



# Word Power

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Word List**

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# The Details...

## NATURE OF THE CONTEST

The UIL Spelling and Vocabulary Contest promotes vocabulary development as well as precise and effective use of words. The three-part contest consists of multiple-choice questions and words written from dictation. Eighty percent of the test will come from the UIL *Word Power* list that changes each year. Twenty percent will come from outside sources, such as commonly used words, proper names/words in the news, and words that are representative of important elements in the English language.

- Part I: Contestants are given 15 minutes to complete 30 questions consisting of 15 Proofreading questions and 15 Vocabulary questions. The Proofreading questions are comprised of list words, forms of list words and non-list (“outside”) words. The Vocabulary questions are based on the words indicated for vocabulary study in the current *Word Power*.
- Part II & III: This portion of the contest will consist of words pronounced for the contestants. Part II is the hand-written spelling of 70 words pronounced aloud to contestants. Part III is a tiebreaker section of 20 additional pronounced words.

## ABOUT WORD POWER

*Word Power* was compiled using *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, Fifth Edition: Fiftieth Anniversary (2018 Printing). Each word was checked for possible variant spelling, capitalization, and parts of speech. *Word Power* reflects several decisions made for consistency and clarity.

## SPELLING & PRONUNCIATION

If a word has more than one correct spelling, all spellings are listed, separated by a comma, as in (frenetic, phrenetic). Students are required to spell only one variant. Although every attempt has been made to list all alternate spellings, some others may be discovered. *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, Fifth Edition: Fiftieth Anniversary (2018 Printing) is the final authority, not *Word Power* or the test lists.

In order to make it easier for contestants to determine the correct pronunciation of words with variable suffixes, the following guidelines are used. If the addition of a letter does not change the pronunciation of a word, the additional letter(s) may be placed in parentheses at the end of a word, or the second spelling is given on the same line. For example “dialogue” may also be spelled “dialog”; therefore, the listing in *Word Power* is “dialogue, dialog”. An entry such as “pedagog(ue), paedagogue” would indicate three acceptable spellings. On the other hand, “holographic” and “holographical” are forms of the same word in the same part of speech, but they are pronounced differently. These words will be separate entries.

Brief definitions will be given for each word pronounced in Parts II and III. During competition, students must spell the form of the word given. For instance, the list word “mecca” can be written as either a capitalized or lower-case word, depending on the definition given. In order to get credit for such a word, students must spell the form of the word which corresponds to the pronounced definition. If a word is spelled correctly but is the incorrect form, it will be considered misspelled. Words with same parts of speech and meanings but different pronunciations will appear as separate entries in *Word Power*.

## CAPITALIZATION

If a word can begin with either a lower-case letter or a capital, both versions are given. It is the responsibility of the contestant to know in what circumstances to use lower-case or capital letters. The unnecessary use of a capital or its omission is considered an error.

## MARKINGS

The English language includes words taken directly from foreign languages without changes in spelling. Marks assumed to be accent marks for syllables are really guides to the proper pronunciation of vowels; therefore, in order to spell the words correctly, it is necessary to use these marks accurately. For example, the French word “dégagé” is pronounced “DAY gah ZHAY”. The acute accent (´) is usually pronounced as the long “a” as in “late” or “date”. The grave (`) and the circumflex (^) “e” are pronounced as the short “e” as in “peck” or “deck”. The grave and circumflex “a” give the “ah” sound as in “pot”. Other commonly used pronunciation guides are the German umlaut (¨) and the Spanish tilde (~). Because the selection of a mark, such as a pronunciation mark, and its proper placement are necessary for the correct spelling and pronunciation of foreign words used by educated Americans, improper usage of accent marks or marks such as umlaut or tilde is considered a spelling error.

## VOCABULARY

Approximately 350 words have been selected for vocabulary study and are designated by the symbol •.

For example:

778. kookaburra •

Contestants will be responsible for the spelling, meaning, and derivation of these words. Question formats may vary from one test to another in order to provide the best method of testing the material. Any questions regarding the correct spelling of words should be directed to the UIL office. Corrections to *Word Power* are posted on the Spelling and Vocabulary webpage at:

[www.uiltexas.org/academics/academic-contests/spelling-and-vocabulary](http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/academic-contests/spelling-and-vocabulary).

