



2nd National Spelling Competition 2026

Word Bank – Grade 8

1. **abacterial** – not caused by bacteria
2. **accredited** – officially recognized or approved
3. **acidolysis** – breakdown using acid
4. **adiabatic** – no heat exchanged with surroundings
5. **adjustment** – small change to improve something
6. **adoration** – deep love or respect
7. **advisory** – giving advice
8. **advocative** – supporting a cause
9. **aero filter** – filter for air
10. **Alexandria** – a city in Egypt
11. **Alagapuram** – a district in India
12. **Burlington** – a city in U.S
13. **biomedical** – related to biology and medicine
14. **bewildered** – very confused
15. **benevolent** – kind and generous
16. **battleship** – large warship
17. **bargaining** – negotiating a deal
18. **biographer** – someone who writes life stories
19. **boundaries** – borders or limits
20. **binocular** – device for seeing far away with both eyes
21. **Cincinnati** – a city in the USA
22. **Colchester** – a town in England
23. **Chernovtsy** – a city in Ukraine
24. **combatants** – people fighting in a war
25. **contagious** – can spread from one person to another
26. **criticism** – pointing out faults
27. **courageous** – brave
28. **correlated** – connected or related
29. **coronation** – ceremony to crown a king/queen
30. **convoluted** – very complex or twisted
31. **consortium** – group working together
32. **conjecture** – a guess
33. **disruption** – something that stops normal activity
34. **dissection** – cutting something open to study it
35. **Dumbledore** – a character from Harry Potter
36. **divergence** – moving apart
37. **dissipated** – disappeared or wasted
38. **discrepancy** – difference or mismatch
39. **deployment** – sending out people or resources
40. **defamation** – damaging someone's reputation
41. **extinguish** – put out (a fire or light)
42. **expedition** – journey for a purpose
43. **exhaustive** – very thorough
44. **excavation** – digging up
45. **exaggerate** – make something seem bigger or better
46. **eucalyptus** – a type of tree
47. **eradication** – complete removal
48. **enthusiasm** – excitement and energy
49. **enchanted** – delightful or magical
50. **frightened** – scared
51. **frustrated** – upset by difficulty
52. **filtration** – removing solids from liquids or gases
53. **federalist** – supporter of federal system
54. **fabricated** – made up or built
55. **fatalities** – deaths
56. **fraudulent** – dishonest or fake
57. **government** – ruling body
58. **geothermal** – heat from the earth
59. **grievance** – complaint
60. **gratifying** – satisfying
61. **graciously** – kindly and politely
62. **gathering** – meeting or collection
63. **galvanized** – shocked into action or coated with metal
64. **hemorrhage** – heavy bleeding
65. **heightened** – increased

