



MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

2023-2024

SPELLING BEE MANUAL

General Spelling Bee Information

1. On competition day, competition start times are approximate and may begin sooner than scheduled in order to expedite the number of competitions being held. Successive competitions will begin when the round before it ends.
2. Contestants in subsequent spelling bees may not be in the competition room prior to their own Spelling Bee.
3. **No spelling lists are allowed in the room with the exception of the judges' and moderator's copies.**
4. It is important to make the Spellmaster and judges aware of any accents or speech impediments that a contestant may have. Please make this known before the spelling bee so that the competition can run smoothly. Perhaps speaking with the child beforehand can help to eliminate frustration and embarrassment.
5. The competition will be recorded for judges' use only.
6. Capitalization of a word (whether omitted or added) shall not constitute an error.
7. Students are not required to provide judging forms for Spelling.
8. **Students should not be facing the audience at any time.**
9. When not spelling, all contestants will be seated in order. Words will be given to students from left to right. Students must come forward to the microphone or tape recorder at their turn. All spectators must remain quiet. No one may enter or exit the spelling bee room during competition.

Level 1 Spelling Rules:

1. Words shall be announced according to the diacritical markings in the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary. With the approval of the judges, the Spellmaster may give a fuller explanation of the meaning of the word to supplement the dictionary definition. First grade and 2nd & 3rd grade words will include a sentence.
2. In competition, after the Spellmaster gives the contestant a word, the contestant should pronounce the word before spelling it. This way the Spellmaster is assured that the student has heard the correct word. Timing begins when the student says or writes the first letter of the given word. If the student begins to spell and then asks for more information, the timing continues. Requests should be made before the student begins to spell. (Students will be provided with paper and pencil if they choose to write the word and then spell it aloud.)
3. The contestant may request the Spellmaster to pronounce the word again, define it, or use it in a sentence. The Spellmaster shall grant the request until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. Judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling. Once again, timing begins when the student says or writes the first letter of the word.
4. The contestant has exactly fifteen seconds to spell the word once he has begun to spell the word aloud or write it on paper.
5. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and begin again, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be no change of letters or their sequence.
6. Upon missing the spelling of two words, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. The next word on the Spellmaster's list is then given to the next contestant.
7. **When the contestants are reduced to two and only one of them has misspelled a word and the other has no misses,** the competition continues as previously stated. If the student with one miss misspells another word and the other student still has not missed a word, then the student with no errors is declared the winner. However, if he misses one word, go to the next explanation of rules.
8. When the contestants are reduced to two and **both contestants have missed one word,** the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word and the next word on the list. If

the second contestant spells both words correctly, then the second contestant shall be declared the champion.

9. Any question relating to the judging of a word should be referred to the judges before the beginning of the next round. **Only school sponsors may make a challenge.** Parents may not voice a concern to the Spellmaster or to the school sponsor. Challenge cards shall be given to the school sponsors. (School sponsors must be someone appointed by the school and may not be a parent of the contestant.) You must have someone appointed to represent your school before the bee begins.) These challenge cards should be held up at the end of the round when there is a challenge. When the competition is down to two contestants, the challenge must be made immediately, that is, before the second contestant would spell that same word. Host schools will tape the contest and will refer to the recording in the event of a dispute.
10. **The judges are in complete control of the bee. Their decision shall be final on all questions.**
11. Three levels of spelling competitions will be held. The three levels are as follows:
 - a. First Grade (One student from each school may compete.)
 - b. Second and Third Grades (Two students from each school may compete.)
 - c. Fourth through Sixth Grades (Three students from each school may compete.)
12. A study list will be used in the competitions. These lists will be available early in the year for competition study.
13. Once of minimum of three rounds of words from a particular list have been given to the contestants, the Spellmaster selects words on the next grade level high list to continue the competition. Therefore, first grade students would go on to the 2nd and 3rd grade list and so forth.
14. Should more than one student be eliminated in the third-place rank, those eliminated in that round should rejoin the competition for the third place.

MACS Grade One Spelling List 2024

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|-----------------|--|
| remove | to take off, to get rid of Gentlemen should remove their hats when entering a building. |
| glass | a hard, brittle, see-through substance The glass in the window broke when the ball hit it. |
| table | a piece of furniture with a flat surface and supported by legs You should wipe the table after you eat. |
| outdoors | in the open air Children love to play outdoors when it is warm. |
| friend | someone you know and like Sarah's friend spent the night with her. |
| acorn | the nutlike fruit of an oak tree The squirrel carried the acorn to his nest. |
| crack | to break partially without falling into pieces Did you see the crack in the car windshield? |
| hurt | to injure or cause pain Did you hurt your arm when you fell? |
| oven | an enclosed compartment for baking or roasting We all ran to the kitchen when mom took the cookies out of the oven. |
| trunk | the main stem of a tree The squirrel scampered up the tree trunk. |
| world | the earth, the planet we live on There are millions of people in the world. |
| hammer | a tool with a heavy metal head on the end I used my hammer to help dad build the treehouse. |
| chew | to use the teeth to crush food before swallowing Make sure you chew your food well so you don't choke. |
| afraid | to feel frightened or worried Are you afraid when it storms? |
| salt | a substance to season or preserve food French fries have salt on them. |
| teach | to instruct Can you teach me how to roller skate? |
| planet | any of the nine heavenly bodies We live on the planet Earth. |
| heart | the organ that pumps blood around the body My heart was beating fast after the race. |
| garden | an area of ground for flowers, vegetables and trees The flowers in the garden are beautiful in the springtime. |
| listen | to give attention and hear something Always listen to your teacher's instructions. |
| dirty | marked with dirt Everyone's clothes were dirty after the ball game. |
| approve | to agree or permit |

