

FORGE Foundation Children's Academic Celebration & Spelling Bee

Parent and Student Take-Home Packet

August Family Conference | Study Guide | Rules | Registration | 500-Word List

Event Date	August 22, 2026
Event Time	1:00 PM
Location	Main Campus, 16700 Green Tree Blvd.
Registration Deadline	July 25, 2026
Family Conference Note This FORGE Foundation event will take place on August 22 during the Family Conference. The spelling bee will be the main academic competition, and poetry, math, creative expression, and other student talents may be scheduled throughout the day as intermissions, showcase blocks, or separate time slots.	

Purpose
This packet gives families everything needed to prepare with confidence: registration, rules, how the bee works, how the same-day academic/talent activities will fit into the schedule, the parent sportsmanship standard, a study plan, and the full 500-word study list.

Family reminder: preparation matters, but courage matters too. Every child who steps forward is practicing confidence, focus, memory, public speaking, discipline, and resilience.

How to Use This Packet

Families should read the first sections together, complete the registration page, then use the word list and study tracker for short daily practice. Students should begin with their assigned division and move upward only after they feel steady.

- Complete and return the registration page/packet by July 25, 2026
- Check the optional boxes if your child wants to participate in poetry, math, creative writing, Bible memory, culture trivia, or another talent showcase.
- Practice 10-15 minutes per day instead of cramming the night before.
- Ask for the definition, part of speech, sentence, language of origin, and alternate pronunciation when available.
- Review the parent sportsmanship pledge before event day so children see excellent examples from adults.

Packet Sections

Section	Name	Purpose
1	Registration Page	Return this page to sign up, select optional activities, and share student needs.
2	Event Overview	Explains the August Family Conference context and event flow.
3	Rules & Fairness Guidelines	Explains division rules, rounds, elimination, appeals, and accommodations.
4	Same-Day Academic Celebration	Explains math, poetry, and talent blocks that happen between bee rounds or at designated times.
5	Study Plan	Gives families a practical preparation rhythm.
6	500-Word Study List	Words grouped by level with part of speech, definitions, and checkboxes.

Registration Page - Return This Page

Please complete one form per student and return it by July 25, 2026. Final placement may be adjusted before competition begins based on age, grade, reading level, accommodations, and registration numbers. Once the bee begins, division placement will not change.

Packets Due / Registration Deadline	July 25, 2026
Student Full Name _____	Preferred Name _____
Age _____ Grade _____	School _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____	Relationship _____
Parent Phone _____	Parent Email _____
Emergency Contact _____	Emergency Phone _____
Allergies/Medical Notes _____	Medications/Health Needs _____
Accommodations Needed _____	Language/Reading Support _____

Recommended Spelling Division

☐ Beginner - K-2 / emerging readers	☐ Elementary - Grades 3-5
☐ Intermediate - Grades 6-8	☐ Teen / Advanced - Grades 9-12
☐ Championship interest / final round	☐ Not sure - please place my child

Optional Same-Day Academic Celebration Interest

☐ Poetry recitation	☐ Math challenge
☐ Reading or creative writing showcase	☐ Bible memory / culture trivia
☐ Music / dance / spoken word / other talent	Talent description: _____

Media, Permission, and Sportsmanship

☐ Yes, my child may be photographed/videoed for church/program recap and promotion.	☐ No, please do not photograph/video my child.
☐ I have read the parent sportsmanship expectations and will model respect for children, judges, volunteers, and families.	☐ I understand that coaching from the audience is not allowed during competition rounds.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature/Agreement _____ Date: _____

Event Overview

The Children's Academic Celebration & Spelling Bee is designed to build literacy, vocabulary, confidence, discipline, public speaking, focus, memory, family support, and celebration of student gifts. Because it happens during the August Family Conference, the day may include spelling bee rounds, poetry, math, talent moments, awards, parent encouragement, and family celebration.

Recommended Divisions

Division	Suggested Grade/Age	Study Level	Fairness Notes
Beginner	K-2 / emerging readers	Level 1	Simple everyday words; age-level correction support; practice round strongly recommended.
Elementary	Grades 3-5	Level 2	Common school and life words; careful listening and definitions emphasized.
Intermediate	Grades 6-8	Level 3	Longer academic/community words; stronger definitions and spelling patterns.
Advanced	Grades 9-12 or strong spellers	Level 4	Advanced academic and community vocabulary.
Championship	Division winners / tie-breakers	Level 5	Used for final round, tie-breakers, and stronger challenge words.

Local Event Clarification

This is a FORGE Foundation local Family Conference event. It is not an official Scripps National Spelling Bee competition unless FORGE separately enrolls and announces that status. Scripps states that its National Competition rules are specific to the national event and are not recommended for local implementation; therefore, this packet follows Scripps-style local/suggested procedures while using the national dictionary standard as a reference point.

Event Team & Key Contacts

Event Lead:	Kristofor Campbell
Pronouncer / Head Judge:	Dr. Shaun Campbell
Record Keeper:	Nikkie Moore
Challenge Desk:	Yolanda Burks
Registration Lead:	Desiree Chavies
Floater:	Sydney Drew
Main Campus / Contact:	16700 Green Tree Blvd. Admin@forgevv.org 760-948-7222

How the Same-Day Academic Celebration Works

The spelling bee will remain its own competition. Poetry, math, creative writing, Bible memory, culture trivia, and other talents will not change spelling bee rankings. These activities may happen at different times on the same day as intermissions, showcase blocks, or separate scheduled sessions during the Family Conference.

Sample Family Conference Event Flow

Time Block	Activity	Purpose
Check-in	Registration, number/name tag, division seating	Keep the day organized and calm.
Opening	Welcome, prayer/encouragement, parent sportsmanship reminder	Set the tone for excellence and respect.
Block 1	Beginner/Elementary spelling rounds	Give younger students focused competition time.
Intermission 1	Poetry recitation or student showcase	Let judges tally, students reset, and families celebrate creative gifts.
Block 2	Intermediate/Advanced spelling rounds	Continue spelling competition by division.
Intermission 2	Math challenge or culture trivia	Create movement, energy, and academic variety.
Finals	Division winners / championship round if held	Declare spelling bee winners fairly.
Awards	Spelling, math, poetry, talent, character awards	Celebrate preparation, courage, excellence, and sportsmanship.