1.	a cappella	51.	aluminiferous	101.	arbutus, Arbutus
2.	aardwolf	52.	amanuensis	102.	Archeozoic, Archaeozoic
3.	abattoir	53.	amberggris	103.	archetypal
4.	abbacy	54.	ambiversion •	104.	architrave
5.	Abbevillian	55.	Americanism	105.	Argonne
6.	abscise •	56.	amicus curiae •	106.	argosy
7.	absinthe, absinth	57.	amniocentesis	107.	Armenia (country)
8.	absolve	58.	amontillado	108.	arrant
9.	absurdity	59.	amour-propre	109.	arrhythmia
10.	accelerant	60.	amphibiotic	110.	arrogate
11.	accessory	61.	ampullae •	111.	arthritis
12.	accolade	62.	amputee	112.	artificer
13.	accusatorial	63.	anabatic	113.	artiodactyl
14.	Achilles tendon	64.	analects	114.	arugula
15.	acholia	65.	analphabetic •	115.	aspartame
16.	acquisitive	66.	anarthria	116.	asquint •
17.	acromegaly	67.	Andalusia •	117.	asseveration
18.	ad hoc •	68.	andouille	118.	assonance
19.	addendum •	69.	aneurysm, aneurism	119.	assumpsit
20.	Addison's disease	70.	angiography	120.	astigmatism
21.	adhesiotomy	71.	angularity	121.	astringency
22.	adieu	72.	animadversion	122.	asyndeton •
23.	adjustable	73.	Ankara	123.	athenaeum, atheneum
24.	admixture	74.	ankh •	124.	atrioventricular
25.	adscititious	75.	annelid	125.	atrophy •
26.	adventitious •	76.	anorectic •	126.	audiology
27.	Aeolian harp •	77.	Anschluss •	127.	auf Wiedersehen
28.	aerialist •	78.	antebellum •	128.	aurora australis •
29.	aeroembolism	79.	antenatal	129.	autobahn
30.	aesthetics, esthetics	80.	anthracosis	130.	avarice
31.	affenpinscher •	81.	anthropocentric •	131.	avatar
32.	affiant	82.	antibiotically	132.	avocation
33.	aftereffect	83.	Antietam	133.	azalea
34.	agave, Agave	84.	antiphlogistic •	134.	Baalbek •
35.	agent provocateur (singular) •	85.	antipsychotic	135.	babushka
36.	agilely	86.	antitussive	136.	backwardness
37.	agoraphobia •	87.	aoudad	137.	Baconian
38.	agraphia	88.	aphagia	138.	bacteriology •
39.	agroindustrial	89.	apnea, apnoea	139.	baize
40.	Airedale terrier	90.	apodal	140.	bal musette •
41.	alastor, Alastor	91.	aposematic coloration	141.	Balkanize, balkanize
42.	alchemist	92.	apostasy	142.	bamboozle •
43.	alderman •	93.	apotheosize	143.	banana republic
44.	Aleutian •	94.	appeasement •	144.	banderilla
45.	alexandrite	95.	appellant •	145.	bangalore torpedo
46.	algor mortis	96.	appetence	146.	Bangladesh •
47.	allegretto	97.	apposite	147.	bariatrician
48.	alliterative	98.	apprenticeship	148.	barkentine, barquentine
49.	alpestrine	99.	arabesque	149.	Barmecidal
50.	altruism	100.	arable	150.	basenji

151.	basso profundo •	201.	buckram •	251.	cenotaph
152.	bastille	202.	bulimarexia •	252.	cephalometry •
153.	bathymetry •	203.	bureaucratese	253.	cerebral
154.	bayou •	204.	burnt sienna	254.	certifiable
155.	beatitude, Beatitude •	205.	bursar	255.	Chablis
156.	beau monde (singular)	206.	cabal	256.	chacma
157.	bedizened	207.	cachepot	257.	chalcid •
158.	behoove	208.	cachet	258.	chamfer
159.	beignet •	209.	cadastre, cadaster	259.	chancellery, chancellory
160.	Beijing	210.	cadaverous •	260.	chaotic
161.	believably	211.	caduceus	261.	charcuterie
162.	Bella Coola	212.	cahoots •	262.	chargeable
163.	bellicose •	213.	Cahuilla	263.	chary •
164.	Benedictine	214.	calendrical	264.	cheekiness
165.	Bengalese	215.	caliche	265.	chenille •
166.	Beowulf	216.	caliper, calliper	266.	chenopod
167.	Bernoulli effect	217.	calpac, calpack, kalpac	267.	chifforobe •
168.	bête noire	218.	Calvinism	268.	chinook, Chinook
169.	bezoar	219.	calypso, Calypso	269.	chirography
170.	Bhagavad-Gita •	220.	Camembert •	270.	chop suey •
171.	bibliopole	221.	camera-ready	271.	chorea
172.	bicameral •	222.	Camorra, camorra	272.	Christogram
173.	binary	223.	Cancún	273.	ciborium
174.	bioaccumulation •	224.	candelilla	274.	cilice •
175.	bioenvironmental	225.	candor •	275.	cinchona, Cinchona
176.	bivouacked	226.	cantata	276.	circumfluent
177.	blatancy	227.	capacious •	277.	circumstantiality
178.	bleary-eyed	228.	capitulate •	278.	clair de lune
179.	boa constrictor	229.	caponata	279.	clangorous
180.	bodega	230.	capsulation	280.	clarification
181.	bolero	231.	caracal	281.	class-conscious
182.	bona fide	232.	carburetion	282.	clerihew
183.	bonhomie •	233.	cardiomegaly	283.	climactic
184.	borderland	234.	cardiothoracic	284.	cliquish
185.	Bosporus	235.	caret	285.	Clydesdale
186.	botcher	236.	caribou (singular)	286.	coalescent
187.	bouffant	237.	carpophagous	287.	coaxial
188.	bounteousness	238.	Cartesian	288.	coercive
189.	boustrophedon	239.	caryatidean •	289.	cognomen
190.	brachycephalic	240.	castigate	290.	coiffeuse •
191.	brachylogy	241.	casus belli •	291.	collage
192.	breach	242.	catadromous •	292.	collation
193.	bremsstrahlung	243.	cataplexy •	293.	colloquialism •
194.	bric-a-brac	244.	catch phrase	294.	coloratura
195.	brigand	245.	catharsis	295.	Coma Berenices
196.	brinksmanship	246.	catholicity, Catholicity	296.	comfrey
197.	bromide	247.	cautionary	297.	commensurable
198.	brucella, Brucella	248.	cavernicolous •	298.	commodore
199.	Brulé	249.	cayuse, Cayuse	299.	commonality
200.	brummagem	250.	celerity	300.	compatible