Does your mom approve of you going to the playground?

darling a much loved person
Grandma thinks I am a darling.

grain a single seed of a cereal plant
Ruth picked up grain from Boaz's fields.

light power from the sun, lamps, candles that makes things visible
The light helped me to see when it got dark.

invite to ask to come to a party
I will invite all my friends to my birthday party.

hurry to move quickly
Hurry up and get ready for school.

cracker a thin crisp biscuit
The child ate a cracker for his snack.

bald having little or no hair
My new baby brother is bald.

amazed to surprise greatly
I was amazed to see so many people for the concert.

rainbow an arch of colors in the sky
We saw a colorful rainbow at the end of the rain shower.

zipper a device for fastening clothes, bags, etc
My zipper got stuck when I tried to take my coat off.

parrot a tropical bird with a hooked beak and colorful feathers
The parrot squawked loudly when we got near his cage.

grasshopper an insect with long back legs suitable for jumping
The grasshopper jumped in my lunchbox.

freezer a refrigerated cabinet to keep food very cold
We keep our ice cream in the freezer so it won't melt.

dentist a person who can repair and clean teeth
My teeth are sparkly clean after I go to the dentist.

kennel a small shelter for a dog
Rover stays in the kennel when we go on vacation.

energy vigorous activity, liveliness, or vitality
Those children sure have lots of energy!

waffles crisp cakes made of batter
I had waffles and syrup for breakfast.

upstairs an upper floor in a building
My bedroom is upstairs in our house.

sleepy feeling the desire to sleep; drowsy
I get sleepy after I eat my dinner.

rabbit a small, long-eared burrowing animal with a fluffy white tail
The rabbit was eating the beans from my garden.

once a single time, on one occasion
Lots of stories begin with the words once upon a time.

lesson a period of teaching in a certain subject
Our Bible lesson was about Noah and the ark.

feast a large meal

We have our Thanksgiving feast at Grandma's house.

gutter a channel for carrying away water

Our rain gutter was spilling over with so much rain.

MACS Grades 2 & 3 Spelling List 2024

- pasture** an area of land suitable for the grazing of cattle
The farmer's cows were out in the pasture eating grass.
- injury** physical harm or damage
The football player's injury was not serious.
- disrupt** to disturb the peaceful order of
Please do not disrupt the students who are taking their math test.
- allergy** sensitivity to a substance which results in sneezing and coughing
I have an allergy problem with dusty areas.
- castaway** a person who has been shipwrecked
The castaway had to find berries to eat on the island.
- officer** a person in authority
The officer gave the speeding driver a ticket.
- spacecraft** any vehicle that orbits a planet or travels in space
We watched the spacecraft take off from its launching pad.
- vision** the ability to see
My vision was corrected with my new glasses.
- screwdriver** a tool used to twist a screw
My dad lost his screwdriver when we were working in the garage.
- wonderful** excellent, superior
The students did a wonderful job at their concert.
- opposite** being on the other side of
Our class sat opposite the fourth graders.
- homesick** missing one's home or country
My friend got homesick when he stayed at my house.
- gigantic** huge, enormous
The elephant at the zoo was enormous.
- ought** used to express duty or obligation
We ought to do our homework every night.
- scramble** to mix together or jumble
I like to scramble up the puzzle pieces before I try to put them together.
- neglect** not to give proper care and attention to
Don't neglect your Bible reading every day.
- statement** a thought someone says
The principal gave his statement that we should obey the rules.
- pitchfork** a long-handled fork with sharp prongs
The farmer used the pitchfork to unload the hay from the wagon.
- describe** to tell about
Can you describe your favorite birthday gift?
- helpless** weak and defenseless
I felt helpless when I broke my leg.
- favorite** best liked, preferred
My favorite flavor of ice cream is chocolate.
- library** a collection of books, either for public or private use

I have lots of books in my library.

outburst a sudden, violent expression of strong emotion
The injured child gave an outburst of tears.

reflect to give an image of
A mirror will reflect what you look like.

talent a natural skill or ability
You should always use your talent for the Lord.

wisdom the ability to make sensible judgment
We should use wisdom in spending our money.

clothes things people wear to cover their bodies
Wear your warm clothes on a snowy day.

acrobat a person skilled in tumbling
I hope that acrobat doesn't get hurt.

festival a day or time of celebration
Our May Day festival was lots of fun.

journey traveling from one place to another
Our journey across the United States took several days.

pitcher a container for pouring liquids with a handle and a spout
The pitcher was full of nice cold lemonade.

reindeer a large deer found in the Arctic region
Reindeer like cold weather.

trouble something which causes distress, worry or concern
You'll be in trouble if you don't do your homework.

worthless of no value or merit
The wet box was worthless.

guest a person who receives hospitality from another
It would be an honor to have the president as my guest.

