a king.  
**Spasm** is a sudden involuntary muscular contraction.  
**Specter** is a ghost, phantom or apparition.  
**Sponsor** is a person who vouches for or is responsible for a person.  
**Squabble** is to engage in a petty quarrel.  
**Squeak** is a short, sharp, shrill cry.  
**Squint** is to look with the eyes partly closed.  
**Stationery** is writing paper.  
**Stimulus** is something that incites to action or exertion.  
**Strait** is a narrow passage of water between 2 larger bodies of water.  
**Straitjacket** is a garment made of strong material and designed to bind the arms.  
**Stroganoff** is a dish of meat sauteed with onions and cooked in a sauce of sour cream.  
**Suave** is smoothly agreeable or polite.  
**Subpoena** is the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses.  
**Subtle** is thin, tenuous or delicate in meaning.  
**Succinct** means expressed in few words, concise, terse.  
**Sufficiency** is adequacy.  
**Suite** is a number of things forming a set.  
**Supersede** is to replace in power, or acceptance.  
**Supposition** is something that is supposed; assumption.  
**Surety** is security against loss or damage.  
**Surrey** is a light carriage for four persons.  
**Surrogate** is a person appointed to act for another; a deputy.  
**Surveillance** is a watch kept over a person or group.  
**Swerve** is to turn aside abruptly.  
**Symposium** is a meeting to discuss some subject.  
**Synod** is an assembly of church delegates.  
**Synonym** is a word having nearly the same meaning as another.  
**Syntax** is the study of the rules for the formation of grammatical sentences in a language.  
**Tabernacle** is a place or house of worship.  
**Tableau** is a picture of a scene.  
**Tabular** means arranged into a table.  
**Tachometer** is a machine to measure velocity or speed.  
**Tacky** is not tasteful or fashionable.  
**Tact** is a sense of what to say without raising offense.  
**Taffy** is a chewy candy.  
**Tail** is the hindmost part of an animal.  
**Taint** is a trace of something bad or harmful.  
**Tally** is an account or reckoning.



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**Tambourine** is a small drum consisting of a circular frame with skin stretched over it and several pairs of metal jingles attached.

**Tandem** is one following or behind the other.

**Tangible** is capable of being touched.

**Tantalize** means to torment with.

**Tapestry** is a fabric used for wall hangings or furniture coverings.

**Tassel** is an ornament consisting of a bunch of threads hanging from a round knob, used on clothing or jewelry.

**Taught** is the past participle of teach.

**Taunt** means to mock.

**Tawdry** means showy or cheap.

**Tea** is something to drink.

**Tee** is a golfer's aid.

**Technique** is the manner in which the technical skills of a particular art or field of endeavor are used.

**Tedious** means long and tiresome.

**Teeter** means to move unsteadily.

**Telegraph** is an apparatus to send messages to a distant place.

**Telepathy** is communication between minds.

**Telephone** is an apparatus to send sound to distances.

**Temblor** is a tremor; earthquake.

**Tempt** means to entice or allure to do something often considered wrong.

**Tenor** is the meaning that runs through something written or spoken.

**Tense** is stretched tight; high-strung or nervous.

**Terrain** is a tract of land.

**Terse** is neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy.

**Tetanus** is a disease, commonly called lockjaw.

**Thatch** is a material used to cover roofs.

**Thermometer** is a device for measuring temperature.

**Thesaurus** is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms.

**Thesis** is a proposition put forth to be considered.

**Thigh** is between the hip and the knee.

**Thimble** is a small cap, worn over the fingertip to protect it when pushing a needle through a cloth in sewing.

**Third** is next after the second.

**Thistle** is a prickly plant.

**Thorough** is executed without negligence or omissions.

**Thumb** is the short, thick inner digit of the human hand.

**Tier** is one of a series of rows rising one behind or above another.

**Tinsel** is a glittering, metallic substance, usually in strips.

**Titanic** meaning gigantic.



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**Titlist** is a titleholder, champion.  
**Tobacco** is the plant used in making cigarettes.  
**Tongue** is the movable organ in the mouth of humans.  
**Tonsillectomy** is the operation removing one or both tonsils.  
**Topaz** is a mineral used as a gem.  
**Torque** is something that produces rotation.  
**Tout** is to solicit business.  
**Toxicity** is the degree of being poisonous.  
**Traceable** is capable of being traced.  
**Trachea** is the windpipe.  
**Trait** is a distinguishing characteristic or quality.  
**Tranquil** is calm or peaceful.  
**Transcend** is to rise above or go beyond.  
**Transient** means not lasting or enduring.  
**Translucent** is letting pass through, but not clearly.  
**Trapeze** is an apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar attached to two suspending ropes.  
**Trauma** is a body wound or shock produced by sudden physical injury.  
**Trestle** is a type of frame, used in railroad spans.  
**Trichotomy** means divided into three parts.  
**Trivial** means of little significance or importance.  
**Trough** is a receptacle, usually for drinking from.  
**Troupe** is a group of actors or performers, esp. travelers.  
**Truancy** is the act of being truant or late.  
**Tyrannize** is to exercise absolute control or power.  
**Ulcer** is a sore on the skin.  
**Uncollectible** means it can't be collected.  
**Unkempt** is disheveled or messy.  
**Vaccinal** pertaining to vaccine or vaccination.  
**Vague** is not clearly expressed or identified.  
**Vaudeville** is a theatrical entertainment.  
**Vehemence** meaning ardor or fervor.  
**Veneer** is a thin layer of wood.  
**Vengeance** means violent revenge or getting back.  
**Vermicelli** is a form of pasta.  
**Victuals** are food supplies.  
**Viscount** is a nobleman just below an earl or count.  
**Vogue** means something in fashion.  
**Vying** is competing or contending.  
**Waive** is to give up or to forgo.  
**Whack** is to strike with a sharp blow or blows.  
**Wheelwright** is a person whose trade is to make wheels.



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**Wherever** is in, at or to whatever place.

**Wince** is to draw back or tense the body.

**Wrack** is wreck or wreckage.

**Wreak** to inflict or execute as punishment or vengeance.

**Wren** is a small, active songbird.

**Yeoman** is a petty officer in a navy.

**Zeppelin** is a rigid airship or dirigible.

**Zoological** is of or pertaining to zoology.

**Zucchini** is a variety of summer squash.