301.	complaisance	351.	crêpe de Chine	401.	depauperate •
302.	complicity •	352.	cri de coeur •	402.	depository
303.	compos mentis	353.	criminality	403.	depravity
304.	concede	354.	criterion	404.	deprecatory
305.	concertino	355.	critique	405.	Depression glass
306.	concinny	356.	crop-dusting	406.	desacralize
307.	concision	357.	crucifixion, Crucifixion	407.	desalinize
308.	concoct •	358.	cruciverbalist •	408.	desuetude
309.	concordant	359.	cryotherapy	409.	desultorily •
310.	condemnatory	360.	cryptography	410.	deterrence •
311.	confederacy, Confederacy	361.	crystallography	411.	detumescence
312.	confiscatory	362.	culpability	412.	devaluation
313.	congé •	363.	cumulative	413.	devolution
314.	congeniality	364.	curtilage •	414.	dhurrie •
315.	congenital	365.	cuspidor	415.	diablerie
316.	conniption •	366.	cutaneous	416.	dichotomy
317.	conservatory •	367.	cyclamate	417.	dictatorial
318.	consignee	368.	cygnet	418.	digitize
319.	constitutionality	369.	cynosure	419.	dilate
320.	constraint	370.	da capo	420.	diluvial •
321.	consumptive	371.	Dacron (trademark)	421.	diplopia •
322.	contextualize	372.	dais	422.	dipsomania •
323.	contradictory	373.	Daliesque	423.	disciplinary
324.	contraltos	374.	danseuse	424.	discoid
325.	contrivance •	375.	davit	425.	discountenance
326.	contusion	376.	De Valera •	426.	disembogue
327.	convenable	377.	debasement	427.	disincentive
328.	coolant	378.	deceitful	428.	disparate
329.	coparcenary	379.	decipherable	429.	disquietude
330.	copious •	380.	declination	430.	Disraeli
331.	cordiform •	381.	declivitous	431.	dissemblance
332.	cordillera	382.	decorous	432.	dissimulate
333.	Coriolis force •	383.	decriminalize	433.	dissuasion
334.	coronagraph, coronograph	384.	dedicatee	434.	distich
335.	corporal •	385.	deferment	435.	diverge
336.	Corregidor	386.	deflagrate •	436.	diversionary
337.	corroboree •	387.	defraudation	437.	Djibouti
338.	coruscation	388.	deglutition	438.	doggedly
339.	cosmogony	389.	dehydrogenate	439.	donnish
340.	Cossack	390.	delectation	440.	doohickeys
341.	cosset	391.	deliberative	441.	doppelgänger, doppelganger •
342.	counterclaim	392.	Delmonico steak	442.	dorsolateral
343.	counterfeit	393.	Delphian	443.	dowager's hump
344.	coup d'état	394.	demagogic •	444.	drachma •
345.	courier	395.	demonstrator •	445.	dreidel, dreidl
346.	covenantor	396.	demyelinate •	446.	Dresden china
347.	coxswain •	397.	denarius •	447.	driftwood
348.	cozenage	398.	Deng Xiaoping •	448.	drumlin •
349.	craniectomy	399.	denotation	449.	dubiously
350.	crème brûlée	400.	deodar	450.	dundrearies •