empty having nothing inside
My stomach was growling because it was empty.

camera a device for taking pictures or making movies
I took lots of pictures with my camera when we went to the beach.

already before the present time
I already read that book.

drugstore a store where medicines are sold
We went to the drugstore to get some cough medicine.

operate to function or to work
My dad can operate a chain saw.

shipwreck the accidental sinking or destruction of a ship
The shipwreck of the Titanic was a terrible thing.

talkative fond of or given to talking
The students were talkative at lunch time.

yesterday the day before today
Yesterday we had a party at school.

supervise to be in charge of
Students need someone to supervise them at recess time.

monthly happening once a month
We get monthly progress reports about our grades.

glimpse a very brief look
I got a glimpse of the ambulance as it turned the corner.

moose a large North American deer with antlers
My uncle went moose hunting in Maine.

pajamas an outfit for sleeping
My pajamas keep me warm at night.

rodeo a show or contest of cowboy skills
We saw lots of horses at the rodeo.

slippery so smooth as to cause slipping
The sidewalk was slippery after the ice storm.

necklace a string of beads, jewels, or links worn around the neck
I got a new necklace to wear with my birthday dress.

headache a pain in the head
I get a headache if I eat ice cream too fast.

echo the repeating of a sound
I heard my echo when I shouted in the cave.

courage bravery, the ability to do something that frightens
God gave David courage when he fought Goliath.

perfume a sweet smell, a scent or fragrance
Dad gave mom some new perfume for Christmas.

thirsty needing or wanting a drink
We were very thirsty after the long hike.

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| dungeon | relinquish | welfare | impartial | excessive |
| interrupt | alliteration | candidate | simile | popularity |
| hallelujah | crucifixion | periscope | descendant | extension |
| plagiarize | tragedy | legendary | playwright | manuscript |
| incorruptible | assassinate | albatross | typhoon | bungalow |
| leopard | fauna | tortoise | origami | jaguar |
| fajitas | majority | moccasins | catastrophe | versus |
| graduation | beige | ambitious | plateau | fatigue |
| tenor | righteous | soprano | chronicle | quartet |
| hemisphere | European | peninsula | aquifer | geological |
| souvenir | poinsettia | salmonella | saxophone | tantalize |
| height | volunteer | lieutenant | astronaut | convenient |
| throughout | ecclesiology | coffeepot | granddaughter | cannot |
| diesel | knapsack | strudel | dachshund | paprika |
| vegetable | restaurant | macaroni | synagogue | cocoa |
| constitution | amusement | badminton | canoeing | skiing |
| cockatoo | furlough | curiosity | mongrel | fraction |
| circumference | diagnoses | agenda | memorabilia | debris |
| poultry | agriculture | courteous | fertilizer | wheelbarrow |
| threshold | tithe | worrisome | cauliflower | chipotle |
| enthusiastic | despair | conceited | reliable | emotional |
| horizon | individuality | triangular | oligarchy | disorganized |
| jaguar | automaton | asterisk | chronology | etymology |
| mustache | align | collage | calorie | gourmet |
| physician | pneumonia | encyclopedia | souvenir | camouflage |
| phenomenon | apostrophe | monotonous | amphibious | spaghetti |
| vacuum | chandelier | generous | refrigerator | faucet |
| commemorate | ascension | technique | consciousness | infinitely |
| quantities | tomatoes | volcanoes | thieves | calves |
| macaroni | embargo | tortilla | vanilla | snorkel |
| Deuteronomy | scissors | raspberries | nutrition | rehearsal |
| ambulance | appendicitis | laboratory | independence | pharmacy |
| mathematics | kindergarten | cheerleaders | professor | elementary |
| parliament | amendment | automobile | unanimous | nominee |
| archangel | disciple | judgment | obliterate | atonement |
| poinsettia | dandelion | chrysanthemum | percentage | oxygen |
| punctuation | syllable | information | adjective | absence |
| muscle | calisthenics | racquetball | gymnasium | perspiration |

Elementary Level 1b**Spelling Bee Study List****2023–2024**

technician
balmy
embarrassing
caffeine
photosynthesis
achievement
surveillance
opossum

cashier
precipitation
identical
arbitrarily
inaugurate
prerogative
rendezvous
metamorphosis

scientist
evaporation
arrogant
countenance
lieutenant
algorithm
mesmerize
archipelago

electrician
temperature
inquisitive
argumentativeness
tonsillitis
camouflage
rottweiler
mozzarella

plumber
blustery
frequent
committee
epaulet
mayonnaise
maelstrom
sacrifice

Level II Spelling Rules:

Three students from each school may compete in the Level II Spelling Bee. MACS will be following the rules in the AACCS Manual except that at MACS a student will be disqualified upon two spelling errors until there are only two spellers remaining. Then, refer to pages 55-57 of the AACCS Manual. Challenges may only be made the student, himself, and not by an adult representative from his school.

