

# Indiana Academic Spell Bowl Elementary Division 2023 Word List



1. abacus
2. abalone
3. abdomen
4. abhorred
5. abominate
6. absence
7. absorption
8. accelerate
9. accessory
10. accommodate
11. accomplish
12. accustomed
13. achievable
14. acknowledge
15. acquaintance
16. acreage
17. acrylic
18. actually
19. additional
20. adherence
21. Adirondack chair
22. administer
23. adventuresome
24. aerobatics
25. aesthetically
26. afghan
27. afraid
28. aggravate
29. agronomist
30. airmail
31. Alaska
32. Albuquerque
33. Algonquin
34. alkaline
35. allege
36. almost
37. alphabetical
38. alto
39. Amarillo
40. Amazon River
41. amendment
42. amino acid
43. amplifier
44. anarchy
45. Andes Mountains
46. antarctic circle
47. antibiotic
48. anticlimax
49. antihistamine
50. antiquated
51. anxious
52. apartment
53. apologize
54. appearance
55. applesauce
56. appreciation
57. apron strings
58. arbitration
59. arch
60. archosaur
61. argument
62. Arkansas
63. armadillos
64. article
65. assistant
66. assurance
67. astonish
68. asymptomatic
69. atmosphere
70. atrium
71. Australia
72. autopsy
73. avalanche
74. aviary
75. awkward
76. bachelor
77. baguette
78. bankruptcy
79. barbaric
80. barefoot
81. baritone
82. barrette
83. basketball
84. battalion
85. beaker
86. because
87. beginner
88. begonia
89. Belgium
90. bellybutton
91. benevolence
92. bicycle
93. binary numbers
94. biochemist
95. birthmark
96. Blarney Castle
97. blockade
98. bobsledding
99. bonsai
100. bottom-line
101. bouquet
102. bowling
103. brachiopod
104. briefly
105. Britain
106. Buckingham Palace
107. bureau
108. burial
109. bury
110. butterflies
111. Calcutta
112. callous
113. candidate
114. canine
115. capillaries
116. carbon monoxide
117. carousel
118. catapult
119. cattail
120. ceiling
121. celebrities
122. cellulose
123. census
124. ceremonies
125. challenging
126. chameleon
127. chaos
128. characteristic
129. cherish
130. Chicago
131. chimpanzee
132. choir
133. choreography
134. chronicle
135. chrysanthemum
136. circulation
137. circumstances
138. citation
139. civilize
140. classify
141. clientele
142. cockleshell
143. coffee cake
144. collar
145. college
146. colonialism
147. colony
148. combustion
149. commodity
150. commute

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 151. complaining    | 201. design           | 251. extravagance       |
| 152. complimentary  | 202. desperate        | 252. Fahrenheit         |
| 153. compression    | 203. detour           | 253. familiarity        |
| 154. concede        | 204. diesel           | 254. fascinating        |
| 155. conceive       | 205. different        | 255. fathom             |
| 156. concentration  | 206. diligence        | 256. fault              |
| 157. condemn        | 207. diminished       | 257. favorite           |
| 158. conducting     | 208. diplomacy        | 258. fiberglass         |
| 159. conductor      | 209. direction        | 259. fidgety            |
| 160. confidence     | 210. disappointment   | 260. finalizing         |
| 161. congratulate   | 211. discover         | 261. firefighter        |
| 162. congress       | 212. discrepancy      | 262. flag day           |
| 163. congruent      | 213. discussion       | 263. flamingo           |
| 164. conjunctivitis | 214. disposition      | 264. floppy             |
| 165. connoisseur    | 215. distributing     | 265. flourished         |
| 166. consensus      | 216. doesn't          | 266. fluorescence       |
| 167. Constantinople | 217. dramatic         | 267. forcefully         |
| 168. constitution   | 218. dubious          | 268. forget-me-not      |
| 169. contagious     | 219. duplex apartment | 269. formula            |
| 170. continual      | 220. earache          | 270. Fort Wayne         |
| 171. control        | 221. easel            | 271. fossil             |
| 172. convenience    | 222. echo             | 272. fourth             |
| 173. copywriter     | 223. ecstatic         | 273. fragment           |
| 174. corporal       | 224. efficiency       | 274. freedom            |
| 175. corsage        | 225. eighth           | 275. friend             |
| 176. cougar         | 226. electronic       | 276. fundamental        |
| 177. couldn't       | 227. eleventh         | 277. galaxy             |
| 178. cousin         | 228. eliminating      | 278. gardener           |
| 179. criminal       | 229. emancipated      | 279. gaudy              |
| 180. critic         | 230. emphasize        | 280. gearshift          |
| 181. croquet        | 231. emphysema        | 281. gelatin            |
| 182. cross-legged   | 232. employment       | 282. generator          |
| 183. crustacean     | 233. enchanted        | 283. genuine            |
| 184. cucumber       | 234. encouraging      | 284. gerbil             |
| 185. cupid          | 235. endorsement      | 285. ghostly            |
| 186. current        | 236. enormous         | 286. glacier            |
| 187. curvature      | 237. epidemic         | 287. glorify            |
| 188. cushion        | 238. equation         | 288. gnash              |
| 189. cut-and-dried  | 239. equivalent       | 289. gnu                |
| 190. cymbal         | 240. erosion          | 290. good-humored       |
| 191. dachshund      | 241. establish        | 291. governor           |
| 192. debut          | 242. etymology        | 292. Grand Canyon       |
| 193. decathlon      | 243. Euphrates        | 293. granule            |
| 194. deciduous      | 244. exceeded         | 294. gravitation        |
| 195. decoupage      | 245. except           | 295. Gregorian calendar |
| 196. deferred       | 246. exclamation      | 296. greyhound          |
| 197. delicatessen   | 247. exhaust          | 297. grieve             |
| 198. demonstration  | 248. existence        | 298. gruff              |
| 199. derailleur     | 249. expensive        | 299. guinea             |
| 200. describe       | 250. exporting        | 300. Gulf Stream        |