451.	dyed-in-the-wool	501.	ersatz	551.	flamenco •
452.	dyscalculia	502.	escadrille •	552.	fleeciness
453.	dysfunctional	503.	escargot	553.	fleishig
454.	Easter lily	504.	eschewal	554.	flexitarian •
455.	ebullition •	505.	Estonia	555.	floe
456.	echolalia	506.	estrangement	556.	flummeries
457.	éclat	507.	ethnicity	557.	fluorination
458.	ecocide	508.	etiquette	558.	foramen ovale •
459.	econometrics •	509.	eupeptic	559.	forgettable
460.	edentulous •	510.	euphemistic •	560.	forswear, foreswear
461.	educible •	511.	euripus	561.	forsythia, Forsythia
462.	effectuate	512.	Eurydice •	562.	foundering
463.	effluvium	513.	eustachian tube, Eustachian tube	563.	foutragère •
464.	eglantine	514.	eversion	564.	frangible
465.	ego-tripped	515.	evocative	565.	Freon (trademark)
466.	eidetic •	516.	exacerbation •	566.	Freudian slip
467.	El Niño •	517.	exanthema •	567.	frieze
468.	elation	518.	exculpatory •	568.	frisson
469.	electioneer	519.	excusatory	569.	frugivorous
470.	eligibility	520.	exergue	570.	fugacious •
471.	elitism, élitism	521.	exhortation •	571.	fulsome
472.	ellipticity	522.	exhumation	572.	fuscous
473.	eluvium	523.	expeditious	573.	fustigate
474.	embayed	524.	explicate	574.	futurity race •
475.	emblematic	525.	extradite •	575.	galatea (fabric) •
476.	embrocate	526.	extrapolate •	576.	galiot, galliot
477.	emergent	527.	extraterritoriality	577.	galleria
478.	eminent	528.	exurbia	578.	Gallicize
479.	empirical	529.	facileness •	579.	gangrenous
480.	emulous	530.	fallibility	580.	gargantuan •
481.	encephalography •	531.	fanaticism	581.	garret
482.	enclave	532.	fantoccini	582.	gastrology
483.	encompass	533.	farrago	583.	gauntness •
484.	endive •	534.	fascist, Fascist	584.	gazebo •
485.	endorphin	535.	faultfinding	585.	gazetteer
486.	ensemble	536.	fauvism	586.	gelignite
487.	ensilage •	537.	febricity	587.	geniality •
488.	enthralment	538.	fecund	588.	genotype
489.	entrepôt	539.	fejjoada	589.	geophyte •
490.	enunciation	540.	fer-de-lance •	590.	geriatrician
491.	epicurean, Epicurean	541.	ferruginous	591.	Gestaltist
492.	epigraphy	542.	fete, fête	592.	ghettoize
493.	epileptoid •	543.	fianchetto	593.	Gilgamesh
494.	epilogue, epilog	544.	fideism	594.	girandole
495.	epithalamion •	545.	fifth column	595.	glacis
496.	epochal	546.	figurehead	596.	glazery
497.	eponymous	547.	Fijian	597.	globalism •
498.	equestrienne	548.	finagler	598.	glutinous •
499.	equivocation •	549.	fishmonger •	599.	Gnosticism •
500.	eristic •	550.	fissiped	600.	godforsaken, Godforsaken

601.	gouache •	651.	homophonic	701.	indignation
602.	grackle	652.	honeycomb •	702.	ineluctable
603.	graminivorous	653.	hornbill	703.	inexpressible
604.	graphologist	654.	hornblende	704.	infrastructure •
605.	grapnel	655.	horology	705.	ingénue, ingenue
606.	greige	656.	housemaid's knee	706.	ingurgitate
607.	gridlock	657.	Hualapai, Walapai	707.	injurious
608.	grunion	658.	hubristic •	708.	inlying •
609.	Guantánamo •	659.	humoresque •	709.	innovation
610.	guinea, Guinea •	660.	hustings	710.	insignificancy
611.	gullibility	661.	hydrocortisone	711.	insolence •
612.	gumbo-limbo	662.	hyoscyamine	712.	insomnia
613.	guyot	663.	hypercholesterolemia •	713.	insularity
614.	gynarchy •	664.	hyperinflation	714.	insuppressible
615.	gyrostatic	665.	hypnopompic	715.	intaglio •
616.	habdalah, Habdalah	666.	hypocritical •	716.	inter vivos •
617.	habeas corpus	667.	hypoxemia •	717.	intercessor
618.	Hadrian's Wall	668.	hyrax	718.	interdict
619.	haggis	669.	iamb •	719.	interment •
620.	hallucinatory •	670.	ichthyophagous	720.	internalize
621.	halogen	671.	iconic	721.	interpolate
622.	hamadryas	672.	iconographer	722.	intrapreneur
623.	hanuman	673.	idolatrous •	723.	intrapsychic •
624.	harpsichordist	674.	idyllic •	724.	inurement
625.	harquebus	675.	ignoble •	725.	inveigle
626.	haute école •	676.	ignominious	726.	inviabile
627.	hawser	677.	illation •	727.	iota
628.	hebdomad	678.	illuminant	728.	ipso facto •
629.	heldentenor, Heldentenor	679.	imitable •	729.	irradiation
630.	heliacal •	680.	immortelle	730.	irrepressible •
631.	Hellenize	681.	impecuniosity •	731.	irritability
632.	hematology	682.	impenitent •	732.	isostasy
633.	hemeralopia	683.	impermeable •	733.	isothermal
634.	hemistich	684.	implosion	734.	jacal
635.	henbane	685.	importunate	735.	Jacksonian
636.	heptameter	686.	impoverished	736.	Jacquerie, jacquerie
637.	herbarium	687.	impugnable	737.	jadeite
638.	hermeneutic	688.	in extenso •	738.	Japanization
639.	heterodyne	689.	in petto •	739.	jayhawker, Jayhawker
640.	heteroecious	690.	inadvertence	740.	Jell-O
641.	hiatal hernia	691.	inane	741.	Jericho
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644.	Hiroshima	694.	incessantly	744.	joinder
645.	histoplasmosis	695.	incipient	745.	Jolly Roger
646.	historiography	696.	incongruity	746.	JPEG
647.	hoatzin	697.	incriminate	747.	justifiable
648.	Hohokam	698.	indemnification •	748.	Kabul •
649.	Holy See	699.	indictment	749.	Kaiserin
650.	Homo sapiens	700.	indifferentism •	750.	Kaposi's sarcoma