Optional Event Guidelines

Activity	How It Works	Suggested Recognition
Poetry Recitation	Students present an original or selected poem. Time limit: 1-3 minutes depending on age. Judging may include clarity, expression, memorization, confidence, and message.	Poetry Award, Best Expression, Courage Award
Math Challenge	Students complete age-level math problems or participate in a timed team challenge. Problems should be grade-appropriate and not interfere with spelling rankings.	Math Champion, Speed & Accuracy, Teamwork Award
Creative Writing / Reading	Students may read a short original piece, book reflection, or selected passage. This can happen during a transition or separate showcase time.	Young Author Award, Reader Leader Award
Bible Memory / Culture Trivia	Optional station or stage moment with age-level questions. Can be non-elimination or points-based.	Memory Award, Culture Scholar Award
Other Talents	Music, dance, spoken word, visual art, or other family-appropriate talent by pre-registration only.	Talent Showcase Certificate

Important: Students may participate in multiple activities, but families should check only the events the child can handle joyfully. The goal is celebration, not overload.

Rules & Fairness Guidelines

These rules are written for a local children's spelling bee but are aligned as closely as practical with the Scripps Suggested Rules for Spelling Bees. They are designed to protect fairness across all age levels while keeping the event child-centered.

Core Fairness Rules for All Levels

Rule	Guideline
1. Fixed order	Spellers receive a number and spell in the same order each round within their division.
2. One word per active speller	A round means each remaining speller receives one word.
3. Same rules, age-level words	Competition rules are consistent, but words are matched to the assigned study level.
4. No audience coaching	No mouthing letters, hand signals, whispering, visible screens, smart watch prompts, devices, or verbal hints from the audience.
5. Phone and screen rule	Phones may be used quietly for recording or photos when permitted, but no screen may face participants during spelling rounds. Screens must be lowered, turned away, or put away if requested by staff.
6. Clear ruling	Judges decide whether letters were given correctly and in the correct order.
7. Practice round correction	In the practice/warm-up round only, each child may correct one mistake once. The pronouncer will remind students this ends when official competition begins.
8. Beginner correction support	Beginner spellers may self-correct up to two times during official Beginner rounds. On the third attempt, letters already spoken are locked and judges rule from that sequence.
9. Official retracing	Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, and Championship spellers may restart, but may not change letters or order already spoken.
10. Elimination	After elimination begins, a missed word removes the speller from that division, except under end-of-bee or appeal rules.
11. All miss in a round	If every active speller misses in a round, all spellers from that round remain and a new round begins.
12. One speller remains	If only one speller spells correctly in a round, that speller must spell an anticipated championship word correctly to be declared champion.
13. If championship word is missed	If the anticipated championship word is missed, all spellers from the previous round return and spell in original order.

Speller Requests and Pronouncer Information

Spellers are encouraged to think carefully and ask approved questions before spelling. Asking for word information is part of the competition and does not count against the student.

Speller May Ask	How to Ask	Notes
Repeat the word	Please repeat the word.	Allowed. The pronouncer may repeat the word.
Definition	What does the word mean?	Allowed. Especially important for homonyms.
Sentence	Can you use the word in a sentence?	Allowed when available.
Part of speech	What part of speech is it?	Allowed when available.
Language of origin	What is the language of origin?	Allowed when available.
Alternate pronunciation	Are there alternate pronunciations?	Allowed when available.
Root word / alternate definition	Not allowed under Scripps-style local rules.	The pronouncer will not answer root-word questions or provide extra alternate definitions.

Helpful Spelling Pattern

Listen. Breathe. Ask if needed. Say the word. Spell the word one letter at a time. Say the word again if you can.

Starting Over / Retracing

In official Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, and Championship rounds, a speller may stop and start again, but may not change the letters already said or change their order. Judges rule based on the letters in the order spoken.

Beginner division exception: Beginner-level children may self-correct up to two times during official Beginner rounds. On the third attempt, they must continue using the letters already spoken; they cannot erase or replace letters already given. This support is only for the Beginner division and is offered equally to every Beginner speller.

Practice round exception: During the practice/warm-up round only, children may correct one mistake once. Before official competition begins, the pronouncer will clearly announce that practice-round correction is over and official rules are now in effect.

Capitalization, Hyphens, Spaces, and Punctuation

Students do not need to say capital letters, hyphens, accent marks, spaces, or punctuation to be correct. They must give the correct letters in the correct order.

Championship Word Source:

Championship words will be pulled from the packet unless all packet words are exhausted; then a word may be selected from Merriam-Webster.

Judging, Appeals, and Accommodations

Judges' Role

- Judges uphold the rules and determine whether a word is spelled correctly.
- Judges may ask for clarification if they believe a speller misunderstood the word.
- Judges' decisions are final after the appeal process is completed.
- The record keeper should track each speller, word, round, result, and any appeal notes.

Appeal / Challenge Process

To protect fairness and keep the event calm, only a parent/guardian, coach, or assigned adult may submit a challenge. Challenges must be submitted immediately after the word in question and before the next speller receives a word. The challenge must go to the Challenge Desk or Event Lead, not shouted from the audience.

Phone recordings may be considered only if they are clear, relevant, and were captured without distracting participants. Phones are allowed, but screens must not face spellers during competition. No video, photo, screen, or device may be used to coach, prompt, intimidate, or distract a child.

Final spelling disputes will use Merriam-Webster as the official dictionary reference for this event, with Merriam-Webster Unabridged preferred when available. The Event Lead and judges make the final local ruling after review.

Appeal May Be Considered When	What Judges Review
The student gave the correct letters in order but was marked incorrect.	Judge notes, record keeper notes, or audio/video if available.
The word was a homonym and no definition was provided.	Whether the pronouncer gave enough information to identify the intended word.
An accepted alternate spelling exists in Merriam-Webster.	Whether the spelling is listed as a standard variant for the same word and meaning.
The end-of-bee procedure was not followed.	Whether all-miss and anticipated championship word rules were applied correctly.

Reminder

The printable Appeal / Challenge Form is on the next page. Appeals should protect fairness, not pressure children, judges, or volunteers.

