



## **VOCABULARY WORDS FOR SPELLING BEE SEMI-FINALS AND GRAND FINALE**

The words are grouped into broad categories to ensure a diverse range of challenges, from scientific terminology to complex everyday words, foreign-derived terms, and tricky spelling.

### **Common Academic Words:**

1. Adversary
2. Ambiguous
3. Benevolent
4. Consensus
5. Dichotomy
6. Elicit
7. Facetious
8. Inadvertent
9. Juxtapose
10. Pragmatic
11. Conundrum
12. Enigma
13. Ineffable
14. Innocuous
15. Loquacious
16. Obsequious
17. Panacea
18. Quintessential
19. Sagacious
20. Tenacious
21. Ubiquitous
22. Vindicate
23. Zealous
24. Altruism
25. Capricious
26. Circumlocution
27. Clandestine
28. Copious
29. Diatribe
30. Ebullient

31. Fastidious
32. Gregarious
33. Hiatus
34. Idiosyncratic
35. Intransigent
36. Meticulous
37. Nonchalant
38. Ostentatious
39. Perfidious
40. Precocious
41. Pugnacious
42. Recalcitrant
43. Superfluous
44. Taciturn
45. Vehement
46. Volatile
47. Acquiescence
48. Anomaly
49. Avarice
50. Brevity
51. Candor
52. Circumspect
53. Cognizant
54. Debacle
55. Egregious
56. Ephemeral
57. Exonerate
58. Fervent
59. Fortuitous
60. Gratuitous
61. Harbinger
62. Impetuous
63. Insidious
64. Lethargy
65. Magnanimous
66. Nefarious
67. Obstinate
68. Pariah
69. Quintessential
70. Sardonic
71. Serendipity
72. Sycophant
73. Tenuous
74. Vacillate
75. Vicarious
76. Acquiesce
77. Belligerent

- 78. Complacent
- 79. Deference
- 80. Ephemeral
- 81. Formidable
- 82. Hedonistic
- 83. Immutable
- 84. Jocular
- 85. Laconic
- 86. Morose
- 87. Narcissistic
- 88. Obfuscate
- 89. Parsimony
- 90. Quandary
- 91. Spurious
- 92. Truculent
- 93. Unctuous
- 94. Vindictive
- 95. Aberration
- 96. Adulation
- 97. Aesthetic
- 98. Boisterous
- 99. Censure
- 100. Deleterious
- 101. Enervate
- 102. Fortitude
- 103. Hubris
- 104. Impute
- 105. Languid
- 106. Mundane
- 107. Ostensible
- 108. Perfunctory
- 109. Querulous
- 110. Repudiate
- 111. Sagacity
- 112. Surreptitious
- 113. Transient
- 114. Venerate
- 115. Abdicate
- 116. Banal
- 117. Carping
- 118. Depravity
- 119. Empirical
- 120. Fallacy
- 121. Garrulous
- 122. Homogeneity
- 123. Impugn
- 124. Juxtaposition

125. Levity
126. Meander
127. Nihilism
128. Obstreperous
129. Parochial
130. Quixotic
131. Rescind
132. Spurious
133. Tirade
134. Vacuous
135. Whimsical
136. Zealot
137. Abate
138. Accost
139. Acrimonious
140. Anachronistic
141. Atrophy
142. Bellicose
143. Cacophony
144. Cogent
145. Demagogue
146. Ephemeral
147. Forbearance
148. Iconoclast
149. Jingoism
150. Lugubrious
151. Malaise
152. Nascent
153. Obsequious
154. Panacea
155. Recalcitrant
156. Sophomoric
157. Tenacity
158. Usurp
159. vilify

### **Scientific Words:**

1. Photosynthesis
2. Chromosome
3. Isotope
4. Metamorphosis
5. Hypothesis
6. Gravitational
7. Ecosystem
8. Perpendicular
9. Microorganism

10. Subatomic
11. Acceleration
12. Biodiversity
13. Centrifuge
14. Diffusion
15. Equilibrium
16. Fermentation
17. Geosynchronous
18. Hemoglobin
19. Ionosphere
20. Kinetic
21. Mitochondria
22. Neurotransmitter
23. Osmosis
24. Pathology
25. Quasar
26. Refraction
27. Symbiosis
28. Topography
29. Ultraviolet
30. Viscosity
31. Wavelength
32. Xylem
33. Zoology
34. Antibody
35. Bioluminescence
36. Cytoplasm
37. Deoxyribonucleic
38. Evolution
39. Fossilization
40. Genome
41. Herpetology
42. Immunology
43. Joule
44. Kelvin
45. Lithosphere
46. Mutation
47. Nebula
48. Oxidation
49. Photon
50. Quantum
51. Radiometric
52. Solubility
53. Tectonic
54. Ultraviolet
55. Variable
56. Wavefront

