

# SPELLING BEE



November 22, 2011

Dear Parents:

We are excited to announce Freedom Academy's spelling bee, which will be held on the following dates during school hours:

Classroom Spelling Bee: Monday, January 9

Grade Spelling Bee: Wednesday, January 11, and Thursday, January 12

School Spelling Bee (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade): Wednesday, January 18

We encourage your child or children to study the words in preparation for the spelling bee. Christmas break can be an excellent time to study. This is a great opportunity for each student to improve their spelling and have fun!

The top winners in the classroom will participate in the grade spelling bee. The top winners from 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will then participate in the school spelling bee. The school winner will then compete in the 2012 Utah Valley Spelling Bee sponsored by the *Daily Herald*. Winner of the Utah Valley Spelling Bee will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C.

We invite parents to attend the grade and school spelling bee. Certificates, prizes, ribbons, and trophies will be awarded.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andi Howard, Spelling Bee Committee Chair, at (801) 717-3772, or you may email her at [andihoward1121@gmail.com](mailto:andihoward1121@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Spelling Bee Committee

## 2012 Spelling Bee Rules

### General Rules

1. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. The judges may not disqualify a speller for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it.
2. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, and/or provide the part of speech. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller.
3. The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.
4. The role of the pronouncer is (1) to correctly pronounce the word and (2) to give a sentence, definition, and other information about the word at the speller's request. The role of the judges is to determine whether the contestant has spelled the word correctly. The role of the speller is (1) to gather as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly and (2) to spell the word correctly. The judges may not disqualify a speller for asking a question.
5. The speller can choose whether or not he/she wants to write the word on a white board or blank piece of paper. However, only oral answers are accepted.
6. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. In retracing, however, there cannot be a change of letters of their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
  - a. **Please note that 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade spellers can correct his or her mistake before a judge indicates that the word is misspelled.**
7. The speller shall not be disqualified for failing to note that a word is capitalized.
8. If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer will indicate which word is to be spelled. If the listed word is not properly identified, either by defining it or distinguishing the homonyms, any correct spelling of any homonym of the word will be accepted.
9. The competition shall be conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in the round, except as provided in Rule 13.
10. Upon missing the spelling of a word, a speller immediately drops out of the competition, except as provided in Rule 13. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next speller.
11. If all spellers in one round misspell their word, all spellers shall remain in the competition.
12. If only one speller in a round spells a word correctly, a new round shall begin and the speller shall be given an opportunity to spell the next word on the list. If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the new word, the speller shall be declared the champion. Otherwise, if the speller does not succeed in correctly spelling the new word, all the spellers at the start of the previous round shall remain in the competition. A new round will begin and spellers will remain in their original spelling order.
13. The rules change once the round consists of two players:
  - a. When one of the two spellers misspells a word in one round, the speller who spelled the word correctly shall be given a new word to spell. If that speller spells that word correctly, then the speller shall be declared the champion.
  - b. If both spellers misspell their word, then both shall continue in the competition and a new round begins.
14. In the event that more than one speller is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a spell-off will be held to determine final place.
15. The pronouncer must give all spellers in each round a word from the same level of difficulty on the list being used (e.g. beginning, intermediate, advanced, challenge).
16. Appeals may be filed by a parent, legal guardian, or teacher of the speller who is seeking reinstatement in the contest. The judges will not entertain appeals from individuals seeking to dislodge another speller from the competition. The deadline for filing an appeal is before the speller affected would have received his/her next word had he/she stayed in the competition. No appeal will be entertained after that word has been given to another speller. When only five spellers remain, an oral appeal must be made immediately, that is, before the speller affected would have received his/her next word had he/she stayed in the contest.
17. The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decision shall be final on all questions.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Spelling List

## Beginning Words

pat	bid	leg	cap	hid	ten
ran	job	hop	mat	fun	bat
den	wig	van	cup	cub	mom
yam	bus	fox	his	let	pup
can	wet	bit	box	dad	did

## Intermediate Words

bake	chop	east	dime	help	luck
claw	belt	gave	fast	once	moon
show	neck	love	milk	same	sick
king	part	room	tank	snow	seed
side	mice	zone	cook	mule	were
cash	golf	star	noon	slow	hope

## Advanced Words

across	brother	center	before	cookie	around
butter	myself	every	happy	kitten	father
employ	planet	silent	parent	chili	maybe
early	zebra	under	person	robin	sister
crazy	water	flavor	always	please	alarm
laugh	rabbit	minus	dozen	mitten	better

## Challenge Words

airplane	baseball	chimney	become	birthday	believe
pancake	balloon	author	mailbox	daytime	noontime
bedroom	oatmeal	cobweb	clothing	summer	airport
number	elsewhere	because	outside	popcorn	ocean
yourself	borrow	fraction	garbage	statue	journal
destroy	kitchen	against	giraffe	answer	interest

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Spelling List

### Beginning Words

bake	chop	east	dime	help	luck
claw	belt	gave	fast	once	moon
show	neck	love	milk	same	sick
king	part	room	tank	snow	seed
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### Intermediate Words