Spelling Bee Appeal / Challenge Form

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Use only for a legitimate rule or spelling concern. Submit immediately after the word in question and before the next speller receives a word. Appeals go to the Challenge Desk/Event Lead - not the audience.

Phones are allowed for recording, but no screen may face participants during spelling rounds.

1. Appeal Details

Date / Time	_____
Division	☐ Beginner ☐ Elementary ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced ☐ Championship
Round Number	_____
Speller Name / Number	_____
Word Challenged	_____
Word Info Requested	☐ Repeat ☐ Definition ☐ Sentence ☐ Part of Speech ☐ Origin ☐ Other _____

2. Person Submitting Appeal

Name	_____
Role	☐ Parent/Guardian ☐ Coach ☐ Assigned Adult ☐ Other _____
Phone	_____
Signature	_____

3. Reason for Appeal

Check all that apply	☐ Correct spelling marked incorrect ☐ Homonym/definition concern ☐ Accepted alternate spelling ☐ Pronouncer/rule concern ☐ End-of-bee procedure ☐ Other: _____
What happened?	_____ _____
Evidence available	☐ Judge notes ☐ Record sheet ☐ Phone recording ☐ Merriam-Webster reference ☐ Other _____

4. Review Team Decision

Dictionary Standard	Final spelling disputes use Merriam-Webster as the official event dictionary reference. Merriam-Webster Unabridged is preferred when available.
Decision	☐ Appeal denied ☐ Appeal upheld ☐ Speller reinstated ☐ Word re-issued/replaced ☐ Other _____
Final Ruling Notes	_____ _____
Reviewed By	Event Lead _____ Judge _____ Time _____

Reminder: Appeals should protect fairness, not pressure children, judges, or volunteers. Parent/guardian conduct must reflect the highest level of sportsmanship.

Accommodations, Parent Conduct, and Support

Accommodations

Families should request accommodations in advance on the registration form. Support may include hearing support, repeated instructions, movement breaks, anxiety support, sensory support, written format when appropriate, restroom assistance, or language/reading support. The goal is fair access, not unfair advantage.

Parent, Guardian, and Audience Sportsmanship

Adults set the emotional climate for the room. Parents and guardians are expected to display the highest level of sportsmanship so children see excellence, self-control, courage, and respect modeled clearly.

- Cheer for every child, not only your own.
- Respect judges, pronouncers, volunteers, staff, and other families.
- Do not coach, mouth letters, gesture, whisper, display screens, or react in a way that gives clues while a child is spelling.
- Do not laugh at, criticize, shame, compare, or embarrass any student.
- Do not approach the stage, judges' table, pronouncer, or record keeper unless invited by the Event Lead.
- Use the challenge process quietly and respectfully if there is a legitimate concern.
- Accept final decisions with grace, even when disappointed.

If Conduct Becomes a Problem

Any adult whose conduct disrupts the competition, distracts a child, disrespects officials, or creates an unsafe/unwelcoming environment may be asked to step outside, moved to another area, or removed from the event. Serious or repeated conduct issues may affect the child's ability to continue if the behavior interferes with fair competition.

Parent/Guardian Promise

I will help my child prepare with patience. I will encourage effort, not fear. I will respect the judges, volunteers, staff, children, and other families. I will model the kind of character I want my child to carry into the world.

Family Study Plan

The goal is not panic memorization. The goal is repeated exposure, understanding, confidence, and calm recall. Students should practice the words for their division first, then move to the next level for challenge and tie-breaker preparation.

10-15 Minute Daily Practice Routine

- Minute 1: Breathe, focus, and choose 10 words.
- Minutes 2-5: Parent says the word; student asks for information if needed and spells out loud.
- Minutes 6-8: Student explains the definition or uses the word in a sentence.
- Minutes 9-12: Re-spell missed words and write them once.
- Minutes 13-15: End with a confidence round using words the student knows well.

Four-Week Prep Map

Week	Focus	Family Task
Week 1	Learn division words	Practice 10 words per day. Circle hard words.
Week 2	Strengthen meaning	Ask for part of speech, meaning, sentence, origin if available.
Week 3	Practice rounds	Stand up, face forward, speak clearly, simulate the bee.
Week 4	Review and confidence	Focus on missed words, rest, and encourage calm confidence.

Practice Tracker

The tracker begins here and continues through the full next page. Use it for daily practice, missed-word review, and rewriting hard words clearly.

Day	Words Practiced	Missed / Hard Words	Rewrite / Notes
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Practice Lines & Review Tracker - Continued

Continue tracking practice here. Parents may add initials after each practice session.

Day	Words Practiced	Missed / Hard Words	Rewrite / Notes
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Day-Of Success Checklist

☐ Arrive at least 20 minutes early	☐ Check in at registration table
☐ Use the restroom before your division starts	☐ Drink water and eat a light snack if needed
☐ Sit with your assigned division	☐ Listen for your name or number
☐ Ask for help when allowed	☐ Speak clearly and face the judges
☐ Celebrate other students respectfully	☐ Stay for awards if possible

Student Promise

I will do my best. I will listen carefully. I will ask for help when allowed. I will spell with courage. I will celebrate others. I will remember that one missed word does not define me.

Awards and Prizes

Recommended prizes may be adjusted by final budget and sponsorships. Suggested structure: 1st Place - trophy or medal, certificate, \$50 gift card, book bundle, and first-choice prize item; 2nd Place - medal, certificate, \$25 gift card, and book or learning kit; 3rd Place - medal, certificate, \$15 gift card, and book or learning kit.

Additional awards may include Courage Award, Most Improved, Best Sportsmanship, Best Stage Presence, Perseverance Award, Math Champion, Poetry Award, Young Author Award, and Family Support Award.

Source & Rules Note

This local FORGE Foundation packet was revised using the 2026 Scripps Suggested Rules for Spelling Bees, the Scripps Code of Conduct, and Merriam-Webster as the event dictionary standard for final disputes. Merriam-Webster Unabridged remains the national competition's official dictionary standard and is preferred when available. Local officials retain authority over local events.

Sources: <https://spellingbee.com/rules> | https://spellingbee.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/2026_Suggested_Rules_for_Spelling_Bees_FINAL.pdf | <https://spellingbee.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/SNSB%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20-%20All%20Levels.pdf>

500-Word Study List

This list includes exactly 500 words grouped into five levels. Each word includes a part of speech and a simple study definition. Some words can have more than one meaning or part of speech; this packet lists the most useful meaning for study. Final judge/pronouncer wording may use the event dictionary.

