

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

accident	down	later
ache	dream	leak
across	drive	lemonade
action	drum	lesson
address	duet	lifetime
airport	edge	litter
alarm	education	loaf
algebra	employee	marble
America	enough	maze
announce	except	meaning
another	exercise	mice
answer	fasting	mine
Asia	fault	mitten
beautiful	fear	mother
because	feather	mountain
beginning	fern	myself
being	flight	mystery
bend	flute	nest
between	follow	night
birth	friend	notebook
blimp	garden	number
boil	gear	number
brother	gold	nutrition
bubbles	handle	ocean
building	happily	orchard
bunny	helicopter	other
bury	helium	pail
calm	holiday	pair
carrot	honesty	people
chicken	honey	pillow
chug	hood	pocket
clock	hopped	protein
coat	idol	prove
cold	imitated	recycle
consumer	jeep	rescue
country	joke	resource
cross	jumping	runt
cube	just	same
dangerous	kangaroo	Saturday
December	knees	scooter
deck	knight	scream
different	landmark	season

seeds  
sentence  
silk  
skirt  
slowly  
snake  
snow  
special  
spoil  
spots  
stable  
stay  
storm  
straw  
street

subtract  
summer  
sung  
suppose  
survive  
swine  
symbol  
tell  
thin  
thorough  
thousand  
thumb  
trim  
trio  
twelve

umbrella  
vacation  
verb  
voucher  
wagon  
wasp  
weave  
Wednesday  
wrong  
yellow  
yesterday  
zipper

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

absurd	direction	knife
abuse	distraction	knot
across	dried	laundry
aghast	early	lower
ankle	electric	mammal
ascend	every	mascot
atom	exhume	matter
axe	expand	memory
banana	export	mirror
bare	fact	mountain
basin	fatal	muffin
batteries	filled	near
bought	fingers	noise
bridge	firm	nodded
bronze	forms	nutrients
bubble	fountain	office
burst	fresh	once
cannon	friends	open
can't	front	pardon
carpet	fugitive	particle
castle	garbage	party
catch	glare	pencil
ceased	goose	perhaps
chain	graph	person
character	group	photograph
children	gurgle	pineapple
choir	hammer	poison
close	harass	pollen
college	hear	population
community	heaven	potato
compare	highest	pour
compass	hollow	price
compose	hostile	prime
contest	hotel	problem
couldn't	husband	products
council	illegal	pulled
cougar	island	queen
country	itself	quartz
crouch	jewel	quotient
dance	keyboard	raise
destroy	kimono	region
difference	kingdom	reject

remember  
reptile  
resist  
retain  
return  
round  
salary  
salute  
seventy  
severe  
shall  
sitcom  
site  
slavery

space  
speed  
start  
stored  
subject  
survive  
syllables  
symbol  
tallest  
tattoo  
taught  
tennis  
theme  
thirty

tomatoes  
tongue  
transport  
tutor  
usefulness  
value  
verb  
vocal  
weighs  
west  
women  
wrist  
young  
yourself

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

absent  
accidentally  
active  
adapt  
adaptable  
afraid  
allowable  
altitude  
ambulance  
ancestor  
appointment  
April  
Australia  
autumn  
aware  
bicycle  
bottom  
brilliant  
bruise  
capable  
captain  
caught  
climb  
comet  
comfortable  
comic  
company  
complain  
complaining  
compliant  
cooperation  
creative  
cruel  
December  
decision  
denominator  
depth  
descendant  
disastrous  
discussion  
dislike

distance  
distinguishable  
earliest  
edition  
elevator  
encouragement  
encyclopedia  
enjoy  
entered  
entire  
establish  
exactly  
excellent  
experience  
faucet  
feast  
finance  
flavor  
forgiveness  
freight  
further  
gallon  
gravitational  
gravity  
gullible  
hangar  
headache  
heroes  
honorable  
horizon  
horrible  
hunger  
hurricane  
ignorant  
immigrant  
importance  
independence  
information  
injury  
inquire  
insects

instead  
interact  
intermission  
introduction  
invitation  
involve  
January  
Japanese  
jewelry  
judge  
killed  
launch  
lawyer  
legal  
liquid  
loaves  
location  
manner  
medicine  
menu  
minus  
misunderstand  
mixture  
mouth  
movement  
musician  
mute  
naughty  
negative  
numerator  
obstruct  
occur  
original  
oxygen  
patriot  
performance  
permissible  
personal  
politician  
principal  
purse

quote  
radius  
rapid  
ratio  
received  
recently  
rehearse  
remarkable  
remind  
remote  
replacement  
respiration  
roam  
rounding  
route  
routine  
sailor  
salute  
Saturn  
scarcely  
scissors  
senator  
sense  
sentence  
session  
shampoo  
sheepish  
shelves  
shorten  
silent  
simply  
single  
skillful  
sleeve  
smiled  
specialize  
students  
subordinate  
surprise  
tolerable  
triple  
trouble  
trumpet  
wonder

youth

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

abstain  
abundant  
accessible  
accommodate  
acoustic  
adequate  
advise  
amateur  
antecedent  
antiseptic  
apostrophe  
appreciate  
archeology  
arrangement  
artificial  
asthma  
athlete  
bachelor  
bagel  
baggage  
belligerent  
berserk  
biannual  
bimonthly  
biscuit  
boulevard  
boundary  
bouquet  
brilliance  
brochure  
bureau  
cameos  
cancellation  
capital  
caricature  
catastrophe  
category  
cemetery  
chauffeur  
cinnamon  
civilize

