

# San Joaquin County County Office of Education 2009-2010 Spelling Bee

## Junior High Spelling Word List (Includes the first 35 words to be given at the county championship)

- The Junior High Spelling Bee Division has a written format. All participants will spell the same list of words.
- The first thirty-five (35) words given in county competition will come from this study list. Succeeding words given at the competition will come from a variety of sources including but not limited to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, tenth edition.
- At the county competition, words will be pronounced, put into a sentence and pronounced again. Definitions will be provided by the spellmaster upon request.
- Pronunciations and meanings have been eliminated from this word list to encourage the use of a dictionary or other sources you deem appropriate.

## Junior High Spelling Bee Practice Word List

abalone	abdicate	abode
abscond	absolution	absurdity
abyss	accomplice	accordion
accumulate	acerbate	acetone
acme	acolyte	acoustic
acquittal	acumen	adequacy
adroitness	advocate	affidavit
affluent	aggregate	agitation
agriculture	agronomy	aisle
alabaster	alkaline	allegation
amateur	ambrosia	amiable
analyze	anarchy	anchovy
angstroms	anomaly	antenna
antics	antonym	anxiety
aortic	appreciate	arrogance
arsenal	aspersion	austere
axiom	bachelor	bailiff
basalt	basilica	bastion
battalion	bauble	bayonet
belligerent	beneficence	beret
berserk	betrothal	bevy
bibelot	bifurcate	bilious
blatant	blithe	blunder
boar	bogus	boisterous
bolshevism	bonhomie	brogan
brouhaha	buoyant	bureau
burglar	buttress	cachet
calibrate	calypso	candor
capillary	capricious	carafe
caramel	caricature	castanets
cathartic	cauliflower	chagrin

championship	chapeau	charisma
chateau	chic	chimera
chivalry	choreographer	chromatic
cicada	clairvoyance	clavicle
clemency	coincidence	collage
collateral	colloquial	cologne
colossal	comatose	concierge
confabulate	confetti	confidence
conspiracy	constraint	contaminate
contrive	convoluted	corrupt
countenance	covenant	cranium
crimson	crotchety	crucible
cruelty	crypt	cuckoo
cyanide	dazzle	declination
decrepit	delirious	delta
despotism	deterrent	detonate
detriment	dexterous	dichotomy
diesel	digit	disintegration
disparity	disquietude	dissident
distraught	diversify	dormancy
dour	druid	ductile
dungarees	dyslexic	egalitarian
elocution	elysian	emancipation
embassy	embellish	emblem
embroider	emollient	empathetic
emphatic	emporium	emulate
enamel	endorse	enmity
enthusiasm	enumerate	environment
epidermis	equanimity	equestrian
equivocation	erratic	espionage
ethnic	euphoric	exaggerate
exhilarated	exonerate	expatriate
expertise	expiate	extenuate

exterminator	extinguish	extortion
extraneous	fabricate	facile
factitious	falderal	fallacy
feasible	fedora	felicitation
femur	fiasco	filibuster
finesse	flagrant	flourish
fluctuate	fluid	flummery
foppish	forfeit	fracas
franchise	fraternize	friar
frivolous	frugal	fumigate
galaxy	galleon	garlic
garrison	garrulous	gauche
gendarme	germane	ghastly
gladiator	globule	googol
gossamer	gradient	graffiti
gratitude	gregarious	grievance
guarantee	hacienda	halcyon
harbinger	haughtily	heifer
heirloom	hemisphere	hermit
hierarchy	homburg	hooligan
horde	howitzer	hubbub
huckster	hurricane	hyphenate
hysterical	icicle	igneous
ignominy	immaculate	impasse
impeccable	impenetrable	impertinent
impromptu	impropriety	improvisational
impulse	inaugural	incendiary
incisiveness	incoherent	incongruous
incredulous	indelible	indigent
indivisible	inertia	infectious
innate	inorganic	interference
interrogate	intimidate	intrepid
inundation	jaguar	jamboree