57. Xerophyte
58. Yottabyte
59. Zygote
60. Aerobic
61. Anaerobic
62. Biometrics
63. Capillary
64. Dendrite
65. Effervescence
66. Fossiliferous
67. Gyroscope
68. Halogen
69. Immunoglobulin
70. Joule
71. Keystone
72. Leukocyte
73. Macrophage
74. Nadir
75. Oogenesis
76. Photosphere
77. Quark
78. Ribosome
79. Stomata
80. Telomere
81. Ultraviolet
82. Vaccine
83. Wattage
84. Xenon
85. Yeast
86. Zymogen
87. Ablation
88. Aerodynamics
89. Biogenesis
90. Cryptography
91. Dichotomous
92. Electrolysis
93. Fossiliferous
94. Geophysics
95. Hydrology
96. Infrared
97. Joules
98. Kinetic
99. Leukocyte
100. Metamorphic
101. Nanotechnology
102. Optics
103. Pangea

- 104. Quarks
- 105. Refraction
- 106. Synapse
- 107. Transgenic
- 108. Ultraviolet
- 109. Velocity
- 110. Waveform
- 111. Xenobiotic
- 112. Zygomat

### **Challenging Everyday Words:**

- 1. Aesthetic
- 2. Acquiesce
- 3. Bizarre
- 4. Camouflage
- 5. Conscientious
- 6. Exacerbate
- 7. Incessant
- 8. Maintenance
- 9. Nauseous
- 10. Perseverance
- 11. Acquaintance
- 12. Bureaucracy
- 13. Cemetery
- 14. Daiquiri
- 15. Embarrassment
- 16. Fuchsia
- 17. Guarantee
- 18. Harass
- 19. Intelligence
- 20. Jeopardy
- 21. Lightning
- 22. Mischievous
- 23. Noticeable
- 24. Occasion
- 25. Privilege
- 26. Questionnaire
- 27. Rhythm
- 28. Silhouette
- 29. Threshold
- 30. Unnecessary
- 31. Vacuum
- 32. Yacht
- 33. Zephyr
- 34. Achieve
- 35. Accommodate

36. Acquaintance
37. Aggression
38. Appearance
39. Argument
40. Calendar
41. Cemetery
42. Conscience
43. Consensus
44. Definite
45. Desirable
46. Embarrassment
47. Exhilarate
48. Existence
49. Experience
50. Fiery
51. Foreign
52. Guarantee
53. Harass
54. Height
55. Hierarchy
56. Humorous
57. Independent
58. Indispensable
59. Intelligence
60. Judgment
61. Leisure
62. Maintenance
63. Mischievous
64. Noticeable
65. Occurrence
66. Perseverance
67. Possession
68. Privilege
69. Questionnaire
70. Recommend
71. Rhythm
72. Schedule
73. Separate
74. Silhouette
75. Sincerely
76. Threshold
77. Tomorrow
78. Unnecessary
79. Vacuum
80. Weird
81. Yacht
82. Zealous



83. Abysmal
84. Belligerent
85. Cajole
86. Deleterious
87. Embellish
88. Flabbergasted
89. Gregarious
90. Hierarchy
91. Juxtapose
92. Knowledge
93. Liaison
94. Maintenance
95. Necessary
96. Occurrence
97. Perseverance
98. Quorum
99. Rhythm
100. Silhouette
101. Vacuum
102. Whimsical
103. Zealous
104. Acquaintance
105. Buoyant
106. Cemetery
107. Definitely
108. Embarrassed
109. Government
110. Hypocrisy
111. Independence
112. Judgment
113. Knowledge
114. Language
115. Maintenance
116. Necessary
117. Occurrence
118. Perseverance
119. Questionnaire
120. Recommend
121. Separate
122. Silhouette
123. Vacuum
124. Weird
125. Zealous

## **Foreign-Derived Words:**

1. Bourgeois
2. Chauffeur
3. Cliché
4. Entrepreneur
5. Gourmet
6. Quiche
7. Rendezvous
8. Silhouette
9. Vignette
10. Fiancé(e)
11. Adieu
12. Ambiance
13. Baguette
14. Bouquet
15. Bureau
16. Café
17. Camaraderie
18. Décor
19. Dossier
20. En route
21. Faux pas
22. Genre
23. Hors d'oeuvre
24. Laissez-faire
25. Matinee
26. Naïve
27. Passé
28. Pièce de résistance
29. Protégé
30. Résumé
31. Sauté
32. Tête-à-tête
33. Unique
34. Déjà vu
35. Carte blanche
36. Coup d'état
37. Déjà vu
38. Faux pas
39. Maître d'
40. Touché
41. Vis-à-vis
42. Abattoir
43. Avant-garde
44. Bon appétit
45. Bête noire