AACS Spelling Study List

Contest A

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|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| lilac | boutique | nachtmusik | mathematics | contrapuntal |
| macrame | liverwurst | cachet | autopsy | monotonous |
| alcove | conscientious | sincerely | echt | already |
| orange | bandit | eulogy | spitz | cadenza |
| albatross | escargot | eureka | visible | automaton |
| azure | hygiene | symbiosis | pacifism | misspell |
| Islamic | aristocracy | roughhewn | exceed | quiche |
| borax | secretary | pastime | homonym | orchard |
| average | gorgeous | yieldable | Parmesan | stethoscope |
| alfalfa | virtuosa | sitzmark | concede | regatta |
| algebra | scenario | patriarch | suave | womanly |
| nabob | xylophone | cosmetic | balcony | ambulance |
| apricot | does | schedule | contraband | boudoir |
| henna | kuchen | inselberg | homburg | college |
| zero | debt | linseed | mattock | learned |
| alcohol | schloss | farthing | salami | athlete |
| admiral | whirlpool | vibrato | fiery | league |
| saffron | graffiti | mascot | protocol | semolina |
| hazard | misanthropy | again | piccolo | neologism |
| artichoke | malaria | clementine | gospel | Wagnerian |
| tarragon | tutu | Olympian | macaroni | souvenir |
| impasse | villain | apathy | langlauf | embarrass |
| mosque | balloon | pinafore | hydrology | periphery |
| yield | prairie | foyer | ravioli | verboten |
| crimson | epiphany | barrage | piazza | believable |
| hue | nether | gondola | aria | folksiness |
| mummy | egalitarian | cauliflower | its | angst |
| talc | trauma | amnesia | stucco | forlorn |
| endocentric | orthodox | finale | manhandle | kitsch |
| zenith | business | waltz | collage | Backstein |
| imam | spinet | chagrin | protein | dearth |
| guitar | wanderlust | feldspar | laboratory | strudel |
| elixir | sonata | vendetta | diatribe | lithe |
| khan | occurrence | polymer | cavalry | bureaucracy |
| tariff | hustings | didactic | bower | megalopolis |
| arsenal | phenomenon | endemic | einkorn | herpetology |
| carmine | keen | morgue | recommend | cobalt |
| mohair | workmanship | gestalt | kipper | portfolio |
| apostrophe | allegro | denture | synergy | deluxe |
| adobe | satellite | alderman | fatigue | character |
| sultan | behoove | prattle | hundredth | spritz |
| mahal | hyphen | notochord | swinger | different |
| ghoul | baton | lethargy | adamant | antipasto |

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Contest A

| | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| giraffe | anvil | regime | dressage | definite |
| magazine | macron | nightingale | dogged | windily |
| massage | errand | lederhosen | inferno | altruism |
| sequin | provolute | possess | thesaurus | pragmatic |
| lemon | earthenware | probably | mystique | denim |
| mattress | answer | truly | foreign | stollen |
| tuna | semantics | croquette | finesse | palmetto |
| sugar | timely | address | fickle | eponym |
| taj | belay | panic | falsetto | rouge |
| monsoon | Meistersinger | gristle | eclectic | sauerbraten |
| gazelle | parallel | panzer | laugh | cousin |
| safari | strategy | rucksack | physique | pyre |
| cotton | aspen | watery | agreeable | appearance |
| alchemy | trouble | bookkeeping | illuminati | democracy |
| furlong | umlaut | ergonomic | ephemeral | analysis |
| graupel | mirage | ballerina | spareribs | chronic |
| said | manicure | fennel | across | minute |
| polygon | Wednesday | concerto | beige | vogue |
| cynical | creepy | matinee | cantata | matriarch |
| knowledge | hurdle | allot | streusel | geode |
| androcentric | nostril | garage | tachometer | threshold |
| topical | peloton | noticeable | calypso | acronym |
| nosiest | hedonism | blithe | incognito | spaghetti |
| quiver | layette | periscope | cryptic | privilege |
| melancholy | hinterland | diagnosis | synopsis | autobahn |
| knavery | agnostic | amenable | diorama | spherical |
| bureau | quell | topography | broadleaf | asterisk |
| schnauzer | ditto | etymology | mootable | vorlage |
| antibiotic | enthusiasm | earwig | eiderdown | isobar |
| geothermal | pentathlon | dross | croquet | pesto |
| independence | Spartan | expertise | realschule | rotunda |
| poltergeist | knapsack | diplomat | parapet | dachshund |
| fife | academy | odyssey | motif | grammar |
| vacuum | tritium | bambino | extravaganza | syntax |
| paddock | parfait | acme | bravura | bratwurst |
| philanthropy | tragic | palette | asthmogenic | reckless |
| dyslexia | pumpnickel | synchronous | February | synonym |
| dealership | idiom | confetti | wanton | mongrel |
| protagonist | cameo | sarcasm | icicle | nemesis |
| thermal | hamster | allegory | weird | hierarchy |
| myriad | eligible | barrow | fiasco | glitz |
| sure | maestro | interesting | forty | virtuoso |
| separate | familiar | cosmos | mascara | libretto |

