



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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Spelling Bee 4-6th Elementary Practice Word List

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- The 4-6th Finals on **Monday, December 1, 2025**, will be a **written** competition.
- At the final competition on **Monday, December 1, 2025**, the spell master will read the word, use it in a sentence and then read the word again. Definitions will be provided by the spell master upon request.
- Pronunciations and meanings have been eliminated from this word list to encourage the use of a dictionary, or other sources you deem appropriate.
- The words for Rounds 1 & 2 will be selected from this practice list.

Practice Words

aardvark	abolish	abrupt	abstract
accomplice	accumulate	accusation	achievement
acquittal	acreage	admonish	adobe
adroit	ailment	alfalfa	almond
allow	aloud	amount	angle
ambulance	analyze	ancestor	ancient
angry	answer	anthem	antler
antelope	antenna	antique	anxious
anvil	apex	appeal	apple
apathy	apology	apparel	appetite
application	aptitude	archery	architecture
arduous	argue	armadillo	arrangement
area	army	around	arrest
arrogance	artificial	assembly	assistance
arson	artist	asleep	assume
athletic	atmosphere	attentive	attorney
attend	attract	avid	award
audience	autograph	autumn	avarice
bachelor	baffle	bailiff	bairn
bagel	baggage	bakery	balance
bakery	baleen	ballistics	ballot
balloon	banana	banjo	banner
baloney	banquet	bargain	barometer
barely	basket	battle	beacon
barracks	barrier	believe	benefactor

beautiful	behave	between	bicycle
benefit	betrayal	biography	bison
bigger	birth	birthday	biscuit
bitter	blade	bland	blaze
blanch	blarney	blatant	blunderbuss
board	both	bother	bottle
bolster	bonanza	boundary	bravery
bottom	braid	bread	breeze
breathe	brought	bruise	bulletin
bridge	broil	brother	bruise
bubble	bugle	butter	button
buoyancy	burglar	butcher	cafeteria
cabbage	cactus	camera	camp
calcium	calculator	calendar	calorie
canary	candor	canine	canister
canteen	caprice	carcass	cardiac
career	carnival	cascade	cashew
casket	category	caught	cemetery
certain	chafe	chance	change
changeable	chocolate	chorus	chronic
charm	cheek	chicken	children
choice	cider	clench	client
circuit	cistern	citizen	citrus
clamor	classical	cleaver	closet
climate	climb	close	clothing
clout	clumsy	clutch	coarse
clown	cluster	coach	combat
cobalt	coconut	colander	college
combat	commanding	commission	community
comet	comfort	complain	contain
compartment	concession	condolence	conference

congress	consequence	considerable	constraint
contamination	cornea	corporation	costume
control	corner	cotton	cozy
council	counsel	couplet	coupon
courier	course	courtesy	covenant
covert	cowardice	cowl	crafty
crack	crate	crave	crawl
crazy	creak	creation	credible
creativity	credential	creditor	crisis
cremate	crisp	crown	crude
criteria	criticism	crocodile	crusade
cruel	crust	crutch	cuddle
crutches	cryptic	crystal	cuisine
cultivation	cumulus	cushion	custody
current	dairy	dampen	dance
customary	cuticle	cyclone	daisy
darling	dash	data	daughter
daunt	dawn	dazzle	dealt
debate	delay	desert	deserve
deceit	deceitful	decimal	decoration
decorum	definite	delegate	denominator
density	dependent	desolate	determination
design	diary	difficult	diner
diamond	dictionary	dignity	dilate
dilemma	dilute	diminish	dimple
dinghy	dinosaur	discipline	distinction
dire	discover	disease	dismal
dispute	disturb	divan	divine
division	dogma	doldrums	dolphin
docket	doctor	dodge	dollar
dragon	dream	drift	drool

drought	duct	dungeon	duplicity
duress	dwell	eager	earnest
earth	echo	elect	equal
eccentric	eclipse	ecology	economy
eerie	efface	effective	egotism
elastic	elate	electron	eligible
embarrass	emblem	emerald	employee
endeavor	engineer	enormous	entice
environmental	equator	erosion	eruption
excellent	factory	faint	fairground
experience	exterior	extraordinary	extreme
faucet	fault	favorite	fawn
fauna	federation	fertilize	flamingo
feather	fence	fervor	fever
fiction	field	fiery	finger
finish	flavor	fleet	flesh
flammable	fleece	flexible	flimsy
flippant	fluency	foliage	foreign
flock	flower	follow	fortune
foreman	forfeit	forgery	fortress
forty	forward	fossil	foul
fowl	foyer	fraction	frail
fracas	fragrance	fraud	frightening
frame	fresh	fret	frill
frock	frost	froth	frown
frontier	frugal	functional	funeral
fruit	fungus	future	gale
gasp	gelatin	general	genius
geometry	geyser	gigantic	giraffe
glacier	glossary	gnarled	gnaw
glitz	gloat	gloomy	glower

gnash	gnaw	gobble	goblin
gooey	gorilla	gossip	gracious
goofy	gorge	gout	gown
graduation	graft	granary	granular
graphic	gratuity	grief	guardian
grocer	grove	growth	guard
guest	gym	hamster	happen
habitat	hatchet	heredity	hesitate
harbor	harden	hare	harmony
harpoon	harsh	hawk	hazel
hazy	headlight	heal	hidden
history	hitch	homework	honor
hour	however	howl	hula
human	hurl	illness	image
humorous	hurrah	hustle	hybrid
hydrant	hyena	hyphen	hypnotist
illusion	immediate	immigrant	imperfection
impact	important	indent	issue
impertinence	incisor	incubator	influence
inheritance	inhibition	inscribe	interrupt
interview	irrational	island	jacket
italics	itch	item	ivy
jaguar	janitor	jaunty	javelin
janitor	jiggle	jockey	joyful
jittery	journal	justify	kidnap
juice	jungle	kidnap	kindness
kinship	kiosk	kitchen	knee
knell	knight	knob	know
knickers	koala	laceration	lament
labor	lantern	larva	laugh
latitude	launch	laundry	lecture

