

## SPELLING BEE WORDS 9-12 GRADES

acetabulum the cup-shaped hollow in the hipbone into which the head of the femur fits to form a ball-and-socket joint

acidophilic acid-loving, positively charged, these tissues stain with acid dye, membranes, proteins, cytoskeleton

adenoidectomy excision of the adenoids

afibrinogenemia blood disease characterized by inability to clot properly due to absence of lack of fibrinogen

agglutination the clumping of molecules or cells caused by an antigen-antibody reaction

albuminuria abnormal presence of serum albumin (protein) in the urine

amelioration improvement, betterment

amenorrhea absence or suppression of normal menstrual flow

amniocentesis aspiration of a small amount of amniotic fluid for analysis of possible fetal abnormalities

amphiarthrosis slightly movable joint

anaerobic without oxygen

anaphylaxis Severe allergic reaction

anastomosis a connection or joining of vessels artery to artery or vein to vein

anencephalus congenital absence of brain and spinal cord

angiectasis dilation of a blood vessel

antihistaminic Drug that works against the effects of histamine.

antipyretic reduces fever

antipruritic prevents or relieves itching

aponeurosis Broad, flat, sheet like connective tissue that connects muscles to a bone or another muscle

appendicular pertaining to an appendix; extremities or limbs

arteriopathy disease of the arteries

astigmatism defective curvature of the cornea or lens of the eye

atelectasis collapse of an expanded lung (especially in infants)

atherosclerosis condition in which fatty deposits called plaque build up on the inner walls of the arteries

auscultation listening to sounds within the body (usually with a stethoscope)

bacillemia bacilli in the circulating blood

bacitracin Antibiotic

barbiturates drugs that depress the activity of the central nervous system, reducing anxiety but impairing memory and judgment

barbotage repeated injection and withdrawal of fluid

barylalia indistinct, husky speech due to imperfect articulation

belonoid needle-shaped

beriberi Deficiency in thiamine; Results in neuropathy, fatigue, and cardiac failure  
bezoar Mass in the stomach formed by material that does not pass into the intestine  
bigeminal double, paired  
blepharoptosis drooping of the upper eyelid  
borborygmus the rumbling noise caused by the movement of gas in the intestine  
bronchoplegia Paralysis of the muscles of the walls of the bronchial tubes.  
bronchopneumonia inflammation of the smaller bronchial tubes  
bucnemia tense inflammatory swelling of the leg  
cachexia loss of weight and generalized wasting that occurs during a chronic disease  
cataplasia degeneration of a cell or tissue  
cephalothoracopagus double fetus joined at the head and thorax  
chlamydia a sexually transmitted infection caused by bacteria of the genus Chlamydia  
cholangiography roentgenographic examination of the bile ducts after a contrast medium has been injected  
cholecystolithiasis presence of gallstones in the gallbladder  
claustrophobia a morbid fear of being closed in a confined space  
conjunctivia mucous membrane that lines the eyelids and covers the sclera in front  
dacryocystotomy incision into the lacrimal sac  
deradenoncus swelling or tumor of a neck gland  
desensitization prevention of anaphylaxis by administering repeated low doses of sensitizing substance; alleviation of emotional upset  
dyscrasia an abnormal or physiologically unbalanced state of the body  
dysmenorrhea painful menstrual cramps  
dyspareunia Painful sexual intercourse  
ecchymosis the escape of blood from ruptured blood vessels into the surrounding tissue to form a purple or black-and-blue spot on the skin  
encephalitis Inflammation of the brain  
encopresis involuntary defecation not attributable to physical defects or illness  
endarterectomy surgical removal of the inner lining of an artery that is clogged with atherosclerosis  
endometriosis the presence of endometrium elsewhere than in the lining of the uterus  
enterorrhesis rupture of the small intestine  
enucleation the removal of an entire mass or part, especially a tumor or the eyeball, without rupture.  
eosinophil a white blood cell that stains with certain dyes  
ephebiatrics branch of medicine dealing with adolescence  
epiglottis a flap of cartilage that covers the windpipe while swallowing  
eponychium The horny embryonic tissue from which the nail develops  
erythropoiesis formation of red blood cells