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Contest A

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| bagel | barley | newfangled | rhinoceros | receipt |
| nougat | mermaid | flamboyant | commitment | abide |
| oratorio | chronology | angelic | menu | usually |
| fuselage | android | hydraulic | irony | slaughter |
| dogma | vegetable | Bildungsroman | hassock | nosh |
| kith | rehearse | gestapo | apparent | geranium |
| sallow | entourage | exhilarate | hawthorn | goatee |
| paradox | geoponics | harpichord | kohlrabi | scampi |
| sortie | pitchblende | staccato | amphibious | biblical |
| nestle | often | noodle | ready | biopsy |
| homogeneous | loam | maintenance | demotic | half |
| behest | ballot | hearth | stringy | pistachio |
| whose | pretzel | tithe | coloratura | plateau |
| influenza | crochet | galleria | cringle | elite |
| gnat | linden | fiend | hypothesis | metaphor |
| cleanser | worrisome | sheriff | maladroit | credenza |
| apostrophe | fathom | bevel | seltzer | daily |
| bequeath | musicale | grotto | leotard | haversack |
| dynamic | harmonica | succeed | fresco | dreary |
| stoic | dairy | rhetoric | belladonna | |

*see Nationals spelling rule 1.e. regarding capitalization

AACS Spelling Study List

Contest A

Commonly Confused Words and Homonymns

| | | | |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| accept | lean | advice | later |
| except | lien | advise | latter |
| aisle | led | allusion | liable |
| isle | lead (n.) | illusion | libel |
| bare | naval | amoral | loose |
| bear | navel | immoral | lose |
| born | ought | affect | marital |
| borne | ought | effect | martial |
| capital | principal | averse | moot |
| capitol | principle | adverse | mute |
| cash | recede | biannual | nauseated |
| cache | reseed | biennial | nauseous |
| ceiling | right | breath | perspective |
| sealing | rite | breathe | prospective |
| cellar | sight | choose | proceed |
| seller | site | chose | precede |
| sensor | cite | climactic | proscribe |
| censer | stationary | climatic | prescribe |
| senser | stationery | collaborate | quiet |
| sensor | straight | corroborate | quite |
| cereal | strait | conscience | recall |
| serial | their | conscious | recount |
| coarse | there | convince | tenant |
| course | ware | persuade | tenet |
| colonel | wear | desert | than |
| kernel | where | dessert | then |
| complement | weather | device | |
| compliment | whether | devise | |
| council | wright | emigrate | |
| counsel | write | immigrate | |
| elicit | rote | flaunt | |
| illicit | wrote | flout | |
| forth | yore | founder | |
| fourth | your | flounder | |
| herd | | gambit | |
| heard | | gamut | |
| hole | | imply | |
| whole | | inferno | |
| horse | | irritate | |
| hoarse | | aggravate | |

AACS Spelling Study List

Champion A

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| serdab | repertoire | paradigm |
| hafiz | renaissance | rapport |
| gynarchy | anschluss | nadir |
| hippopotamus | springerle | hyperbole |
| mihrab | pneumatic | tahini |
| genre | chassis | cappelletti |
| poignant | camouflage | gesundheit |
| adagio | euthanasia | ocarina |
| archipelago | chary | virgule |
| metamorphosis | pfeffernuss | maraschino |
| zephyr | minaret | arachnid |
| Swahili | saboteur | ersatz |
| scherzo | charlatan | capricious |
| gauche | diphthong | garcon |
| ecru | marzipan | diffa |
| misogynist | zeitgeber | alcazar |
| croissant | mozzarella | wedel |
| raconteur | algorithm | recidivist |
| pickelhaube | camphor | Hemerocallis |
| serendipity | weimaraner | schottische |
| vivace | fete | edelweiss |
| schnecke | prosciutto | muslin |
| bezoar | salve | mnemonic |
| rendezvous | anachronism | dichotomy |
| zucchini | mukhtar | cacophony |
| pizzicato | fennec | salaam |
| dossier | foggara | philately |
| fraulein | philhellenism | ingenue |
| Weissnichtwo | debacle | heifer |
| kirtle | paparazzo | shrieval |
| hypocrisy | blitzkrieg | anomaly |
| euphemism | trattoria | azimuth |
| garibaldi | nenuphar | alkali |
| fantoccini | halal | blasé |
| Wiccan | carafe | protégé |
| intaglio | khorr | dreidel |
| segue | rottweiler | Qatari |
| Eocene | chauvinism | mistletoe |
| surveillance | lieutenant | détente |
| mayonnaise | julep | glockenspiel |
| fusillade | coffle | douane |
| melange | alim | cynosure |
| tamarind | taupe | schadenfreude |