751.	karateist	801.	Lucifer, lucifer	851.	metallographer
752.	katzenjammer	802.	Luiseño •	852.	metaphorically
753.	keeshond	803.	lummoX •	853.	metaplasia •
754.	Keogh plan	804.	lymphangiography •	854.	meteoric •
755.	keystone	805.	lyonnaise	855.	mezuzah, mezuza
756.	Khartoum, Khartum	806.	Macedonia	856.	miasmic •
757.	kilim	807.	machinate	857.	microprocessor
758.	kinesics	808.	macron	858.	mignonette •
759.	kinkajou	809.	macropterous •	859.	millefleur
760.	kismet	810.	macroscopic •	860.	millenarian
761.	knell	811.	magistracy	861.	minacity
762.	knowledgeable, knowledgable	812.	magnetos	862.	minaudière •
763.	kookaburra •	813.	maharani, maharanee	863.	mineralogy
764.	kraal	814.	mala fide	864.	miniseries
765.	kymograph •	815.	malacology •	865.	minnesinger
766.	laager	816.	malathion	866.	misapprehend
767.	lachrymator, lacrimator	817.	malefaction	867.	misdiagnose
768.	lacrosse	818.	malihini	868.	misfeasor •
769.	lactobacillus, Lactobacillus	819.	malmsey	869.	misprision •
770.	laicize	820.	manchineel	870.	misspelling
771.	lampoon	821.	Manchurian	871.	moderne, Moderne
772.	larvicide	822.	mandible	872.	modicum
773.	Laurasia	823.	manifold	873.	molluscum •
774.	lave	824.	mantissa •	874.	monadnock
775.	leatherette •	825.	mao-tai	875.	moneygrubber
776.	Lebanese	826.	maraschino	876.	monocracy
777.	Leonardo da Vinci	827.	Marengo	877.	monofilament •
778.	leonine	828.	margrave	878.	monogynist
779.	Lethe	829.	marguerite	879.	monopsony
780.	letter of credence	830.	marinara	880.	Monrovia •
781.	levee (embankment)	831.	marrons glacés •	881.	montero
782.	lexicographer	832.	Martha's Vineyard •	882.	moratorium •
783.	libation	833.	massacred	883.	morgue
784.	lichenology •	834.	maternity	884.	morion •
785.	lickspittle	835.	mattock	885.	morphinism •
786.	Liechtenstein •	836.	maunder •	886.	most-favored-nation
787.	liege	837.	Mazatlán	887.	motocross
788.	Lilliputian, lilliputian	838.	measureless	888.	mouflon, moufflon
789.	linsey-woolsey •	839.	medulla •	889.	muleta
790.	lipophilic	840.	meerkat	890.	multifaceted •
791.	liposuction	841.	megasporangium •	891.	multiparous
792.	lithium	842.	Meistersinger	892.	municipalize •
793.	Lithuania	843.	Mendelssohn (composer)	893.	muscular dystrophy •
794.	litigious	844.	mendicancy	894.	musicology
795.	littoral •	845.	meningioma	895.	mycophagous •
796.	Llano Estacado •	846.	Mephistopheles •	896.	mydriatic •
797.	loess •	847.	mercifulness	897.	myelin sheath
798.	logorrhea •	848.	meretricious •	898.	myoclonus
799.	longeron	849.	Mesoamerica	899.	myrmecophile •
800.	lucidity	850.	mesquite (tree)	900.	mythography