eustachian passageway from the throat to the middle of the ear  
euthanasia the act of killing someone painlessly (especially someone suffering from an incurable illness)  
excoriation Skin sore or abrasion produced by scratching or scraping.  
exophthalmos protrusion of the eyeball  
flavedo yellowness of the skin, sallowness, jaundice  
fluorescence the property of a mineral in which the mineral glows under ultraviolet light  
formaldehyde an irritating, acidic, gas used in laboratory disinfectants and preservatives  
fragilitas frailness, weakness, fragility, frailty.  
furibund raging; furious  
furuncle a boil  
galactorrhea the production of breast milk in a woman who is not breastfeeding  
gargoylism hereditary disease (autosomal recessive) consisting of an error in mucopolysaccharide metabolism  
gastroenteritis inflammation of the stomach and intestines  
gastroenterology the branch of medicine that studies the gastrointestinal tract and its diseases  
gastrojejunostomy creation of an artificial opening between the stomach and the jejunum  
gingivostomatitis Inflammation of the gingiva and other oral mucous membranes.  
glomerulonephritis inflammation of the glomeruli of the kidney  
glutaraldehyde Sterilant/Disinfectant. Able to penetrate blood and biofilm.  
gnathalgia pain in jaw (wisdom tooth usually)  
gnosia the ability to perceive and recognize person, things and forms  
gonorrhoea a common venereal disease caused by the bacterium Neisseria gonorrhoeae  
granulomatosis multiple granulomas  
guaiac stool examination for blood; also known as Hemoccult.  
gynecologist a doctor who specializes in the female reproductive system  
hemagglutination clumping of red blood cells  
hematemesis vomiting of blood  
hematopoietic pertaining to the formation of blood or blood cells  
hemianalgesia lack of sensibility to pain on one side of the body  
hemiplegia Total paralysis affecting only one side of the body  
hepatomegaly Enlargement of the liver  
heptachromic normal color vision  
herniorrhaphy surgical repair of a hernia  
hydrocephalocele watery hernia on the brain  
hyperbilirubinemia excessive level of bilirubin in the blood

hysterosalpingography x-ray imaging of the uterus and fallopian tubes after injection of contrast material

101. hydrocephalus an abnormal condition in which cerebrospinal fluid collects in the ventricles of the brain

102. hyperemia increased blood in an organ or other body part

103. hypoglycemia abnormally low level of sugar in the blood

104. ileostomy surgical procedure that creates an opening from the ileum through the abdominal wall to function as an anus

105. immunology study of the body's resistance to infectious disease

106. incontinence involuntary urination or defecation

107. inguinal pertaining to the groin

108. interstitial Pertaining to the space between tissues

109. intraperitoneal within the peritoneal cavity

110. ischemia local and temporary deficiency of blood supply due to circulatory obstruction

01. ichthyosis abnormally dry skin; scaly; resembling fish skin

202. idiopathy a disease of unknown origin or one having no apparent cause

203. ileocecal Relating to the ileum and the cecum

204. infundibulum the funnel-shaped opening into the fallopian tube near the ovary

205. integumentary pertaining to the covering of the body

206. intussusception telescoping of a segment of the intestine

207. juxtaposition a side-by-side position

208. ketoacidosis acidosis with an accumulation of ketone bodies

209. kinesioneurosis functional disorder marked by ticks and spasms

210. knismogenic producing a tickling sensation

211. kraurosis a condition of dryness of a bodily part

212. lactiferous forming or conveying milk or milky fluid

213. lallation babbling, stammering, infantile speech

214. lanugo fine, downy hair covering the body, especially on premature fetuses

215. laparoscopy visual examination of the abdominal cavity

216. laryngectomy surgical removal of part or all of the larynx (usually to treat cancer of the larynx)

217. laryngopharynx extends between the level of the hyoid bone and the entrance to the esophagus

218. leptopellic having an abnormally narrow pelvis

219. lipolipoidosis infiltration of fats and lipoids into tissue

220. liquescent becoming liquid

221. lymphadenopathy disease of the lymph nodes

222. macropthalmia abnormal enlargement of the eyeballs

223. maculopapular characteristic of macule and papule (flat and raised)

