

Spelling Lists Grade 5

Reading Street

1.1 Short Vowel VCCV, VCV

Frindle

distance	method	anger	problem	butter
petals	enjoy	perhaps	figure	channel
admire	comedy	husband	tissue	mustard
shuttle	advance	drummer	regular	denim

Challenge Words

avalanche monopoly reluctant adequate tangerine

1.2 Long Vowel VCV

Thunder Rose

fever	broken	climate	hotel	basic
vocal	native	silent	labor	spider
label	icon	agent	motive	vital
acorn	item	aroma	legal	solo

Challenge Words

society rhinoceros notation idealistic equation

1.3 Long Vowel Digraphs

Island of the Blue Dolphins

coast	feast	speech	wheat	Spain
paint	arrow	needle	charcoal	praise
faint	maintain	crease	groan	breeze
willow	appeal	bowling	complain	sneeze

Challenge Words

dungarees bungalow campaign speedometer referee

1.4 Adding *-ed, -ing*

Satchel Paige

supplied	denied	decided	included	admitted
supplying	denying	deciding	including	admitting

occurred	qualified	identified	delayed	satisfied
occurring	qualifying	identifying	delaying	satisfying

Challenge Words

occupied	criticized	omitted
occupying	criticizing	omitting

1.5 Contractions

Shutting Out the Sky

they're	you've	weren't	needn't	there'd
they've	mustn't	what'll	doesn't	hadn't
could've	would've	should've	might've	wouldn't
who've	shouldn't	who'd	this'll	couldn't

Challenge Words

there've	mightn't	what've	needn't	there'll
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2.1 Digraphs *th, sh, ch, ph*

Inside Out

shovel	southern	northern	chapter	hyphen
chosen	establish	although	challenge	approach
astonish	python	shatter	ethnic	shiver
pharmacy	charity	china	attach	ostrich

Challenge Words

emphasis	sophomore	athlete	phenomenal	chimpanzee
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2.2 Irregular Plurals

Passage to Freedom

staffs	ourselves	pants	scissors	loaves
volcanoes	chiefs	buffaloes	flamingos	beliefs
echoes	shelves	quizzes	sheriffs	dominoes
thieves	measles	avocados	chefs	pianos

Challenge Words

bailiff wharves mosquitoes armadillos desperadoes

2.3 Vowel Sounds with *r*

The Ch'i-lin Purse

snore	tornado	spare	appear	career
square	report	prepare	pioneer	chair
beware	smear	repair	sword	ignore
order	engineer	resort	volunteer	declare

Challenge Words

impair directory hardware clearance porpoise

2.4 Final Syllables -en, -an, -el, -le, -il

Jane Goodall's 10 Ways to Help Save Wildlife

example	level	human	quarrel	scramble
evil	oxygen	wooden	double	travel
cancel	chuckle	fossil	toboggan	veteran
chisel	suburban	single	sudden	beagle

Challenge Words

obstacle kindergarten abdomen pummel enlighten

2.5 Final Syllables *er, ar, or*

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

danger	wander	tractor	dollar	harbor
eager	eraser	surrender	solar	sticker
locker	helicopter	pillar	refrigerator	caterpillar
rumor	glimmer	linger	sensor	alligator

Challenge Words

numerator collector ancestor counselor denominator

3.1 Schwa

Wings for the King

jewel	kingdom	gasoline	factory	garage
tropical	pajamas	estimate	tomorrow	humidity
Chicago	bulletin	carnival	illustrate	elegant
census	terrific	celebrate	operate	celery

Challenge Words

rehearsal salamander prominent significant parakeet

3.2 Compound Words

Leonardo's Horse

waterproof	teaspoon	grasshopper	homesick	barefoot
courthouse	earthquake	rowboat	scrapbook	countryside
lightweight	fishhook	spotlight	blindfold	whirlpool
tablespoon	greenhouse	postcard	hummingbird	thumbtack

Challenge Words

sledgehammer brokenhearted chalkboard
straightforward granddaughter

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3.3 Consonant Sounds /j/, /ks/, /sk/ and /s/

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins

excuse	scene	muscle	explore	pledge
journal	science	schedule	gigantic	scheme
Japan	excellent	exclaim	fascinate	ginger
scholar	scent	dodge	smudge	schooner

Challenge Words

extraordinary	reminisce	acknowledge
prejudice	allergic	

3.4 One Consonant or Two

Mahalia Jackson

address	college	mirror	recess	committee
collect	Mississippi	immediate	command	appreciate
announce	possess	Tennessee	gallop	opponent
barricade	broccoli	acomplish	allowance	zucchini

Challenge Words

silhouette	millionaire	dilemma
embarrassment	compassionate	

3.5 Prefixes *un-*, *de-*, *dis-*

Special Effects in Film and Television

uncover	defrost	uncomfortable	discourage
disadvantage	unfortunate	unfamiliar	disability
discomfort	deodorant	unemployed	deflate
disbelief	unpredictable	disapprove	disappoint
unpleasant	dehydrated	disqualify	undecided