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Contest A

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| lilac | boutique | nachtmusik | mathematics | contrapuntal |
| macrame | liverwurst | cachet | autopsy | monotonous |
| alcove | conscientious | sincerely | echt | already |
| orange | bandit | eulogy | spitz | cadenza |
| albatross | escargot | eureka | visible | automaton |
| azure | hygiene | symbiosis | pacifism | misspell |
| Islamic | aristocracy | roughhewn | exceed | quiche |
| borax | secretary | pastime | homonym | orchard |
| average | gorgeous | yieldable | Parmesan | stethoscope |
| alfalfa | virtuosa | sitzmark | concede | regatta |
| algebra | scenario | patriarch | suave | womanly |
| nabob | xylophone | cosmetic | balcony | ambulance |
| apricot | does | schedule | contraband | boudoir |
| henna | kuchen | inselberg | homburg | college |
| zero | debt | linseed | mattock | learned |
| alcohol | schloss | farthing | salami | athlete |
| admiral | whirlpool | vibrato | fiery | league |
| saffron | graffiti | mascot | protocol | semolina |
| hazard | misanthropy | again | piccolo | neologism |
| artichoke | malaria | clementine | gospel | Wagnerian |
| tarragon | tutu | Olympian | macaroni | souvenir |
| impasse | villain | apathy | langlauf | embarrass |
| mosque | balloon | pinafore | hydrology | periphery |
| yield | prairie | foyer | ravioli | verboten |
| crimson | epiphany | barrage | piazza | believable |
| hue | nether | gondola | aria | folksiness |
| mummy | egalitarian | cauliflower | its | angst |
| talc | trauma | amnesia | stucco | forlorn |
| endocentric | orthodox | finale | manhandle | kitsch |
| zenith | business | waltz | collage | Backstein |
| imam | spinet | chagrin | protein | dearth |
| guitar | wanderlust | feldspar | laboratory | strudel |
| elixir | sonata | vendetta | diatribe | lithe |
| khan | occurrence | polymer | cavalry | bureaucracy |
| tariff | hustings | didactic | bower | megalopolis |
| arsenal | phenomenon | endemic | einkorn | herpetology |
| carmine | keen | morgue | recommend | cobalt |
| mohair | workmanship | gestalt | kipper | portfolio |
| apostrophe | allegro | denture | synergy | deluxe |
| adobe | satellite | alderman | fatigue | character |
| sultan | behoove | prattle | hundredth | spritz |
| mahal | hyphen | notochord | swinger | different |
| ghoul | baton | lethargy | adamant | antipasto |

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|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| giraffe | anvil | regime | dressage | definite |
| magazine | macron | nightingale | dogged | windily |
| massage | errand | lederhosen | inferno | altruism |
| sequin | provolone | possess | thesaurus | pragmatic |
| lemon | earthenware | probably | mystique | denim |
| mattress | answer | truly | foreign | stollen |
| tuna | semantics | croquette | finesse | palmetto |
| sugar | timely | address | fickle | eponym |
| taj | belay | panic | falsetto | rouge |
| monsoon | Meistersinger | gristle | eclectic | sauerbraten |
| gazelle | parallel | panzer | laugh | cousin |
| safari | strategy | rucksack | physique | pyre |
| cotton | aspen | watery | agreeable | appearance |
| alchemy | trouble | bookkeeping | illuminati | democracy |
| furlong | umlaut | ergonomic | ephemeral | analysis |
| graupe!l | mirage | ballerina | spareribs | chronic |
| said | manicure | fennel | across | minute |
| polygon | Wednesday | concerto | beige | vogue |
| cynical | creepy | matinee | cantata | matriarch |
| knowledge | hurdle | allot | streusel | geode |
| androcentric | nostril | garage | tachometer | threshold |
| topical | peloton | noticeable | calypso | acronym |
| nosiest | hedonism | blithe | incognito | spaghetti |
| quiver | layette | periscope | cryptic | privilege |
| melancholy | hinterland | diagnosis | synopsis | autobahn |
| knavery | agnostic | amenable | diorama | spherical |
| bureau | quell | topography | broadleaf | asterisk |
| schnauzer | ditto | etymology | mootable | vorlage |
| antibiotic | enthusiasm | earwig | eiderdown | isobar |
| geothermal | pentathlon | dross | croquet | pesto |
| independence | Spartan | expertise | realschule | rotunda |
| poltergeist | knapsack | diplomat | parapet | dachshund |
| fife | academy | odyssey | motif | grammar |
| vacuum | tritium | bambino | extravaganza | syntax |
| paddock | parfait | acme | bravura | bratwurst |
| philanthropy | tragic | palette | asthmogenic | reckless |
| dyslexia | pumpernickel | synchronous | February | synonym |
| dealership | idiom | confetti | wanton | mongrel |
| protagonist | cameo | sarcasm | icicle | nemesis |
| thermal | hamster | allegory | weird | hierarchy |
| myriad | eligible | barrow | fiasco | glitz |
| sure | maestro | interesting | forty | virtuoso |
| separate | familiar | cosmos | mascara | libretto |

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| bagel | barley | newfangled | rhinoceros | receipt |
| nougat | mermaid | flamboyant | commitment | abide |
| oratorio | chronology | angelic | menu | usually |
| fuselage | android | hydraulic | irony | slaughter |
| dogma | vegetable | Bildungsroman | hassock | nosh |
| kith | rehearse | gestapo | apparent | geranium |
| sallow | entourage | exhilarate | hawthorn | goatee |
| paradox | geoponics | harpsichord | kohlrabi | scampi |
| sortie | pitchblende | staccato | amphibious | biblical |
| nestle | often | noodle | ready | biopsy |
| homogeneous | loam | maintenance | demotic | half |
| behest | ballot | hearth | stringy | pistachio |
| whose | pretzel | tithe | coloratura | plateau |
| influenza | crochet | galleria | cringle | elite |
| gnat | linden | fiend | hypothesis | metaphor |
| cleanser | worrisome | sheriff | maladroit | credenza |
| apostrophe | fathom | bevel | seltzer | daily |
| bequeath | musicale | grotto | leotard | haversack |
| dynamic | harmonica | succeed | fresco | dreary |
| stoic | dairy | rhetoric | belladonna | |