collateral  
commercial  
committed  
commotion  
complement  
complex  
concentrate  
conductor  
confetti  
conscious  
contagious  
continuous  
counsel  
culminate  
deficiency  
descendant  
description  
desirable  
dialogue  
dilemma  
distinguished  
economics  
elementary  
emphasize  
endeavor  
engineer  
environment  
epidemic  
equilibrium  
erosion  
eruption  
escalator  
evident  
expensive  
extraordinary  
extremity  
fabricate  
fibrous  
forgery  
frostbitten  
glamorous

graffiti  
haphazard  
havoc  
hazardous  
heroic  
horrific  
humility  
idol  
illegal  
illustration  
immobilize  
incidentally  
incredible  
inept  
inherit  
innocent  
innumerable  
insistent  
insufficient  
intermittent  
internally  
interrogate  
involvement  
irate  
jealousy  
judgement  
juvenile  
knitting  
laboratory  
lieutenant  
luncheon  
maneuver  
melodious  
mesmerize  
meteor  
meticulous  
mileage  
misbehaved  
misdemeanor  
negotiate  
newsstand

nostalgia  
noticeable  
obesity  
occurred  
pamphlet  
panicked  
parachute  
parallel  
pedestrian  
penitentiary  
perceived  
personality  
personification  
pheasant  
plaintiff  
precipitation  
propeller  
prosperous  
psychology  
qualified  
qualifying  
questionnaire  
quotation  
rampage  
reasonable  
recommend  
rehearsal  
resigned  
rotten  
sandwich  
scarcity  
scenery  
scheme  
secretary  
serviceable  
shrine  
subtlety  
tyranny  
undernourished

unduly  
vaccinate  
venom  
vessel  
villain  
vulnerable



9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

abate	cardinal	fortuitous
abdicate	cardiologist	gaseous
abject	charisma	genteel
abnormal	choleric	germinal
abortive	clasp	grammatically
absolve	clemency	grandiose
abstinence	clientele	guile
abstruse	coalition	homogenize
accessory	coin	hygiene
accost	commissioner	ideology
affiliation	complicity	idiopathic
alias	compound	ignominy
alleviate	connoisseur	impasse
alloy	consultant	inaccessible
amend	contingent	incorrigible
amulet	convivial	indigent
anachronism	convulsion	insidious
animosity	corresponding	insufficient
annex	creditor	insulated
anonymity	cumulative	intractability
aphorism	daunted	intuition
apocalyptic	decimate	laborious
apparatus	deficient	labyrinth
appreciate	delude	laconic
appropriation	demagogue	lugubrious
assiduous	dialogue	luxurious
attain	dilemma	magnanimous
augment	distinction	malleable
auspicious	diurnal	maneuver
avenge	emboss	maternal
awry	embroidery	mauled
beam	enunciate	meditation
beguiled	ephemeral	metamorphosis
bogus	epitome	mire
bolt	equitable	mischievous
brandish	equivocal	monograph
buffet	erudite	morale
bulwark	esoteric	mortify
burgeon	exploit	nebulous
burly	facsimile	nominal
cadaver	fictitious	nostalgia
can't	foment	nuisance

odor  
omitted  
organic  
parody  
patriarch  
penitent  
periphery  
pernicious  
pittance  
plausible  
plethora  
poignant  
pragmatic  
preclude

preeminent  
premise  
prominent  
prosaic  
querulous  
rectify  
redolent  
renovate  
replenish  
resolute  
revert  
robust  
rostrum  
scorned

sectarian  
significance  
situated  
staggering  
subjection  
subtle  
summons  
surly  
technician  
theogony  
therapeutic  
thistle  
trite  
wan

## 2023 Spelling Bee Rules

**Who is eligible?** Youth ages 6-18, currently in grades 1-12. Youth must be a member of a church from the Florida Central Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

### Guideline and Rules

- Level I Grades 1-2
- Level II - Grades 3- 4
- Level III Grades 5-6
- Level IV Grades 7-8
- Level V - Grades 9-12

**Word Lists** are found on COGIC website SMM Page

**Competition:** The Spell master shall pronounce each word clearly to each contestant. The contestant will have to “say-spell-say” the word (i.e., the announcer will say “soldier”, the contestant will repeat the word “soldier”, spell the word, “s-o-l-d-i-e-r”, and then repeat the word “soldier” a second time)

The contestant can ask the Spell master to put the word in simple sentences or give a definition. (Note: Some words have more than one spelling or definition. If the word is spelled correctly, it will be accepted) Contestants will have five seconds to begin spelling and ten seconds to complete the correct spelling of a word before being eliminated from the competition.

Once a contestant has started to spell a word, he or she shall be given **no opportunity to change** the letters once pronounced. A speller, who has started spelling a word, may retrace their spelling, providing the letters and their sequence are not changed in the retracing.

Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant drops out of the contest.

When only two contestants remain in the spelling bee, the elimination procedures change. When one person misspells a word, the next person must correctly spell that word **plus the next word** to win. If one of the last two persons misspells a word and the other person, after correcting the error of the first person, misses the next word given, the first can have the chance to spell that word. When the first person spells the first word and the next word correctly then that person wins. (**You must spell two words right in a row to win**).

Any questions during the contest must be referred to the judges immediately. No protest can be considered after a round has started.

### Judges:

- 1) The Timekeeper – the timekeeper is the head judge and has the final say during the spelling bee.
- 2) Recording Judge – considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> judge and is responsible for following the Spell Master Word List
- 3) Word Verifier – responsible for checking the correct spelling of a word and assisting the Spell Master with the words.