Challenge Words

unnecessary	disobedient	dehumidifier
disinfectant	disenchanted	

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4.1 Words From Many Cultures

Weslandia

khaki	hula	banana	ballet	waltz
tomato	vanilla	canyon	yogurt	banquet
macaroni	polka	cobra	koala	barbecue
safari	buffet	stampede	karate	kiosk

Challenge Words

papaya	artichoke	sauerkraut
succotash	tsunami	

4.2 Prefixes *over-*, *under-*, *sub-*, *super-*, *out-*

Stretching Ourselves

overlook	underline	subway	subset	supermarket
outlet	underground	overboard	undercurrent	superstar
overtime	supersonic	submarine	undercover	overcast
outfield	output	supernatural	subdivision	subhead

Challenge Words

overwhelm	superimpose	underestimate
underprivileged	subcommittee	

4.3 Homophones

Exploding Ants

cent	threw	weather	their	chill
sent	through	whether	there	chilly
scent			they're	

tide	pale	aloud	course
tied	pail	allowed	coarse

Challenge Words

counsel	bizarre	patients
council	bazaar	patience

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4.4 Suffixes *-ible, -able*

The Storm Giovanni Club

sensible	washable	available	agreeable
fashionable	valuable	flexible	reasonable
favorable	breakable	convertible	forgettable
laughable	sociable	allowable	divisible
hospitable	reversible	responsible	tolerable

Challenge Words

noticeable	conceivable	disposable
biodegradable	collapsible	

4.5 Negative Prefixes

The Gymnast

invisible	illiterate	irregular	irresistible	impossible
informal	illegal	impatient	independent	incorrect
inactive	imperfect	impolite	immature	illogical
indefinite	inappropriate	immobile	irresponsible	inexpensive

Challenge Words

irrelevant	irreparable	intolerant	indisputable	impersonal
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5.1 Multisyllabic Words

The Three-Century Woman

elementary	vehicle	miniature	probability
definition	substitute	variety	literature
elevator	Pennsylvania	ravioli	cafeteria
mosaic	tuxedo	meteorite	fascination
cylinder	intermediate	centennial	curiosity

Challenge Words

documentary	stegosaurus	pediatrician
mediocre	simultaneous	

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5.2 Unusual Spellings

The Unsinkable Wreck of the RMS, Titanic

league	sergeant	yacht	doubt	fatigue
debt	blood	vague	anxious	foreign
bargain	condemn	intrigue	villain	cantaloupe
flood	depot	cordial	subtle	disguise

Challenge Words

bureau	reminiscent	adjective
monologue	environment	

5.3 Greek Word Parts

Talk with an Astronaut

geology	thermometer	astronaut	atmosphere
biology	thermal	disaster	meteorology
technology	hemisphere	zoology	sociology
biosphere	thermos	asterisk	thermostat
astronomy	spherical	ecology	mythology

Challenge Words

psychology	anthropology	thermoelectric
astronomical	microbiology	

5.4 Latin Roots

Journey to the Center of the Earth

project	audience	decade	territory	auditorium
terrier	decimal	injection	December	reject
eject	terrace	audit	decimeter	audition
audible	decathlon	terrarium	dejected	terrain

Challenge Words

terra cotta	subterranean	
conjecture	trajectory	terrestrial

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5.5 Related Words

Ghost Towns of the American West

politics major equal sign arrive
political majority equation signature arrival

inspire human clean resign unite
inspiration humanity cleanse resignation unity

Challenge Words

magic remedy individual
magician remedial individuality

6.1 Suffixes *-ous, -sion, -ion, -ation*

At the Beach

famous invention election furious imagination
education nervous explanation various decision
relaxation conversation tension humorous exhibition
attraction invasion creation occupation destination

Challenge Words

cancellation summarization
glamorous mysterious administration

6.2 Final Syllable *-ant, -ent, -ance, -ence*

The Mystery of Saint Matthew Island

important experience ignorant entrance
difference instance absence appearance
intelligent evidence pollutant clearance
confidence conference insurance ambulance
hesitant consistent excellence persistent

Challenge Words

iridescent coincidence convenient significant alliance-

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6.3 Words with *ei* and *ie*

King Midas and the Golden Touch

brief	believe	receive	leisure	piece
relief	seize	ceiling	field	neither
apiece	receipt	yield	deceive	achieve
grief	niece	protein	shield	conceited

Challenge Words

diesel retrieval unwieldy grievance deceitful

6.4 Compound Words

The Hindenburg

ice cream	a lot	keyboard	fairy tale
horseshoe	piggy bank	textbook	guidelines
newspaper	space shuttle	hay fever	dead end
password	teenager	skateboard	everything
barbed wire	cartwheel	root beer	fingerprint

Challenge Words

air conditioner blood pressure
worldwide straightedge cross country

6.5 Easily Confused Words

Sweet Music in Harlem

quiet	finely	except	than	since
quite	finally	accept	then	sense
affect	from	later	adapt	medal
effect	form	latter	adopt	metal

Challenge Words

personal	proceeding	immigrate
personnel	preceding	emigrate