*see Nationals spelling rule 1.e. regarding capitalization

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Commonly Confused Words and Homonymns

| | | | |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| accept | lean | advice | later |
| except | lien | advise | latter |
| aisle | led | allusion | liable |
| isle | lead (n.) | illusion | libel |
| bare | naval | amoral | loose |
| bear | navel | immoral | lose |
| born | ought | affect | marital |
| borne | ought | effect | martial |
| capital | principal | averse | moot |
| capitol | principle | adverse | mute |
| cash | recede | biannual | nauseated |
| cache | reseed | biennial | nauseous |
| ceiling | right | breath | perspective |
| sealing | rite | breathe | prospective |
| cellar | sight | choose | proceed |
| seller | site | chose | precede |
| cancel | cite | climactic | proscribe |
| censor | stationary | climatic | prescribe |
| senior | stationery | collaborate | quiet |
| sensor | straight | corroborate | quite |
| cereal | strait | conscience | recall |
| serial | their | conscious | recount |
| coarse | there | convince | tenant |
| course | ware | persuade | tenet |
| colonel | wear | desert | than |
| kernel | where | dessert | then |
| complement | weather | device | |
| compliment | whether | devise | |
| council | wright | emigrate | |
| counsel | write | immigrate | |
| elicit | rote | flaunt | |
| illicit | wrote | flout | |
| forth | yore | founder | |
| fourth | your | flounder | |
| herd | | gambit | |
| heard | | gamut | |
| hole | | imply | |
| whole | | inferno | |
| horse | | irritate | |
| hoarse | | aggravate | |

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| | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| serdab | repertoire | paradigm |
| hafiz | renaissance | rapport |
| gynarchy | anschluss | nadir |
| hippopotamus | springerle | hyperbole |
| mihrab | pneumatic | tahini |
| genre | chassis | cappelletti |
| poignant | camouflage | gesundheit |
| adagio | euthanasia | ocarina |
| archipelago | chary | virgule |
| metamorphosis | pfeffernuss | maraschino |
| zephyr | minaret | arachnid |
| Swahili | saboteur | ersatz |
| scherzo | charlatan | capricious |
| gauche | diphthong | garcon |
| ecru | marzipan | diffa |
| misogynist | zeitgeber | alcazar |
| croissant | mozzarella | wedel |
| raconteur | algorithm | recidivist |
| pickelhaube | camphor | Hemerocallis |
| serendipity | weimaraner | schottische |
| vivace | fete | edelweiss |
| schnecke | prosciutto | muslin |
| bezoar | salve | mnemonic |
| rendezvous | anachronism | dichotomy |
| zucchini | mukhtar | cacophony |
| pizzicato | fennec | salaam |
| dossier | foggara | philately |
| fraulein | philhellenism | ingenue |
| Weissnichtwo | debacle | heifer |
| kirtle | paparazzo | shrieval |
| hypocrisy | blitzkrieg | anomaly |
| euphemism | trattoria | azimuth |
| garibaldi | nenuphar | alkali |
| fantoccini | halal | blasé |
| Wiccan | carafe | protégé |
| intaglio | chor | dreidel |
| segue | rottweiler | Qatari |
| Eocene | chauvinism | mistletoe |
| surveillance | lieutenant | détente |
| mayonnaise | julep | glockenspiel |
| fusillade | coffe | douane |
| melange | alim | cynosure |
| tamarind | taupe | schadenfreude |

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| | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| confidence | sayonara | Capricorn | discipline | nebbish |
| cedilla | snuff | patina | cruller | mongoose |
| feldsher | tornado | boodle | hickory | howitzer |
| mantilla | shogun | jeremiad | floss | petunia |
| credible | trajectory | spoor | dissect | cossack |
| zinnia | fandango | cockatoo | trek | gunnysack |
| vulcanize | precipitate | lunatic | newton | melba |
| cynosure | sierra | alamo | ridiculous | jaguar |
| dune | shrapnel | machismo | polder | dejected |
| shampoo | incredulous | access | lariat | embargo |
| tattle | sevruga | muumuu | typhoon | quixote |
| hosta | tundra | wampum | foist | current |
| amicable | wigwam | seersucker | sashimi | praline |
| exuberant | greengage | mahimahi | hustle | juggernaut |
| quinine | Borzoï | burrito | puma | bolero |
| olio | mercurial | samurai | hock | Argentine |
| retrospective | daffodil | jerky | igneous | providence |
| vanilla | persimmon | package | blister | skipper |
| jiva | hurricane | kishke | Permian | filament |
| purga | tsunami | capitulation | stipple | nasal |
| formidable | ominous | Tuckahoe | klompen | bangle |
| susceptible | chipotle | Geronimo | impasse | kovsh |
| barrio | sushi | hominy | staple | mizzle |
| oregano | consensus | barabara | buckwagon | curriculum |
| chimichanga | trawl | transect | hacienda | diesel |
| herbivore | trigger | vampire | gordita | jackal |
| furlough | bowery | cacao | Meiji | carnivore |
| unity | quisling | polka | crimp | Siberian |
| magnanimous | pundit | Fletcherism | mole | ventilate |
| measure | samovar | hogan | langosta | easel |
| aquatic | totem | teriyaki | diary | ambiguity |
| bonanza | alleviate | scrabble | guru | mammoth |
| bluff | pangolin | junta | filibuster | nirvana |
| innate | canasta | mahatma | benevolent | ambivalent |
| gregarious | slave | tortoni | grabble | bungalow |
| kuruma | vigilante | abdicate | corporal | scow |
| cafeteria | harpoon | glasnost | hector | banzai |
| predicate | condolences | intractable | bayou | electoral |
| caribou | jovial | wiseacre | caucus | popularity |
| llama | muskrat | uproar | pueblo | brackish |
| knish | pecan | kami | mediocre | empanada |
| magnolia | cognition | geisha | satori | message |
| abstemious | tomato | chutney | Bolshevik | paprika |