224. melissophobia Fear of bees or bee stings
225. meningocele hernia of the spinal cord and membranes through a defect in the spinal column
226. mesenchyme Embryonic connective tissue that arises from mesoderm and produces all types of connective tissues
227. metrorrhagia bleeding from the uterus at any time other than normal menstruation
228. moniliasis yeast infection
229. mononucleosis an infectious disease marked by increased number of leukocytes and enlarged cervical lymph nodes
230. myelomeningocele protrusion of the membranes of the brain or spinal cord through a defect in the cranium or vertebral column
231. nematodiasis infestation by specific nematode parasite
232. nephrocalcinosis Tiny deposits of calcium phosphate dispersed throughout the renal parenchyma.
233. neurapophysis either of the two sides of a vertebra that unite to form the neural arch
234. neurasthenia condition of lack of nerve strength; nervous exhaustion and weakness
235. neurosarcokleisis transplanting nerve from bony canal to soft tissue to relieve neuralgia
236. nihilism total rejection of established laws and institutions; total destructiveness toward the world and oneself
237. noctambulism sleepwalking
238. norepinephrine a neurotransmitter that influences mood and arousal
239. nyctalopia Poor vision at night or in faint light
240. nystagmus involuntary movements of the eyeballs
241. obstetrician A doctor who specializes in pregnancy, labor, and delivery
242. oncogenesis Formation of a tumor
243. opisthotonos severe spasm in which the back arches and the head bends back and heels flex toward the back
244. osteoclast treatment of a skeletal deformity by intentionally fracturing a bone
245. osteomalacia abnormal softening of bones caused by deficiencies of phosphorus or calcium or vitamin D
246. ovariopexy excision of the ovarian tubes
247. pachylosis chronic rough, dry, thickened skin
248. paracentesis surgical puncture to remove fluid from the abdomen
249. poikilocyte A teardrop or pear-shaped RBC, seen in myelofibrosis and certain anemias
250. poliomyelitis an acute viral disease marked by inflammation of nerve cells of the brain stem and spinal cord
251. preeclampsia abnormal state of pregnancy characterized by hypertension and fluid retention and albuminuria
252. presbyopia impaired vision as a result of aging
253. psoriasis chronic, recurrent dermatosis marked by itchy, scaly, red plaques covered by silvery gray scales
254. pyelonephritis inflammation of the kidney and its pelvis caused by bacterial infection
255. recidivation relapse of a disease or recurrence of a symptom; return to criminal activity
256. recrudescence a return of something after a period of abatement
257. rejuvenescence a renewal of youth or return to earlier stage of existence

258. resuscitation reviving of one from apparent death
259. saburra foulness of stomach or mouth due to decayed food
260. saccharin white, powdered synthetic sweetener derived from coal tar; having the quality of sugar
261. salmonellosis infestation with salmonella bacteria
262. salpingocycosis pregnancy occurring in the fallopian tube (an ectopic pregnancy)
263. salubrious conducive to health or well-being; wholesome
264. sanatorium a hospital for recuperation or for the treatment of chronic diseases
265. sanguineous Bloody or blood-tinged fluid.
266. saponaceous Having the nature or quality of soap.
267. sarapus flat-footed person
268. schistoglossia cleft tongue
269. schizophrenia any of several psychotic disorders characterized by distortions of reality and disturbances of thought and language and withdrawa
270. scleroderma an autoimmune disorder in which the connective tissues become thickened and hardened, causing the skin to become hard and sw
271. semiology study of signs and signals
272. senescence the organic process of growing older and showing the effects of increasing age
273. sequestration isolation of a patient for treatment or quarantine; reduction of blood loss by applying a tourniquet
274. sicchasia nausea
275. sinistraural having better hearing with the left ear
276. somnambulism sleepwalking
277. somniloquist one who talks in his sleep
278. spasmygmus spasmodic hiccuping or sobbing
279. spermacrasia lack of spermatozoa in semen
280. spermatocidal causing death to spermatozoa
281. sphacelation formation of a mass of gangrenous tissue
282. sphygmomanometer an instrument for measuring arterial blood pressure
283. spondylolisthesis the forward slipping movement of the body of one of the lower lumbar vertebrae on the vertebra or sacrum below it
284. spondylosyndesis fusing together of the vertebrae (also called spinal fusion)
285. sporiferous producing spores
286. staphylococcus common microorganism responsible for several bacterial infections
287. steatorrhea fat in the feces; frothy, foul-smelling fecal matter
288. strabismus abnormal condition of squint or crossed eyes caused by the visual axes not meeting at the same point
289. synarthrodia immovable cartilaginous joint without a cavity
290. tepidarium place for a warm bath
291. thalassemia Inherited defect in the ability to produce hemoglobin, usually seen in persons of Mediterranean background.

- 292. thoracentesis surgical puncture of the thoracic cavity, usually using a needle, to remove fluids
- 293. thrombophlebitis inflammation of a vein associated with a clot formation
- 294. thyrotoxicosis toxic condition due to hyperactivity of the thyroid gland
- 295. torticollis an unnatural condition in which the head leans to one side because the neck muscles on that side are contracted
- 296. tragomaschalia odorous perspiration of the axilla
- 297. trephination a operation that removes a circular section of bone from the skull
- 298. tumefacient causing swelling; swollen
- 299. urecchysis effusion of urine into tissues
- 300. ypsiliform Y-shaped













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