Study Tip: Start with your assigned level. When you can spell at least 80 percent of those words correctly, practice the next level for challenge and tie-breaker preparation.

Level 1 - Beginner

Recommended for K-2 / emerging spellers. Focus on confidence, clear speaking, and everyday vocabulary.

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
1	apple	noun	a round fruit with firm flesh and a skin that may be red, green, or yellow	☐
2	animal	noun	a living creature that is not a plant	☐
3	answer	noun	something said or written in reply to a question	☐
4	baby	noun	a very young child	☐
5	basket	noun	a container used for carrying or holding things	☐
6	beach	noun	land covered with sand or small stones near water	☐
7	bell	noun	a hollow metal object that rings when struck	☐
8	bird	noun	an animal with feathers, wings, and a beak	☐
9	birthday	noun	the day each year when a person celebrates being born	☐
10	black	adjective	having the darkest color	☐
11	blue	adjective	having the color of a clear sky	☐
12	book	noun	printed or written pages fastened together	☐
13	bread	noun	food made from flour, water, and usually yeast	☐
14	bridge	noun	a structure built over water, a road, or a gap	☐
15	brother	noun	a boy or man who has the same parent as another person	☐
16	brush	noun	a tool with bristles used for cleaning, painting, or grooming	☐
17	bubble	noun	a thin round film filled with air or gas	☐
18	cabin	noun	a small simple house, often made of wood	☐
19	candle	noun	wax with a wick that gives light when burned	☐
20	candy	noun	a sweet food made with sugar	☐
21	carry	verb	to hold and move something from one place to another	☐
22	chair	noun	a seat for one person with a back	☐
23	cheese	noun	food made from milk curds	☐
24	child	noun	a young person	☐
25	church	noun	a building used for Christian worship	☐
26	circle	noun	a round flat shape with every point the same distance from the center	☐
27	cloud	noun	a white or gray mass of tiny water drops in the sky	☐
28	color	noun	the quality that makes things look red, blue, green, or other shades	☐
29	cookie	noun	a small sweet baked treat	☐
30	corner	noun	the point or area where two lines, edges, or walls meet	☐
31	crown	noun	a head covering worn as a sign of honor or authority	☐
32	dance	verb	to move the body to music	☐
33	dinner	noun	the main meal of the day	☐
34	dream	noun	thoughts or pictures in the mind during sleep	☐
35	drive	verb	to guide or operate a vehicle	☐
36	eagle	noun	a large strong bird of prey	☐
37	earth	noun	the planet on which we live	☐
38	family	noun	a group of people related by birth, marriage, or care	☐
39	farmer	noun	a person who grows crops or raises animals	☐
40	feather	noun	one of the light coverings on a bird	☐
41	field	noun	an open area of land	☐
42	flower	noun	the colorful part of a plant that often makes seeds	☐
43	forest	noun	a large area covered with many trees	☐
44	garden	noun	a place where flowers, fruits, or vegetables are grown	☐
45	gentle	adjective	kind, mild, or careful	☐
46	giant	noun	a very large person or thing	☐
47	glory	noun	great honor, beauty, or praise	☐
48	golden	adjective	made of gold or having the color of gold	☐
49	happy	adjective	feeling joy or pleasure	☐
50	harbor	noun	a protected place where boats can stay	☐
51	honest	adjective	truthful and fair	☐
52	honey	noun	a sweet thick food made by bees	☐

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
53	house	noun	a building where people live	☐
54	island	noun	land surrounded by water	☐
55	jacket	noun	a short coat	☐
56	jelly	noun	a soft sweet food made from fruit juice and sugar	☐
57	joyful	adjective	full of joy	☐
58	kitchen	noun	a room where food is prepared	☐
59	ladder	noun	a tool with steps used for climbing	☐
60	lemon	noun	a yellow sour fruit	☐
61	letter	noun	a written symbol used in an alphabet	☐
62	little	adjective	small in size or amount	☐
63	market	noun	a place where goods are bought and sold	☐
64	mirror	noun	a smooth surface that reflects an image	☐
65	mother	noun	a female parent	☐
66	music	noun	sounds arranged with rhythm, melody, or harmony	☐
67	neighbor	noun	a person who lives nearby	☐
68	orange	noun	a round citrus fruit with orange skin	☐
69	paper	noun	thin material used for writing, printing, or wrapping	☐
70	parent	noun	a mother, father, or caregiver	☐
71	pencil	noun	a writing tool that usually has graphite inside wood	☐
72	pepper	noun	a vegetable or spice with a sharp flavor	☐
73	pillow	noun	a cushion for resting the head	☐
74	planet	noun	a large round object that moves around a star	☐
75	pocket	noun	a small pouch sewn into clothing	☐
76	prayer	noun	words spoken or thought to God	☐
77	purple	adjective	having a color made from red and blue	☐
78	quiet	adjective	making little or no noise	☐
79	rabbit	noun	a small animal with long ears	☐
80	rainbow	noun	a curved band of colors seen after rain	☐
81	river	noun	a large natural stream of water	☐
82	school	noun	a place where students learn	☐
83	season	noun	one of the main parts of the year, such as spring or winter	☐
84	shadow	noun	a dark shape made when light is blocked	☐
85	silver	noun	a shiny gray-white metal	☐
86	sister	noun	a girl or woman who has the same parent as another person	☐
87	soldier	noun	a person who serves in an army	☐
88	sparkle	verb	to shine with small flashes of light	☐
89	spirit	noun	the inner life, courage, or nonphysical part of a person	☐
90	table	noun	a piece of furniture with a flat top and legs	☐
91	teacher	noun	a person who helps others learn	☐
92	thunder	noun	the loud sound that follows lightning	☐
93	ticket	noun	a printed or digital pass for an event or ride	☐
94	turtle	noun	a reptile with a hard shell	☐
95	valley	noun	low land between hills or mountains	☐
96	window	noun	an opening in a wall or vehicle covered with glass	☐
97	winter	noun	the coldest season of the year	☐
98	wisdom	noun	good judgment gained from knowledge and experience	☐
99	yellow	adjective	having the color of sunshine or a lemon	☐
100	zebra	noun	an African wild animal like a horse with black-and-white stripes	☐

Level 2 - Elementary

Recommended for grades 3-5. Focus on careful listening, definitions, and common academic vocabulary.