javelin	jealousy	jeopardy
jettison	jocund	jostle
jubilant	kerosene	kinesiology
knavery	kudos	lambaste
languid	lantern	larceny
largesse	lassitude	league
legume	lightning	liturgy
loafer	loathe	lobster
luminous	luster	macabre
magenta	magisterial	malediction
malignant	malleable	mandible
manganese	mantilla	marathon
marionette	marzipan	massacre
masticate	mauve	mediocre
melancholy	melanoma	meliorate
metamorphosis	migratory	mimeograph
mimic	miscellaneous	misconception
miserable	mitigate	monotonous
morose	mosquito	mourning
mystical	nectar	negativism
negligence	nettlesome	neurologist
noxious	nomad	nomenclature
nostalgia	oblivion	occupancy
occurrence	ocelot	odious
odometer	officious	ointment
oligarchy	onus	optimistic
oscillation	ostrich	outrageous
oxidize	oxymoron	pachyderm
palaver	palfrey	palooka
panache	paprika	paralyze
parenthesis	pastry	pathetic
patrician	patriotism	pavilion
peccadillo	pedagogy	pedantic

peevishly	pellucid	peninsula
penury	perceptible	perennial
perilous	perpetrator	perplex
pertinence	peruse	pessimistic
pheasant	piteous	placard
placid	plateau	platitude
plausible	plebeian	plethora
pliancy	plutonic	pneumatic
podiatrist	poignant	poltroon
polymer	pomegranate	pomposity
porcelain	portentous	posthumous
postulate	pragmatic	praline
precipitation	predator	predecessor
predicament	predilection	premonition
primitive	privy	procrastinate
prodigious	prologue	promontory
prompt	pronouncement	propensity
prophecy	prosaic	protoplasm
psyche	pugilist	puissance
pulpit	pursuit	purulence
purveyor	queasy	quench
querulous	queue	quintuplet
quorum	raiment	rampant
ramshackle	raspberry	reassurance
receptacle	rectitude	redolent
regalia	reggae	regurgitate
rehearsal	reluctantly	remedy
remnant	renegade	repatriate
repertoire	reprisal	repudiate
requiem	residue	resonance
restitution	reticence	retrieval
rhetoric	rheumatic	rhizome
rhythm	ridiculous	rigatoni

roost	sabotage	sacrifice
salmon	sapphire	satiate
satirical	sayonara	scaffold
scald	sciatica	scrawny
selenium	sentry	sepia
serviceable	shrapnel	shrewd
siege	simplicity	simulate
sinew	singular	sirloin
skirmish	sojourn	solemn
solicitor	solitaire	sombrero
sorcerer	souvenir	spectral
squalid	stagnant	stalwart
stenography	stevedore	strafe
strategy	stratocumulus	strictly
stroganoff	sublimation	subservience
subsidiary	sumo	superlative
susceptible	suspiciously	syndrome
tabernacle	talisman	tarantula
taxonomy	temerity	tempestuous
tenacious	testimony	theatrical
therapeutic	thievery	threshold
timbre	timorous	topaz
tragedy	tranquilizer	transparent
treacherous	trepidation	triceratops
trough	turban	turbulence
turret	tutelage	typhoid
ulcerated	ullage	ultimatum
ululate	umbrage	upholstery
urbane	urgency	utilitarian
utterance	vaccine	vagrancy
valedictory	vandalism	velocity
venerable	versatile	vertebrate
vestibule	veterans	vicarage

vigil	vindicate	virago
viscera	viscous	visualization
vocalize	vocation	vogue
volunteer	voracious	vortex
vulgarity	vulpine	wadi
wallop	waltz	wampum
weevil	wheelbarrow	whimsical
wizardry	wreckage	writhe
yearling	zealot	zeppelin
zilch	zodiac	zucchini
zwieback	zygote	zymosis