901.	nacre	951.	off-Broadway	1001.	paroxysm
902.	name-dropper	952.	ogress •	1002.	parquetry •
903.	napalm	953.	okapi	1003.	participle •
904.	napery •	954.	Okefenokee Swamp	1004.	parvenu
905.	nasalize	955.	oligopoly •	1005.	pas de bourrée •
906.	nasopharynx	956.	olive branch	1006.	passim •
907.	nauseant	957.	ombudsman	1007.	pasticcio
908.	necessitarianism	958.	omnivore •	1008.	paternalism
909.	necrophagous	959.	oneiromancy	1009.	pathos •
910.	necropolis •	960.	ontogeny	1010.	patriarchal
911.	nematology •	961.	onycholysis	1011.	paucity
912.	nemesis, Nemesis	962.	operculum	1012.	Pavarotti
913.	neonatologist	963.	opportunistic	1013.	peau de soie •
914.	neo-Nazi	964.	optimize	1014.	peccavi
915.	Neotropical	965.	orchidaceous •	1015.	pedestrianize
916.	nephropathy	966.	organicism	1016.	pediculosis
917.	neurectomy	967.	orgeat	1017.	pedodontics •
918.	neurogenic •	968.	orogeny •	1018.	Peloponnesian
919.	névé	969.	orrery	1019.	pelorus
920.	nevus	970.	oscitancy	1020.	penitential
921.	nickelic	971.	Osiris	1021.	penology, poenology
922.	nicotinic	972.	osseous	1022.	pentarchy
923.	nidification •	973.	osteoma	1023.	Pentateuchal
924.	night-blooming cereus	974.	ostracize •	1024.	perceivable
925.	nobiliary	975.	otosclerosis •	1025.	Percheron •
926.	noctilucous	976.	outlander	1026.	peregrinate •
927.	nolo contendere •	977.	overreach •	1027.	perforation
928.	non sequitur •	978.	oximeter	1028.	pergola
929.	noncaloric	979.	pachysandra, Pachysandra	1029.	periaqueductal
930.	nonillion	980.	pagination	1030.	periphery
931.	nonjudgmental	981.	paillasse, palliasse •	1031.	permeate
932.	nonsectarian	982.	palapa	1032.	persecution
933.	nonviable	983.	palingenesis •	1033.	perspicacious •
934.	Norgay	984.	pallor	1034.	persuadable
935.	nota bene	985.	palooka	1035.	perverse
936.	nouvelle cuisine	986.	pamprodactylous	1036.	petite bourgeoisie •
937.	Nubian Desert	987.	panacea	1037.	petri dish •
938.	numerologist	988.	panchromatic •	1038.	petrology •
939.	nyctalopia •	989.	pandowdy •	1039.	phalarope •
940.	obcordate	990.	pantheon, Pantheon	1040.	pharmacopoeia, pharmacopeia •
941.	obeah	991.	pantoum	1041.	Philippic, philippic
942.	obeliskoid	992.	paper-thin	1042.	philology
943.	objectify	993.	papeterie	1043.	phlegm
944.	oblivious	994.	paradiddle	1044.	phonology •
945.	obsessive-compulsive	995.	paralegal	1045.	photo opportunity
946.	occipital	996.	paralogism	1046.	photosynthesis
947.	occupational therapy	997.	paramyxovirus	1047.	phraseology •
948.	oceanography	998.	parasiticide	1048.	phyllotaxy
949.	ocotillo •	999.	parastatal	1049.	phytology
950.	odontalgia	1000.	parody	1050.	picaro

1051.	piecemeal	1101.	prosthetics	1151.	relegate
1052.	pietà, Pietà •	1102.	protean •	1152.	remorseless
1053.	pilaster	1103.	protégée, protegee (female)	1153.	removable
1054.	piliferous	1104.	protrusion	1154.	rendzina •
1055.	piqué	1105.	provolone	1155.	reparable
1056.	piscivorous	1106.	proxies	1156.	repartee •
1057.	pizzeria	1107.	prudential	1157.	repudiate
1058.	placard	1108.	psittacosis •	1158.	reredos
1059.	platitudinous •	1109.	psychodrama	1159.	reschedule
1060.	platyrrhine	1110.	publicist	1160.	resolutely
1061.	playwright			1161.	resonant
1062.	plutocracy	1111.	pumpnickel	1162.	respondent •
1063.	pneumatometer •	1112.	Punic	1163.	retinitis
1064.	podagra •	1113.	purblind	1164.	reunify •
1065.	poikilothermic •	1114.	purview	1165.	revelatory •
1066.	polarity	1115.	putsch, Putsch	1166.	revitalize •
1067.	polemic	1116.	pyroclastic •	1167.	Reye's syndrome
1068.	politicize	1117.	quadripartite	1168.	rhinology
1069.	polyneuritis	1118.	quango	1169.	rhythmic
1070.	polyphony	1119.	quantitate	1170.	riata, reata
1071.	ponderosa pine	1120.	quasi	1171.	Rijeka
1072.	porphyry	1121.	quenelle •	1172.	riparian
1073.	portcullis •	1122.	quesadilla	1173.	ritardando
1074.	portulaca, Portulaca	1123.	Quetta	1174.	ritzy •
1075.	Potemkin village	1124.	Quiché	1175.	roborant
1076.	pouncet box	1125.	Quinquagesima	1176.	rogueries
1077.	practicability	1126.	quinquennial	1177.	roly-poly
1078.	precedence	1127.	Quito	1178.	roman à clef •
1079.	precisionist, Precisionist	1128.	rabbinical	1179.	roseate
1080.	precursor	1129.	radioisotope	1180.	rostrum
1081.	predation •	1130.	Rambouillet •	1181.	Rottweiler
1082.	predisposition •	1131.	ramekin, ramequin	1182.	Rub al Khali
1083.	preferential	1132.	ranunculus, Ranunculus	1183.	Rube Goldberg
1084.	prelacy	1133.	rappel •	1184.	rufous
1085.	Pre-Raphaelite, pre- Raphaelite	1134.	ratification	1185.	rumormonger
1086.	prerequisite	1135.	ratiocination	1186.	runaround
1087.	pretension	1136.	reaccreditation	1187.	Russianize
1088.	prevaricate	1137.	read-only memory	1188.	saboteur
1089.	primus inter pares	1138.	realm	1189.	sacrilegious
1090.	pro forma	1139.	receivership	1190.	sacristy
1091.	procaine	1140.	recherché •	1191.	Saigon •
1092.	prodigious •	1141.	reconnoiter	1192.	Saiva
1093.	profiteer	1142.	recoupable	1193.	salami
1094.	prolegomenon	1143.	recreant •	1194.	salivate
1095.	prolific •	1144.	redolent •	1195.	saltatory
1096.	promontory •	1145.	redress •	1196.	salvia, Salvia
1097.	propagandize	1146.	redundancy	1197.	samovar
1098.	propitiate	1147.	refutation	1198.	sanderling
1099.	proprietorship	1148.	regatta •	1199.	saponaceous
1100.	prosecution	1149.	reinstatement	1200.	saraband, sarabande
		1150.	reiteration		