lawyer	leader	least	lecture
ledge	legal	lentil	lettuce
level	limb	listen	locust
lodge	loft	loiter	loll
lonely	loose	loot	lotus
lounge	lout	loyal	lucid
lubricate	luminous	lumber	lunch
luxury	mafia	major	mallet
magician	malign	manacle	marriage
marble	market	maven	mellow
mattress	measure	merchant	mermaid
memory	mention	method	middle
mesa	metallic	mileage	militia
million	minute	mirror	mission
miniature	minority	moderation	modesty
moist	moonlight	motto	mound
molar	molasses	mollusk	monarch
morale	mournful	multiply	mundane
mouse	movable	mumble	myself
munitions	muscular	musician	mustache
mutilate	mystical	mythology	naughty
narrow	native	needle	newspaper
nausea	navigation	nebula	nematode
nemesis	neonate	nephew	neutralize
niche	nocuous	nominee	notary
north	notation	notch	notice
notion	novel	nozzle	nudge
novice	nucleus	nuisance	numerator
null	numb	number	nurse
nutrition	oath	obedient	oblige
oblivion	obscene	obscure	obstinate

obvious	occasion	occupation	octagon
octave	offend	office	often
odious	ominous	opportunity	oppressive
olive	omit	ooze	opera
operate	opponent	oppose	opus
oral	orange	organ	ounce
oration	orchid	ordain	ordeal
orphan	ovation	parachute	parakeet
palace	panel	panic	pansy
parallel	parasite	parlor	parochial
passion	payment	pear	pebble
pavilion	peculiar	performance	perimeter
penalty	pencil	pension	people
persuade	pertinent	phrase	piano
picnic	picture	plane	planet
pigeon	pioneer	pious	plague
platform	plenty	pliers	plot
platitude	plaza	pliable	poetry
pluck	plume	plunder	ply
podium	polite	pollen	porch
pollute	porridge	portrait	possess
position	possible	potent	pound
possum	potency	poverty	prairie
power	prepare	pressure	pretzel
precaution	predator	predicament	premiere
presage	pretense	principal	probe
primary	prize	proud	province
protein	provoke	prowl	prune
pry	public	pulley	pulp
pumpkin	punctual	punish	purple
pursuit	quantity	quarrel	quay

quest	question	quiet	quit
quite	quiver	rabbit	radiant
quotient	radiance	radioactive	raiment
radio	radius	raft	railroad
raise	rally	rancid	ransom
raptor	rascal	reach	receive
reconcile	referee	regulation	reign
reinforce	relapse	relevant	reliable
rejoice	rescue	retina	ribbon
reluctant	remedial	reminder	remodel
rendition	replenish	residence	resilient
resolution	respectfully	restaurant	restoration
rhyme	rivalry	rough	royalty
riddle	ridge	rifle	rift
rigid	rotten	royal	rubbish
ruffle	runt	rupture	sadness
safely	sauce	sauna	savage
salve	satellite	savannah	saxophone
scald	scandal	scanty	school
scandal	scrimmage	secretary	seize
scream	screen	script	season
severe	shampoo	shelter	shepherd
sheen	shield	shiny	shipwreck
shield	shoat	shrewd	shyster
shirk	shock	shore	shrug
sidewalk	sign	silent	silt
simmer	singe	sinus	siren
simulate	singularity	sinister	sirloin
smoke	smooth	smug	snatch
snide	solid	solution	someone
solemn	somersault	soprano	speculation

sore	sour	source	spare
sparkle	spicy	sponge	spool
spout	sprig	spurt	squeal
squawk	stadium	stagnant	stallion
starve	state	station	stench
sticky	stillness	strange	stream
subtraction	suffix	summary	superb
sunlight	suppose	swallow	swift
surgeon	sweater	syllable	symbol
synonym	tapestry	taut	tawdry
teacher	telephone	therefore	thrash
telescope	temperature	thermostat	thesis
thoughtless	thousand	thrive	throne
toast	tolerable	topaz	tooth
torpedo	torrid	tortuous	toxin
touch	toward	traffic	tragic
transmission	transparent	travel	tremor
trespass	trickery	trophy	trough
truly	trumpet	trust	turtle
tweezers	twice	twilight	twinge
twinkle	twirlers	twist	tycoon
typhoid	typhoon	typify	tyrant
ultrasonic	umbilical	understand	uniformity
unify	unison	upheaval	urbane
urchin	usher	usurp	utility
utmost	utopian	utter	vacancy
vacation	vagrant	valiant	valley
value	valve	vanilla	vanity
vanquish	vapor	vaporize	variant
varnish	vast	vault	veal
vendor	veneer	venom	venomous

verbal	verge	verve	vessel
veto	vial	vibrate	vibration
vicar	vicinity	victor	villain
violation	virtue	virus	visionary
visitor	vitamin	volcano	volunteer
vowel	waffle	wallet	waltz
wander	warbler	warranty	watermelon
wealth	weary	weather	weigh
weird	welcome	wharf	whiff
whimper	windshield	winnow	wizard
woodland	woolen	worrisome	worry
worsen	worth	wrath	wreath
wreck	wrestler	wretched	wrinkle
wrist	write	wrong	wrung
yacht	yearn	yeast	yeoman
yesterday	yoga	yogurt	yowl
yucky	zany	zeal	zenith
zinc	zinnia	zone	zucchini