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
1	ability	noun	the power or skill to do something	☐
2	active	adjective	moving, working, or doing many things	☐
3	admire	verb	to look at with respect or approval	☐
4	adventure	noun	an exciting or unusual experience	☐
5	artist	noun	a person who creates art	☐
6	balance	noun	a steady position that keeps something from falling	☐
7	believe	verb	to accept that something is true	☐
8	blessing	noun	something that brings help, favor, or happiness	☐
9	brilliant	adjective	very bright or very smart	☐
10	calendar	noun	a chart showing days, weeks, and months	☐
11	captain	noun	a leader of a team, ship, or group	☐
12	careful	adjective	giving close attention to avoid mistakes or harm	☐
13	celebrate	verb	to honor a special day or event with joy	☐
14	certain	adjective	known for sure	☐

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
15	character	noun	the qualities that make a person who they are	☐
16	children	noun	more than one child	☐
17	climate	noun	the usual weather of a place over time	☐
18	comfort	noun	a feeling of ease or relief	☐
19	community	noun	a group of people who live, work, or gather together	☐
20	compass	noun	a tool that shows direction	☐
21	complete	verb	to finish something	☐
22	courage	noun	the strength to face fear or difficulty	☐
23	curious	adjective	wanting to know or learn	☐
24	daughter	noun	a female child in relation to a parent	☐
25	delight	noun	great pleasure or joy	☐
26	deliver	verb	to bring something to a person or place	☐
27	desert	noun	a dry area of land with little rainfall	☐
28	diamond	noun	a very hard precious stone	☐
29	difficult	adjective	not easy to do or understand	☐
30	discover	verb	to find or learn something for the first time	☐
31	dolphin	noun	a smart sea mammal with a long snout	☐
32	eager	adjective	excited and ready to do something	☐
33	effort	noun	hard work or energy used to do something	☐
34	electric	adjective	powered by electricity	☐
35	energy	noun	the power to do work or cause activity	☐
36	engine	noun	a machine that gives power to move something	☐
37	enough	adjective	as much or as many as needed	☐
38	excellent	adjective	extremely good	☐
39	exercise	noun	activity done to make the body strong or healthy	☐
40	favorite	adjective	liked more than others	☐
41	festival	noun	a special celebration with activities	☐
42	future	noun	the time that has not happened yet	☐
43	generous	adjective	willing to give or share	☐
44	grateful	adjective	thankful	☐
45	grocery	noun	food and household items sold in a store	☐
46	healthy	adjective	having good health	☐
47	history	noun	the study or record of past events	☐
48	imagine	verb	to form an idea or picture in the mind	☐
49	important	adjective	having great meaning or value	☐
50	inspire	verb	to fill someone with courage, hope, or ideas	☐
51	journey	noun	a trip from one place to another	☐
52	language	noun	words and signs used to communicate	☐
53	laughter	noun	the sound made when someone laughs	☐
54	library	noun	a place where books and information are kept	☐
55	machine	noun	a device with parts that work together	☐
56	magazine	noun	a printed or digital collection of articles and pictures	☐
57	measure	verb	to find the size, amount, or distance of something	☐
58	memory	noun	the ability to remember or something remembered	☐
59	message	noun	information sent or spoken to someone	☐
60	million	noun	the number 1,000,000	☐
61	mistake	noun	something done incorrectly	☐
62	mountain	noun	a very high natural rise of land	☐
63	mystery	noun	something not known or explained	☐
64	natural	adjective	coming from nature	☐
65	ocean	noun	a very large body of salt water	☐
66	ordinary	adjective	usual or common	☐
67	patient	adjective	able to wait calmly	☐
68	peaceful	adjective	calm and free from trouble	☐
69	perfect	adjective	without mistake or flaw	☐
70	popular	adjective	liked by many people	☐
71	possible	adjective	able to happen or be done	☐
72	practice	noun	repeated work done to improve a skill	☐
73	protect	verb	to keep safe from harm	☐
74	question	noun	a sentence or phrase used to ask for information	☐
75	respect	noun	honor or care shown toward someone or something	☐
76	rhythm	noun	a regular pattern of sounds or movements	☐
77	royal	adjective	related to a king, queen, or kingdom	☐
78	science	noun	the study of the natural world through observation	☐
79	service	noun	work done to help others	☐
80	shoulder	noun	the part of the body between the neck and arm	☐
81	signal	noun	a sign or action that gives information	☐
82	simple	adjective	easy to understand or do	☐
83	special	adjective	different from what is usual in a valued way	☐

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
84	station	noun	a place where a service or activity is centered	☐
85	support	verb	to help or hold up	☐
86	talent	noun	a natural skill or ability	☐
87	thoughtful	adjective	kind, careful, and considerate	☐
88	treasure	noun	something valuable or greatly loved	☐
89	umbrella	noun	a covering held over the head to protect from rain or sun	☐
90	vacation	noun	time spent away from school or work for rest	☐
91	valuable	adjective	worth a lot or very useful	☐
92	village	noun	a small community or town	☐
93	visible	adjective	able to be seen	☐
94	weather	noun	the condition of the air, such as rain, heat, or wind	☐
95	welcome	verb	to greet someone kindly	☐
96	wonderful	adjective	very good or pleasing	☐
97	yesterday	noun	the day before today	☐
98	zealous	adjective	full of strong energy for a cause	☐
99	arrival	noun	the act of reaching a place	☐
100	beneath	preposition	in or to a lower position than something	☐

Level 3 - Intermediate

Recommended for grades 6-8. Focus on longer words, prefixes, suffixes, and meaning.