1201.	Saracen	1251.	sialadenitis	1301.	stoicism, Stoicism
1202.	sargasso	1252.	sickle cell anemia	1302.	strabismus
1203.	sashimi	1253.	signatory	1303.	straighten
1204.	satanical	1254.	silhouette	1304.	stratagem
1205.	saturniid	1255.	Silicon Valley •	1305.	streptomycin
1206.	saunter	1256.	Sinai Peninsula •	1306.	stringent
1207.	savoir-faire	1257.	sinfonia	1307.	stupendously
1208.	scandent	1258.	singularly	1308.	styliform
1209.	scapula	1259.	Sinn Fein •	1309.	suable
1210.	scarlatina	1260.	sinusitis •	1310.	subcomponent
1211.	scavenger	1261.	siphon, syphon	1311.	subjugation
1212.	schismatic	1262.	Sjögren's syndrome	1312.	submergible
1213.	schizoaffective	1263.	skijoring	1313.	substantive
1214.	schnozzle	1264.	sleuth	1314.	subterranean •
1215.	schwa	1265.	slipperiness	1315.	succedaneum •
1216.	sclerosis •	1266.	sloganize	1316.	suede, suède
1217.	sconce	1267.	snapdragon	1317.	sullenness
1218.	scriptorium •	1268.	Socratic	1318.	sumac, sumach
1219.	scrivener	1269.	sodality •	1319.	superfecta
1220.	scuba diver	1270.	sojourned	1320.	superintendent
1221.	scurrilous •	1271.	solidarity	1321.	supplication
1222.	scuttle	1272.	soliloquy	1322.	supply-side (adj.)
1223.	sedentary	1273.	Solzhenitsyn	1323.	suppurate •
1224.	sederunt	1274.	sombreros	1324.	surrealism •
1225.	sedition •	1275.	sonorous	1325.	surveil
1226.	seguidilla	1276.	soporiferous •	1326.	survivalist
1227.	selah •	1277.	sororal •	1327.	suttee, sati
1228.	selenosis	1278.	soufflé	1328.	svelte •
1229.	self-opinionated	1279.	sovereignty	1329.	Svengali
1230.	self-sustaining	1280.	spanakopita	1330.	Sydenham's chorea
1231.	Seminole	1281.	spasmolytic	1331.	syllabification
1232.	senary	1282.	spatial, spacial	1332.	sylph
1233.	senopia •	1283.	specialty	1333.	sympathectomy
1234.	sensationalize	1284.	specular	1334.	synapse •
1235.	sententia	1285.	spherical	1335.	synchronism
1236.	septectomy	1286.	spinocerebellar •	1336.	syntax
1237.	sequacious	1287.	spinose	1337.	synthesize
1238.	sequoia (tree)	1288.	spondylitis	1338.	systematize
1239.	sergeant at arms	1289.	sporicide	1339.	table d'hôte
1240.	serotonergic •	1290.	spreadsheet	1340.	tabula rasa
1241.	serried •	1291.	staid •	1341.	tactfulness
1242.	setiform	1292.	stalag	1342.	tahini
1243.	sevruga	1293.	stalking-horse	1343.	taiga •
1244.	sewellel	1294.	statuary •	1344.	talkathon
1245.	shallop	1295.	stereoscopy	1345.	tam-o'-shanter
1246.	shamanism	1296.	sthenic •	1346.	tangelo
1247.	shellacking	1297.	stichomythia •	1347.	Tarahumara
1248.	shepherd's pie	1298.	stigmata	1348.	tarmac
1249.	shindig	1299.	Stockholm syndrome •	1349.	tarpaulin •
1250.	showboating	1300.	stoichiometry	1350.	technocrat