46. Cul-de-sac
47. Enfant terrible
48. Femme fatale
49. Laissez-faire
50. Ménage à trois
51. Nouveau riche
52. Raison d'être
53. Savoir-faire
54. Soupçon
55. Tour de force
56. Vérité
57. Adagio
58. Allegro
59. Andante
60. Bravura
61. Cadenza
62. Crescendo
63. Forte
64. Piano
65. Sonata
66. Sotto voce
67. Staccato
68. Subito
69. Vibrato
70. Accelerando
71. Appoggiatura
72. Cantata
73. Concerto
74. Da capo
75. Glissando
76. Legato
77. Maestro
78. Pianissimo
79. Ritardando
80. Scherzo
81. Tremolo
82. Vivace

### **Tricky Spellings and Rare Words:**

1. Abysmal
2. Belligerent
3. Cajole
4. Deleterious
5. Embellish
6. Flabbergasted
7. Gregarious

8. Hierarchy
9. Juxtapose
10. Zephyr
11. Mnemonic
12. Pneumonia
13. Pseudonym
14. Resplendent
15. Sanguine
16. Supercilious
17. Tumultuous
18. Uncharacteristic
19. Vertiginous
20. Xenophobic
21. Yellowish
22. Abnegation
23. Bifurcate
24. Circumspect
25. Defenestration
26. Eleemosynary
27. Flummox
28. Garrulous
29. Hubris
30. Impecunious
31. Juxtaposition
32. Kaleidoscopic
33. Lugubrious
34. Misanthrope
35. Neologism
36. Obfuscation
37. Preponderance
38. Quizzical
39. Rhapsodic
40. Sanctimonious
41. Truculent
42. Unprepossessing
43. Vacillate
44. Whimsical
45. Xenogenesis
46. Yesteryear
47. Zaftig
48. Abstemious
49. Bibliophile
50. Circumlocution
51. Discombobulate
52. Extemporaneous
53. Felicitous
54. Grandiloquent

55. Hubbub
56. Iconoclast
57. Jabberwocky
58. Kerfuffle
59. Labyrinthine
60. Malevolent
61. Nonplussed
62. Onomatopoeia
63. Persnickety
64. Quagmire
65. Rambunctious
66. Scuttlebutt
67. Titillate
68. Unceremonious
69. Vitriolic
70. Widdershins
71. Yammer
72. Zeitgeist
73. Absquatulate
74. Brouhaha
75. Callipygian
76. Epicaricacy
77. Floccinaucinihilipilification
78. Gargantuan
79. Haberdashery
80. Iridescent
81. Jiggery-pokery
82. Lackadaisical
83. Malfeasance
84. Ne'er-do-well
85. Oology
86. Peripatetic
87. Quizzacious
88. Rodomontade
89. Sesquipedalian
90. Tintinnabulation
91. Ululation
92. Verisimilitude
93. Welter
94. Xerophagy
95. Yeoman
96. Zigzag

**Words with Silent Letters:**

1. Knowledge
2. Psychology
3. Resign
4. Island
5. Wrath
6. Mnemonic
7. Knack
8. Subtle
9. Pneumonia
10. Gnome
11. Bologna
12. Gnat
13. Listen
14. Knight
15. Sword
16. Whistle
17. Hymn
18. Autumn
19. Doubt
20. Often
21. Castle
22. Folk
23. Muscle
24. Almond
25. Salmon
26. Palm
27. Column
28. Dumb
29. Comb
30. Answer
31. Debt
32. Heir
33. Honest
34. Hour
35. Lamb
36. Limb
37. Tomb
38. Rapport
39. Receipt
40. Ascend
41. Muscle
42. Corps
43. Wrist
44. Wrinkle
45. Wrestle
46. Yacht
47. Knuckle

48. Knot
49. Knead
50. Known
51. Knob
52. Knee
53. Half
54. Calf
55. Talk
56. Could
57. Would
58. Should
59. Cupboard
60. Wednesday
61. Christmas
62. Foreign
63. Gnash
64. Gnome
65. Reign
66. Rhyme
67. Ghost
68. Champagne
69. Chauffeur
70. Chorus
71. Choreography
72. Scissors
73. Sword
74. Honest
75. Rhyme
76. Pseudonym