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|------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| erudite | fastidious | tatami | maraca | syndic |
| luau | duenna | waywiser | wasabi | Kabuki |
| flotilla | ampere | frolic | buccaneer | benefactor |
| femininity | library | tofu | prodigal | obstinate |
| crescendo | vulnerable | babushka | contiguous | potash |
| canary | foliate | Flemish | incriminate | sombrero |
| croon | plausible | jute | poinsettia | Frankenstein |
| junco | lucid | candidate | boysenberry | condor |
| yacht | kudzu | oolong | jungle | kona |
| splice | impetuous | parka | animosity | bruin |
| ramen | inane | imperative | sumo | renegade |
| huckster | baba | chintz | rabbit | mikado |
| crescent | poinsettia | sputnik | bolivar | cilantro |
| precipice | percolate | chalupa | karate | kahuna |
| dugong | conjecture | fidelity | credentials | gradient |
| anchovy | prosaic | Romaji | Panglossian | renovate |
| gopak | cabana | Netherlander | freebooter | interrupt |
| mentor | beleaguer | angstrom | adios | fiesta |
| builder | handsome | yahoo | adjacent | dungaree |
| gruff | bugle | pickle | primal | humble |
| tamale | salmonella | pochismo | cruiser | peccadillo |
| cashew | perfidy | vivisection | buffalo | mart |
| loot | triumvirate | tantalize | implement | isinglass |
| gazpacho | necessary | insidious | Dracula | patel |
| wikiwiki | catkin | colloquial | ductile | scum |
| troika | walrus | geta | enchilada | macadamia |
| rupee | pandit | cravat | temporal | coyote |
| tortilla | lokshen | ostentatious | yamen | origami |
| ramada | holster | obsequious | cupid | guy |
| waffle | diablo | bongo | chinchilla | relevant |
| futon | robot | desperado | gulden | Crusoe |
| kama | cushy | simile | discern | alligator |
| slave | bandersnatch | ravel | gulag | omnivorous |
| kavya | ingenious | amarillo | flamenco | cheka |
| koan | malihini | gardenia | bamboo | wintergreen |
| bundle | ticket | woodchuck | toucan | odori |
| chocolate | prescription | bellicose | quesadilla | powwow |
| miso | castanets | stripe | refugee | etch |
| succotash | mesa | postmortem | hibachi | meticulous |
| mariachi | muddle | incorruptible | loiter | nelma |
| opera | omnipotent | caboose | prosecute | rupture |
| cordovan | screen | ninja | trepak | subterfuge |
| toboggan | sable | honcho | samaritan | Boswell |

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cummerbund
participant
reptile
kremlin
keelhaul
saxophone

spectrum
skunk
strict
begonia
decoy
Soviet

excise
iguana
pampas
tycoon
alliteration
sukiyaki

affinity
kasha
canine
tomatillo
clapboard
haiku

buckwheat
aul
karma
school
raj
babka

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| | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| precocious | picaresque | gingham |
| apartheid | gymkhana | witloof |
| lahar | ameliorate | ipecac |
| caballero | coati | mahout |
| bobbejaan | madeleine | raita |
| roodebok | hoomalimali | commensurate |
| dahlia | gourami | balalaika |
| recalcitrant | egregious | mynheer |
| belligerent | terrapin | exacerbate |
| masala | schipperke | tanha |
| basmati | tokamak | perennial |
| prerogative | comandante | Croesus |
| pogrom | hollandaise | ubiquitous |
| mandir | kielbasa | sachem |
| novillero | philippic | hartebeest |
| accommodate | facetious | tchotchke |
| keest | vaquero | wainscot |
| mesmerize | voortrekker | Beetewk |
| flense | issei | forsythia |
| Holi | apparatchik | menhaden |
| durwan | waterzooi | soliloquy |
| uitlander | Buddha | bromeliad |
| taiga | tertiary | sansei |
| rasgado | jnana | galjoen |
| asana | muishond | sassafras |
| braggadocio | keeshond | mercerialize |
| ocelot | sarsaparilla | aggregate |
| springbok | barukhzy | prabhu |
| embarcadero | maelstrom | punctilio |
| bhalu | charpoy | |
| opossum | efficacy | |
| indigenous | gnathonic | |
| visceral | Baedeker | |
| pasteurize | jacamar | |
| kibei | perestroika | |
| nisei | vernacular | |
| topeng | pernicious | |
| batik | karaoke | |
| conquistador | guillotine | |
| infinitesimal | corpuscle | |
| commissar | narcissistic | |
| Bobadil | innocuous | |
| Fahrenheit | rejoneador | |