1351.	teeter-totter	1401.	tunnel vision	1451.	vincible •
1352.	teleconference	1402.	turbidity	1452.	virga •
1353.	tempeh	1403.	Turkmenistan	1453.	virgule •
1354.	tensile	1404.	turreted	1454.	virtually
1355.	tenterhook •	1405.	tympanoplasty	1455.	vitriol
1356.	teocalli	1406.	typhoid fever	1456.	vituperative
1357.	termitarium	1407.	ufology •	1457.	viva voce •
1358.	Terpsichore, terpsichore	1408.	ululation •	1458.	volant
1359.	terre-verte	1409.	umiak, oomiak	1459.	volte-face •
1360.	testate •	1410.	unaccounted-for	1460.	votary
1361.	tetherball	1411.	unchallengeable	1461.	voussoir •
1362.	tetralogy of Fallot •	1412.	uncontaminated	1462.	voyageur
1363.	Teutonic	1413.	uncontrollable	1463.	vulnerability
1364.	theater of the absurd	1414.	unctuous	1464.	waive
1365.	theatricality •	1415.	undiscriminating	1465.	wantonness
1366.	theodicy	1416.	unemployable	1466.	wariness
1367.	thermanesthesia	1417.	ungrammatical	1467.	Waterloo
1368.	thermocouple •	1418.	universalistic •	1468.	water-soluble
1369.	thimblery	1419.	unleavened	1469.	wentletrap •
1370.	thoracotomy	1420.	unmanageable	1470.	whet
1371.	Tiahuanaco	1421.	unruliest	1471.	whip-poor-will, whippoorwill
1372.	tibiofibular	1422.	unstriated	1472.	widow's walk
1373.	Tiffany glass	1423.	uppercase •	1473.	Wiener schnitzel
1374.	tintinnabulation •	1424.	urticaria	1474.	windsurfing
1375.	Tisiphone	1425.	uxorious	1475.	woolgathering
1376.	Tolkien	1426.	Uzbekistan •	1476.	Wounded Knee
1377.	tomalley	1427.	vacillatory	1477.	wretchedly •
1378.	tome	1428.	vagueness	1478.	wyvern, wivern
1379.	topsy-turvy	1429.	valiantly	1479.	xanthan gum
1380.	Torah, torah	1430.	valueless	1480.	xerophilous
1381.	torpid •	1431.	van Gogh	1481.	xiphisternum
1382.	Toscanini	1432.	vaquero	1482.	x-ray therapy
1383.	touché •	1433.	Vatican	1483.	xylotomy
1384.	toupee	1434.	vaunted	1484.	Yalta
1385.	tragicomedy	1435.	Vedic	1485.	yataghan, yatagan
1386.	tranquillness	1436.	venality	1486.	Yggdrasil, Ygdrasil •
1387.	transoceanic	1437.	venous •	1487.	Yosemite Valley
1388.	transom •	1438.	veranda, verandah	1488.	ytterbium
1389.	treasonable	1439.	veritable	1489.	yucca, Yucca
1390.	trebuchet	1440.	Véronique	1490.	zabaglione
1391.	tremulous	1441.	versification	1491.	zedoary
1392.	triarchy	1442.	vestrywoman	1492.	Zeitgeist •
1393.	triceratops, Triceratops	1443.	Vesuvius	1493.	Zend-Avesta
1394.	trilogy	1444.	via media •	1494.	zeugma •
1395.	triolet •	1445.	vichyssoise •	1495.	zincography
1396.	triphibian	1446.	viciousness	1496.	ziti
1397.	Trojan horse	1447.	video vérité	1497.	zoogenic
1398.	troubadour	1448.	videography	1498.	zoophobia •
1399.	troubleshoot, trouble-shoot	1449.	vinaceous •	1499.	zucchetto •
1400.	tu quoque	1450.	vinaigrette	1500.	zugunruhe, Zugunruhe

# Sample Test Questions

## University Interscholastic League Spelling and Vocabulary Part I

Questions 1-15 test your ability to recognize and correct misspelled words. From each of the 15 sets, select the one misspelled entry, then write it correctly spelled in the corresponding blank on your answer sheet. Questions 16-30 test your knowledge of the meanings and origins of words. For each sentence, select the best answer; then, using a printed capital letter, write it in the corresponding blank on your answer sheet. You will have 15 minutes to complete questions 1-30, which are worth 1 point each. Credit will be given ONLY for answers placed on your answer sheet.

### Proofreading: 15 Points

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| 7. coup d'état | barquantine  | samaritan      | uncontrollable | melisma     |
| 8. epilog      | Pacification | sequined       | homo sapien    | antitussive |
| 9. keeshound   | aigret       | Prohibitionist | waterloo       | everyman    |
| 10. gaff       | louvre       | Sybaritic      | re-educate     | Cancun      |
| 11. arugula    | bon vivant   | chancel        | Naragansset    | cachepot    |

### Vocabulary: 15 Points

16. Because of the hostile feelings between the two families, Romeo and Juliet's relationship was doomed\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. in petto    B. al dente    C. passim    D. hoi polloi    E. ab initio
17. When choosing plants with which to landscape our Texas backyard, we chose the hardy native \_\_\_\_\_ trees and shrubs rather than any of the tropical varieties.
- A. granivorous    B. laniferous    C. mycophagous    D. autochthonous    E. conchoidal
18. The word "\_\_\_\_\_" likely comes from both the French and Greek, meaning "agent of fine letters."
- A. agent provocateur    B. belletrist    C. rosarian    D. brevet    E. Sephardi
19. France is often considered a Catholic country, but one influential French group, the \_\_\_\_\_, were Protestant.
- A. Andalusians    B. Sephardi    C. Serbo-Croatians    D. Huguenots    E. Gnostics
20. The trait of left-handedness in both twins is considered a rare \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. concordance    B. appurtenance    C. globalism    D. obeisance    E. senectitude

# Sample Answer Sheet Part I

Contestant Number \_\_\_\_\_

## University Interscholastic League Spelling and Vocabulary

*Answer Sheet for Part I*  
(30 questions, 15 minutes, 1 point each)

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# Sample Answer Sheet Part II, III

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