



What is a spelling bee?

This is a verbal spelling competition the origins of which are deeply embedded in American culture and education.

We are holding a Spelling Bee

on 15th Feb for our classes with a Class Spelling Bee on 8th Feb. Prior to this we are asking all of our children to learn the attached spellings.

Each class will hold its own fun mini spelling bee initially (8th Feb) and then some children will be entered into the whole school spelling bee (15th Feb). The words in this spelling bee quiz will be a mixture of the words provided and additional words appropriate for their age. As you can imagine, the main aim of our spelling bee is for all of the children to improve their ability to spell in written form. We plan for this to be a fun event where all of our children enjoy exploring new words.

We are very aware of the challenges some of our children face especially those with dyslexia. We are encouraging families to go through these words and progressively highlight words over time as the children learn the words allocated to them. The children can then be encouraged and see the trickier words to focus on. We are suggesting families think of creative ways to remember tricky spellings. Some children may want to get creative and draw and use a range of ways to remember and write words. It will be no good leaving this until the last minute. It is also helpful to repeat these out aloud, visualise words, learn the meaning of the words etc. We will of course support the children in learning these in school as well, this partnership will dovetail to ensure the children really have fun learning.

We hope you find the words fun to learn and explore together.

Name

Class

Verging on
impossible



permanent, sufficient, broach, customary, especially
materially, cemetery, leisure, accredited, fraternally
subterranean, apparatus, portmanteau, politician

miscellaneous, mortgage, equipped, exaggerate,
amateur, rhythm, playwright,

committee, parliament, definitely, orchestra,
onomatopoeia, diarrhoea,

accommodate, acquaintance, camouflage,

fluorescent, embarrass, foreign, hierarchy,
weird , mischievous, synonymous

HINT: Work out the words you know and highlight them. Then concentrate on words on a particular line you don't know. Keep going until you have learned as many as you can!



Name

Class

Mega Challenging



iron, health, direct, calm, headache, occurred

final, walk, circus, slippery, lodge, badger
rough, tough, enough, cough, though, dough,

moment, present, patient, student
infectious, nutritious, pretentious, fictitious,
superstitious, fractious, vexatious,
delicious, vicious, spacious, gracious,
creature, nastiest, extinguish, audience, knuckle,

cemetery, leisure, government, environment,
parliament, monarchy, extremely, politician,
delightful, parallel, possibility, potential
differing, offering, suffering, preferring



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Name

Class

Mega Hard



mistake, flake, pair, while, white, skate, stayed, played

yoke, joke, island, nerve, join, coin, fare,

manure, cure, sure, pure,

orchestra, ochre, equally, individual, merely, judge, fudge,

familiar, foreign, forty, frequently, government,
guarantee, harass, hindrance, February, library, cushion
category, cemetery, committee, communicate,

opportunity, parliament,

vegetable, vehicle, yacht,

restaurant, rhyme, rhythm, sacrifice

sentence, absence, obvious, anxious, nervous

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Uber Tricky



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beautiful, island, palm, walk, catch,
dough, rough, miserable, vegetable, avoidable,

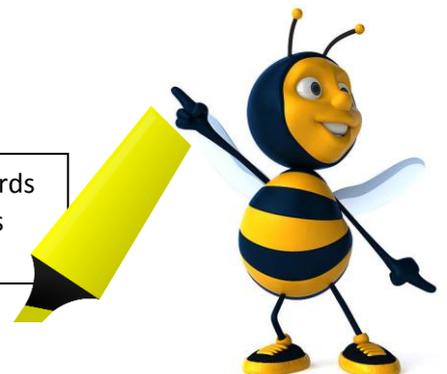
ancient, delicious, special, optician,
accident, eccentric, physical, symphony, dolphin
stationary, patient, delicious, furious, anxious

cancelled, patrolled, travelled, audible, audience, autumn
badger, lodger, judge, manure, sure, island,

appreciate, familiar, source, immediate, breathe

naturally, normally, occasionally, personally, physically,

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Name

Class

St. Mary's School

Kirkby Lonsdale

Vicious Spellings



because, beautiful, island, yacht,

sight, bright, fright, south, while, white,
badge, judge, manure, cure, sure, sugar

brought, rough, cough, tough,
palm, calm, circuit, circus, iron,

though, notice, quarter, length, library, famous,

style, bargain, copies, hobbies, guest, guardian, policy,
February, Wednesday, library, ache,
promise, therefore, opposite, ordinary, perhaps, pressure,

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Name

Class

Very Hard



good from shape time crime

shoe any door one

once people should eye

time float who while

judge budge badger

sure pure might sight

something beautiful half every

island February Wednesday

money calm walk talk

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Mega Hard



see can ship frog

rain been all ice

bag clap thorn truck

poke time air fox bed

Dad say wish the sure

queen stick eat mice

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Tricky Spellings



sat pin pat hip

dog mat ship bed

hen cot put stop

pig the bag buzz