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### Challenge Words

century	arithmetic	jellyfish	argument	avenue	computer
continue	creation	holiday	volleyball	already	nobody
governor	furniture	together	whatever	activity	funeral
midnight	newspaper	toothpaste	position	tomorrow	understand
vacation	vegetable	televise	remember	terrible	unwilling
valiant	decorator	education	glacier	quicksand	precious

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Spelling List

### Beginning Words

across	brother	center	before	cookie	around
butter	myself	every	happy	kitten	father
employ	planet	silent	parent	chili	maybe
early	zebra	under	person	robin	sister
crazy	water	flavor	always	please	alarm
laugh	rabbit	minus	dozen	mitten	better

### Intermediate Words

airplane	baseball	chimney	become	birthday	believe
pancake	balloon	author	mailbox	daytime	noontime
bedroom	oatmeal	cobweb	clothing	summer	airport
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### Advanced Words

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### Challenge Words

cologne	manageable	competition	acoustics	afterthought	adamant
necessary	boundary	encourage	guardian	imbalance	passenger
disguise	dominant	plantation	preference	memorable	treachery
disappear	recitation	medallion	wilderness	basketball	foundation
simplicity	interesting	reinforce	prejudice	management	production
environment	earthquake	applesauce	dishonest	comprehend	accessible

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling List

### Beginning Words

airplane	baseball	chimney	become	birthday	believe
pancake	balloon	author	mailbox	daytime	noontime
bedroom	oatmeal	cobweb	clothing	summer	airport
number	elsewhere	because	outside	popcorn	ocean
yourself	borrow	fraction	garbage	statue	journal
destroy	kitchen	against	giraffe	answer	interest

### Intermediate Words

century	arithmetic	jellyfish	argument	avenue	computer
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### Challenge Words

culmination	tremulous	imbecile	vindicate	altercation	crystallize
calligraphy	disposition	intelligence	desecration	delinquent	escapade
mercurial	intelligible	paradoxical	serviceable	counterfeit	lacquer
monotonous	periodical	perforated	prominent	fastidious	silhouette
carburetor	anarchist	significance	testimonial	irresistible	insinuate
immovable	thoroughbred	ambiguous	illustration	irrefutable	extravagant

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling List

### Beginning Words

century	arithmetic	jellyfish	argument	avenue	computer
continue	creation	holiday	volleyball	already	nobody
governor	furniture	together	whatever	activity	funeral
midnight	newspaper	toothpaste	position	tomorrow	understand
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### Advanced Words

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### Challenge Words

multifarious	indigenous	mendacious	assiduous	superfluous	vicissitude
diaphanous	disseminate	impeccable	demagogue	efficacious	commodious
enigmatic	conflagration	gregarious	penurious	effervescent	propitious
inveterate	magnanimous	obfuscate	resplendent	petulance	ebullient
maelstrom	disparage	commensurate	obsequious	vociferous	diminutive
prodigious	evanescent	inextricable	recapitulate	conciliatory	punctilious

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling List

### Beginning Words

cologne	manageable	competition	acoustics	afterthought	adamant
necessary	boundary	encourage	guardian	imbalance	passenger
disguise	dominant	plantation	preference	memorable	treachery
disappear	recitation	medallion	wilderness	basketball	foundation
simplicity	interesting	reinforce	prejudice	management	production
environment	earthquake	applesauce	dishonest	comprehend	accessible

### Intermediate Words

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prodigious	evanescent	inextricable	recapitulate	conciliatory	punctilious

### Challenge Words

antediluvian	imperturbable	dysrhythmia	antispasmodic	deliquesce	apothecary
demurrage	laodicean	dilettante	dishabille	effeminacy	excrecence
impecunious	baccalaureate	efflorescence	grandiloquent	lugubrious	ichthyology
hylophagous	schizophrenic	lexicography	liquefacient	ignominious	impersuadable
odoriferous	ineradicable	meretricious	sauerbraten	mausoleum	mellifluous
surreptitious	aficionado	perspicacious	obstreperous	peripatetic	camaraderie

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling List

### Beginning Words

culmination	tremulous	imbecile	vindicate	altercation	crystallize
calligraphy	disposition	intelligence	desecration	delinquent	escapade
mercurial	intelligible	paradoxical	serviceable	counterfeit	lacquer
monotonous	periodical	perforated	prominent	fastidious	silhouette
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### Intermediate Words

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### Advanced Words

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odoriferous	ineradicable	meretricious	sauerbraten	mausoleum	mellifluous
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### Challenge Words

insouciant	chiaroscurist	sesquicentennial	horripilation	pocourante	ethnomethodology
staphylococci	aichmophobia	plenipotentiary	paraphernalia	onomatopoeia	encephalopathy
erythrocyte	succedaneum	churrigueresque	ratiocination	aggiornamento	oneiromancy
smaragdine	prospicience	extemporaneous	tintinnabulation	metempsychosis	scapulimancy
squamulose	autochthonous	pterodactyl	appoggiatura	reconnaissance	mesognathous
sarcophagus	chionablepsia	valetudinarian	pharmacopoeia	pseudonymity	rejuvenescency