66. **hereditary** – passed from parents
67. **horizontal** – flat, side-to-side
68. **horsepower** – unit of engine power
69. **horrendous** – very bad or terrible
70. **humiliated** – made to feel ashamed
71. **henceforth** – from now on
72. **impeccable** – perfect
73. **Incheon** – A city of South Korea
74. **illustrate** – show or explain
75. **impressive** – admirable
76. **incentive** – something that motivates
77. **irritation** – annoyance
78. **intestine** – part of the digestive system
79. **integrated** – combined
80. **jeopardize** – put at risk
81. **journalism** – reporting news
82. **journalist** – person who reports news
83. **judgmental** – quick to criticize
84. **Kensington** – area in London
85. **kidnapper** – someone who takes people illegally
86. **kilometer** – unit of length
87. **Kuwait** – a country in the Middle East
88. **legitimacy** – lawfulness
89. **liberation** – setting free
90. **laboratory** – place for scientific work
91. **logistical** – related to organizing and planning
92. **locomotive** – train engine
93. **linguistic** – related to language
94. **laundering** – cleaning clothes or hiding money
95. **likelihood** – chance of something happening
96. **lieutenant** – military rank
97. **liturgical** – related to public worship
98. **morphology** – study of forms
99. **mitigating** – reducing severity
100. **moderately** – somewhat, not too much
101. **metabolism** – body's process of using energy
102. **memorandum** – written note
103. **mediocrity** – average quality
104. **mayonnaise** – a sauce
105. **marguerite** – a type of flower or dessert
106. **negligible** – too small to matter
107. **naturalist** – person who studies nature
108. **navigation** – finding the way
109. **neutralize** – cancel out
110. **negotiated** – discussed to reach an agreement
111. **narcissism** – self-love
112. **otosclerosis** – abnormal bone re-modelling in middle ear
113. **oppilation** – constipation
114. **opiniaster** – someone stubborn with opinions
115. **ophthalmic** – related to eyes
116. **operagoer** – someone who attends operas
117. **ophelimity** – usefulness or satisfaction (economics)
118. **opportunist** – one who takes selfish advantage
119. **odorometer** – device to measure smell
120. **prosthetic** – artificial body part
121. **prosperous** – rich and successful
122. **propulsion** – pushing forward
123. **prophecies** – future predictions
124. **prominence** – importance or fame
125. **polynomial** – math expression
126. **pilgrimage** – journey for religious reasons
127. **plagiarism** – copying someone's work
128. **playwright** – writer of plays
129. **quadrivium** – four classical subjects: math, music, geometry, astronomy
130. **quaestuary** – concerned with profits
131. **quantified** – measured
132. **quakeproof** – resistant to earthquakes
133. **Qingzhou** – a city in China
134. **queasiness** – feeling like vomiting
135. **quotative** – relating to quoting

136. **quittances** – receipts or releases from debt
137. **rutherford** – a scientist or place name
138. **rheumatoid** – type of arthritis
139. **rotational** – relating to rotation
140. **restraint** – self-control
141. **resistance** – opposing something
142. **republican** – supporter of a republic
143. **repertoire** – collection of skills or works
144. **repetitive** – happening again and again
145. **rendezvous** – meeting place
146. **subversive** – seeking to overthrow
147. **substrates** – base layers
148. **strikingly** – noticeably
149. **stagnation** – lack of movement or growth
150. **solidarity** – unity
151. **serpentine** – like a snake
152. **segregated** – kept apart
153. **sanitation** – cleanliness
154. **salmonella** – harmful bacteria
155. **therapist** – mental or physical health expert
156. **tomography** – imaging inside the body
157. **toxicology** – study of poisons
158. **trajectory** – path of something moving
159. **trampoline** – jumping mat
160. **tremendous** – very large or great
161. **tumultuous** – noisy and chaotic
162. **throughput** – amount produced or processed
163. **terminator** – end or someone who ends something
164. **tendencies** – habits
165. **tabernacle** – place of worship
166. **Tianjin** – a city in China
167. **ubiquitous** – found everywhere
168. **ubermensch** – superior human (Nietzsche idea)
169. **uintathere** – extinct animal
170. **ulotrchan** – having woolly hair (rare word)
171. **umbonulate** – having small raised bumps (rare)
172. **unanalyzed** – not examined
173. **Uruapan** – a city in Mexico
174. **usurpature** – taking power wrongly (rare)
175. **urticating** – stinging
176. **vocational** – job-related
177. **vehemently** – strongly or passionately
178. **vernacular** – everyday language
179. **valuation** – worth or price
180. **vaccinated** – given a shot to prevent disease
181. **victorious** – winning
182. **veterinary** – related to animal health
183. **volatility** – tendency to change quickly
184. **worthwhile** – worth the effort
185. **wilderness** – wild natural area
186. **wainwright** – wagon maker
187. **wobbliness** – shakiness
188. **wagonsmith** – person who makes wagons
189. **wapisianas** – indigenous people (South America)
190. **warlordism** – rule by local military leaders
191. **wawaskeesh** – type of deer
192. **weaponized** – turned into a weapon
193. **xylography** – wood engraving
194. **xenophobia** – fear of foreigners
195. **xanthosoma** – tropical plant
196. **yankeefied** – made American
197. **yarborough** – bad hand in cards (bridge)
198. **yiddishist** – speaker or supporter of Yiddish
199. **zealanders** – people from New Zealand
200. **ziconotide** – pain-relief drug