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
1	abundant	adjective	existing in large amounts	☐
2	accurate	adjective	correct and free from mistakes	☐
3	achieve	verb	to succeed in reaching a goal	☐
4	acquire	verb	to get or gain something	☐
5	adequate	adjective	enough for a need or purpose	☐
6	adjustment	noun	a small change made to improve fit or function	☐
7	ambition	noun	a strong desire to achieve something	☐
8	analyze	verb	to study something carefully by looking at its parts	☐
9	ancestor	noun	a person from whom someone is descended	☐
10	annual	adjective	happening once each year	☐
11	anxious	adjective	worried or uneasy	☐
12	apology	noun	words expressing regret for a mistake or harm	☐
13	architect	noun	a person who designs buildings	☐
14	argument	noun	a reasoned discussion or disagreement	☐
15	athlete	noun	a person trained in sports	☐
16	benefit	noun	something that helps or improves	☐
17	boundary	noun	a line that marks a limit or edge	☐
18	bravery	noun	courage in difficult or dangerous situations	☐
19	capacity	noun	the amount something can hold or the ability to do something	☐
20	category	noun	a group of things sharing qualities	☐
21	ceremony	noun	a formal event done for a special purpose	☐
22	citizen	noun	a member of a city, state, or country	☐
23	civilize	verb	to bring to a more organized or developed social state	☐
24	collapse	verb	to fall down suddenly	☐
25	colleague	noun	a person one works with	☐
26	committee	noun	a group chosen to do a particular job	☐
27	communicate	verb	to share information, thoughts, or feelings	☐
28	comparison	noun	the act of looking at similarities and differences	☐
29	compassion	noun	care for someone who is suffering and desire to help	☐
30	confidence	noun	belief in oneself or in something being true	☐
31	conquer	verb	to overcome or take control by effort or force	☐
32	consider	verb	to think carefully about something	☐
33	consistent	adjective	acting or happening in the same way over time	☐
34	contribute	verb	to give something to help a person, group, or cause	☐
35	creative	adjective	able to make or imagine new things	☐
36	culture	noun	the customs, arts, beliefs, and ways of life of a group	☐
37	decrease	verb	to become or make smaller	☐
38	definite	adjective	clear, exact, and certain	☐
39	demonstrate	verb	to show clearly by example or action	☐
40	describe	verb	to tell what something or someone is like	☐
41	determine	verb	to decide or discover after thought or study	☐
42	develop	verb	to grow, improve, or bring into being	☐
43	discipline	noun	training that builds order, self-control, or skill	☐
44	economy	noun	the system of making, buying, and selling goods and services	☐
45	educate	verb	to teach or train	☐

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
46	efficient	adjective	working well without wasting time or energy	☐
47	election	noun	a process of choosing by voting	☐
48	element	noun	one part of a larger whole	☐
49	elevate	verb	to lift up or raise in rank or quality	☐
50	encourage	verb	to give support, hope, or confidence	☐
51	environment	noun	the surroundings in which someone or something lives	☐
52	essential	adjective	required or extremely important	☐
53	evidence	noun	information that helps prove whether something is true	☐
54	examine	verb	to look at or study closely	☐
55	expansion	noun	the act of becoming larger or wider	☐
56	experience	noun	knowledge or skill gained by doing or living through something	☐
57	expression	noun	the act of showing thoughts or feelings	☐
58	extraordinary	adjective	very unusual or remarkable	☐
59	foundation	noun	the base on which something is built	☐
60	frequent	adjective	happening often	☐
61	generations	noun	groups of people born and living around the same time	☐
62	govern	verb	to lead or control by rules or authority	☐
63	harmony	noun	agreement or pleasing combination	☐
64	heritage	noun	traditions or property passed down from the past	☐
65	honorable	adjective	deserving respect because of honesty or good character	☐
66	identify	verb	to recognize or name someone or something	☐
67	immense	adjective	very large	☐
68	influence	noun	the power to affect someone or something	☐
69	initiative	noun	a new plan or the ability to begin action	☐
70	instruction	noun	teaching or directions	☐
71	integrity	noun	honesty and strong moral principles	☐
72	interview	noun	a meeting in which questions are asked to gather information	☐
73	justice	noun	fair treatment under rules or law	☐
74	leadership	noun	the act or ability of guiding others	☐
75	literacy	noun	the ability to read and write	☐
76	maintain	verb	to keep in good condition or continue	☐
77	majority	noun	more than half of a group	☐
78	mature	adjective	fully grown or showing good judgment	☐
79	ministry	noun	religious service or work done to help others	☐
80	mission	noun	an important purpose or task	☐
81	narrative	noun	a spoken or written story	☐
82	opportunity	noun	a chance to do something	☐
83	organization	noun	a group arranged for a purpose	☐
84	participate	verb	to take part in an activity	☐
85	partnership	noun	a relationship in which people work together	☐
86	perspective	noun	a way of seeing or thinking about something	☐
87	potential	noun	the ability to become or develop into something	☐
88	priority	noun	something more important than other things	☐
89	prosper	verb	to succeed or do well	☐
90	reliable	adjective	able to be trusted or depended on	☐
91	resource	noun	a supply or tool that can be used when needed	☐
92	responsible	adjective	able to be trusted to do what is right	☐
93	sacrifice	noun	something given up for something more important	☐
94	strategy	noun	a careful plan for reaching a goal	☐
95	symbolize	verb	to stand for or represent something	☐
96	adaptation	noun	a change that helps a living thing or system survive or work better	☐
97	curiosity	noun	a strong desire to know or learn	☐
98	financial	adjective	related to money	☐
99	restoration	noun	the act of bringing something back to a better or former condition	☐
100	volunteer	noun	a person who offers to help without being forced or paid	☐

Level 4 - Advanced

Recommended for grades 9-12 or strong spellers. Focus on advanced vocabulary and precision.

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
1	abbreviation	noun	a shortened form of a word or phrase	☐
2	abolition	noun	the act of formally ending a system or practice	☐
3	absolutely	adverb	completely or without limit	☐
4	accidental	adjective	happening by chance or mistake	☐
5	accommodation	noun	a change or support that helps meet a need	☐
6	acknowledge	verb	to accept or recognize that something is true	☐
7	administration	noun	the management of a business, school, or organization	☐

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
8	advantageous	adjective	giving a benefit or favorable position	☐
9	affectionate	adjective	showing love or fondness	☐
10	agriculture	noun	the science or work of farming	☐
11	allegiance	noun	loyalty to a person, group, or cause	☐
12	alternative	noun	one of two or more possible choices	☐
13	ambassador	noun	a person who represents a country, group, or cause	☐
14	amendment	noun	a change or addition made to a document or law	☐
15	anniversary	noun	a yearly date remembered because of a past event	☐
16	anticipate	verb	to expect or prepare for something	☐
17	appreciate	verb	to value, understand, or be thankful for	☐
18	appropriate	adjective	suitable or proper for a situation	☐
19	arithmetic	noun	the branch of math dealing with numbers and basic operations	☐
20	artificial	adjective	made by people rather than occurring naturally	☐
21	astounding	adjective	causing great surprise	☐
22	auditorium	noun	a large room where people gather for performances or meetings	☐
23	authority	noun	the power or right to lead, decide, or command	☐
24	beautifully	adverb	in a pleasing or excellent way	☐
25	beneficial	adjective	producing good or helpful results	☐
26	biography	noun	the story of a person's life written by someone else	☐
27	bureaucracy	noun	a system of government or organization run through many officials and rules	☐
28	capability	noun	the ability or power to do something	☐
29	catastrophe	noun	a sudden event causing great damage or suffering	☐
30	chronology	noun	the order in which events happen in time	☐
31	circumstance	noun	a fact or condition connected to an event	☐
32	civilization	noun	a developed human society with culture, government, and technology	☐
33	coincidence	noun	events happening together by chance	☐
34	collaboration	noun	the act of working together	☐
35	commemorate	verb	to honor or remember a person or event	☐
36	competence	noun	the ability to do something well	☐
37	comprehension	noun	the ability to understand	☐
38	concentration	noun	focused attention	☐
39	consequence	noun	a result or effect of an action	☐
40	constitution	noun	a set of basic laws or principles for a government or organization	☐
41	contemporary	adjective	existing or happening in the same time period	☐
42	contradiction	noun	a statement or situation that conflicts with another	☐
43	controversy	noun	public disagreement or argument	☐
44	cooperation	noun	working together toward a shared purpose	☐
45	correspondence	noun	communication by letters, messages, or similarity	☐
46	credibility	noun	the quality of being believable or trustworthy	☐
47	curriculum	noun	the subjects and lessons taught in a course or school	☐
48	declaration	noun	a formal or clear statement	☐
49	deficiency	noun	a lack or shortage of something needed	☐
50	deliberate	adjective	done on purpose after thought	☐
51	descendant	noun	a person related to someone from an earlier generation	☐
52	destination	noun	the place to which someone or something is going	☐
53	diagnosis	noun	the identification of an illness or problem	☐
54	dialogue	noun	a conversation between two or more people	☐
55	dignified	adjective	showing calm seriousness and self-respect	☐
56	disadvantage	noun	a condition that makes success harder	☐
57	distinction	noun	a clear difference or special honor	☐
58	diversity	noun	the presence of different kinds of people or things	☐
59	ecological	adjective	related to living things and their environment	☐
60	efficiency	noun	the quality of working well without waste	☐
61	eligibility	noun	the quality of being qualified or allowed to do something	☐
62	emphasize	verb	to give special importance or attention to something	☐
63	encouragement	noun	support that gives hope or confidence	☐
64	entrepreneur	noun	a person who starts and runs a business	☐
65	equivalent	adjective	equal in value, meaning, or effect	☐
66	establishment	noun	the act of creating or setting something up	☐
67	evaluation	noun	a careful judgment about value or quality	☐
68	exaggerate	verb	to describe something as greater or more serious than it is	☐
69	excellence	noun	the quality of being extremely good	☐
70	explanation	noun	a statement that makes something clear	☐
71	facilitate	verb	to make a process easier	☐
72	familiarity	noun	knowledge gained from experience or close contact	☐
73	fascinating	adjective	extremely interesting	☐
74	flourishing	adjective	growing or developing successfully	☐
75	fundamental	adjective	basic and very important	☐
76	genealogy	noun	the study or record of family ancestry	☐

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
77	geography	noun	the study of Earth's land, water, and people	☐
78	government	noun	the system or group that leads a community or country	☐
79	gratitude	noun	thankfulness	☐
80	guarantee	noun	a promise that something will happen or be done	☐
81	hospitality	noun	friendly welcome and care for guests	☐
82	humanity	noun	all people or the quality of being kind and compassionate	☐
83	hypothesis	noun	an idea tested to see whether it is true	☐
84	illustrate	verb	to explain or decorate with examples or pictures	☐
85	imagination	noun	the ability to form ideas or pictures in the mind	☐
86	immediately	adverb	at once or without delay	☐
87	incredible	adjective	hard to believe or amazingly good	☐
88	independence	noun	freedom from control by others	☐
89	infrastructure	noun	basic systems and structures needed for a community to function	☐
90	innovation	noun	a new idea, method, or invention	☐
91	inspiration	noun	something that gives a person ideas, courage, or desire to act	☐
92	intelligence	noun	the ability to learn, understand, and reason	☐
93	interruption	noun	something that stops an action or speech for a time	☐
94	jurisdiction	noun	the official power to make legal decisions in an area	☐
95	accountability	noun	the duty to explain actions and accept responsibility	☐
96	pronunciation	noun	the way a word is spoken	☐
97	rehabilitation	noun	the process of restoring health, ability, or good condition	☐
98	sustainability	noun	the ability to continue without damaging future needs	☐
99	transportation	noun	the movement of people or goods from one place to another	☐
100	vocabulary	noun	the words known or used by a person or group	☐

Level 5 - Championship

Recommended for championship rounds, tie-breakers, and highly prepared spellers.

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
1	aberration	noun	a departure from what is normal or expected	☐
2	abstinence	noun	the practice of choosing not to do or consume something	☐
3	acquiesce	verb	to accept something reluctantly but without protest	☐
4	adjudicate	verb	to make an official judgment about a dispute	☐
5	affidavit	noun	a written statement confirmed by oath for legal use	☐
6	algorithm	noun	a step-by-step procedure for solving a problem	☐
7	altruistic	adjective	showing unselfish concern for others	☐
8	ambiguous	adjective	having more than one possible meaning	☐
9	anachronism	noun	something placed in a time period where it does not belong	☐
10	analytical	adjective	using careful reasoning and examination	☐
11	antagonist	noun	a person or force that opposes another	☐
12	anthology	noun	a collection of selected writings or works	☐
13	apocryphal	adjective	of doubtful authenticity, though widely told	☐
14	arbitrary	adjective	based on personal choice rather than a clear reason	☐
15	aristocracy	noun	a privileged ruling class or nobility	☐
16	articulate	verb	to express an idea clearly in words	☐
17	assimilation	noun	the process of becoming part of a larger group or culture	☐
18	audacious	adjective	bold, daring, or willing to take risks	☐
19	benevolent	adjective	kind and generous	☐
20	camaraderie	noun	trust and friendship among people who spend time together	☐
21	capitulate	verb	to surrender or stop resisting	☐
22	catalyst	noun	something that causes or speeds up change	☐
23	cerebral	adjective	related to the brain or intellectual thought	☐
24	charismatic	adjective	having a compelling charm that inspires others	☐
25	circumference	noun	the distance around a circle	☐
26	circumlocution	noun	the use of too many words to express an idea	☐
27	coalescence	noun	the process of coming together to form one whole	☐
28	cognizant	adjective	aware or mindful of something	☐
29	commensurate	adjective	equal or suitable in amount, size, or degree	☐
30	complicity	noun	involvement with others in wrongdoing	☐
31	concentric	adjective	sharing the same center	☐
32	conjecture	noun	an opinion formed without complete proof	☐
33	conscientious	adjective	careful, responsible, and guided by a sense of duty	☐
34	consciousness	noun	awareness of oneself and one's surroundings	☐
35	constituency	noun	the people represented by an elected official	☐
36	corroborate	verb	to support with evidence or confirmation	☐
37	deference	noun	respectful submission to another's judgment or authority	☐
38	deleterious	adjective	harmful or damaging	☐

No.	Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Done
39	demographic	noun	a section of a population with shared traits	☐
40	denouement	noun	the final resolution of a story or situation	☐
41	derivative	adjective	based on or copied from another source	☐
42	deterrence	noun	the act of discouraging action through fear of consequences	☐
43	diaspora	noun	a group of people living outside their ancestral homeland	☐
44	dichotomy	noun	a division between two sharply different things	☐
45	disenfranchise	verb	to take away a person's or group's right to vote or power	☐
46	disingenuous	adjective	not truly honest or sincere	☐
47	disseminate	verb	to spread information widely	☐
48	ecclesiastical	adjective	related to the Christian church or clergy	☐
49	egalitarian	adjective	believing in equal rights and opportunities	☐
50	emancipation	noun	the act of being freed from bondage or control	☐
51	entrepreneurial	adjective	related to starting and managing new businesses	☐
52	epistemology	noun	the study of knowledge and how we know things	☐
53	equilibrium	noun	a balanced or stable state	☐
54	erroneous	adjective	incorrect or mistaken	☐
55	euphemism	noun	a mild word used in place of one that may seem harsh	☐
56	exacerbate	verb	to make a problem worse	☐
57	expository	adjective	intended to explain or describe	☐
58	facsimile	noun	an exact copy or reproduction	☐
59	fiduciary	noun	a person trusted to manage property or money for another	☐
60	fluctuation	noun	a rise and fall or continual change	☐
61	formidable	adjective	causing respect or fear because of great strength or difficulty	☐
62	hegemony	noun	dominance or leadership by one group over others	☐
63	hierarchy	noun	a system in which people or things are ranked	☐
64	homogeneous	adjective	made up of similar parts or kinds	☐
65	hypocrisy	noun	claiming beliefs or standards that one's actions do not match	☐
66	idiosyncrasy	noun	a habit or trait unusual to one person or group	☐
67	illegitimate	adjective	not authorized by law or accepted standards	☐
68	immaculate	adjective	perfectly clean or without flaw	☐
69	imperative	adjective	very important and needing immediate attention	☐
70	impetuous	adjective	acting quickly without enough thought	☐
71	inadvertent	adjective	not done on purpose	☐
72	incontrovertible	adjective	impossible to deny or dispute	☐
73	indigenous	adjective	native to a particular place	☐
74	inevitable	adjective	certain to happen	☐
75	intractable	noun	very difficult to manage or solve	☐
76	interdisciplinary	adjective	combining two or more fields of study	☐
77	intersectionality	noun	the way overlapping identities shape experiences of advantage or harm	☐
78	introspection	noun	the act of examining one's own thoughts and feelings	☐
79	juxtaposition	noun	placing things side by side for comparison	☐
80	kaleidoscope	noun	a tube or pattern that shows changing colors and shapes	☐
81	legislation	noun	laws or the process of making laws	☐
82	legitimacy	noun	the quality of being lawful, valid, or accepted	☐
83	magnanimous	adjective	generous and forgiving, especially toward someone less powerful	☐
84	marginalization	noun	the act of pushing a person or group to the edge of society	☐
85	metamorphosis	noun	a major change in form, structure, or character	☐
86	meticulous	adjective	very careful and precise	☐
87	microcosm	noun	a small example of a larger system	☐
88	misconception	noun	an incorrect idea or understanding	☐
89	negligence	noun	failure to take proper care	☐
90	obsolescence	noun	the process of becoming outdated	☐
91	paradigm	noun	a model, pattern, or way of thinking	☐
92	perseverance	noun	continued effort despite difficulty	☐
93	philanthropy	noun	the practice of giving money or help for public good	☐
94	pragmatic	adjective	practical and focused on results	☐
95	proliferation	noun	a rapid increase in number or amount	☐
96	protagonist	noun	the main character or leading figure	☐
97	reconciliation	noun	the restoration of friendly relations or agreement	☐
98	resilience	noun	the ability to recover after difficulty	☐
99	socioeconomic	adjective	related to social and economic conditions	☐
100	transcendent	adjective	going beyond ordinary limits	☐

Final Family Notes

Thank you for helping FORGE Foundation create a room where children feel brave, prepared, respected, and celebrated. The spelling bee, math moments, poetry, and talent showcases are all part of the same larger goal: helping our children see themselves as thinkers, learners, leaders, and creators.

Questions before the event?

Event Lead	
Registration Contact	
Family Conference Contact	
Email / Phone	

Remember

We are not only handing out trophies. We are building literacy, confidence, self-control, public speaking, educational culture, family partnership, and community pride.