301. habitat  
302. halite  
303. handlebars  
304. Hanukkah  
305. harpsichord  
306. Hawaiian Islands  
307. hedgehog  
308. heirloom  
309. hemisphere  
310. hereditary  
311. herringbone  
312. hiccup  
313. high-rise  
314. historically  
315. homemaker  
316. homograph  
317. horizontal  
318. Hubble  
319. humiliation  
320. hurdling  
321. hydrant  
322. hygiene  
323. hypnosis  
324. identical  
325. ignition  
326. Illinois  
327. illustrator  
328. imitator  
329. immersion  
330. imperative  
331. imposition  
332. impulse  
333. inanimate  
334. inconvenience  
335. indelible  
336. industrial revolution  
337. inevitable  
338. inflate  
339. innocence  
340. inquiry  
341. instead  
342. intelligence  
343. interruption  
344. intrigue  
345. invertebrate  
356. ion  
347. irreplaceable  
348. irritable  
349. Jacques Cousteau  
350. jealous  
351. jet-propelled  
352. journey  
353. jubilation  
354. judgment  
355. Julian  
356. justifiable  
357. kayak  
358. Kilimanjaro  
359. kindling  
360. kingfisher  
361. knoll  
362. labeling  
363. lagoon  
364. language  
365. larynx  
366. lassos  
367. legible  
368. legitimate  
369. leniency  
370. library  
371. lichen  
372. lifeguard  
373. limousine  
374. listening  
375. litmus  
376. livelihood  
377. location  
378. longhouse  
379. lose  
380. Louisville  
381. luminescent  
382. Luxembourg  
383. Macedonia  
384. maestro  
385. magnificent  
386. majestic  
387. make-believe  
388. maneuver  
389. manifestation  
390. manuscript  
391. marvel  
392. marvelous  
393. masquerade  
394. mattresses  
395. medevac  
396. medieval  
397. megalopolis  
398. melodic  
399. melody  
400. memorandum  
401. memory  
402. merchandise  
403. meter maid  
404. metropolis  
405. mezzanine  
406. microscope  
407. midnight  
408. militia  
409. million  
410. mineral  
411. miniature  
412. miscellaneous  
413. misinterpreted  
414. Missouri  
415. moderator  
416. mollusk  
417. monitor  
418. monopolized  
419. monstrosity  
420. morale  
421. mosaic  
422. mouth  
423. multitude  
424. myopic  
425. naive  
426. nanosecond  
427. Natchez Trace  
428. nativity  
429. naught  
430. navigable  
431. Nebraska  
432. needlepoint  
433. neighbor  
434. nervy  
435. Nevada  
436. newsletter  
437. nickel  
438. nighttime  
439. ninth  
440. nocturnal  
441. nonconformist  
442. nonfiction  
443. nonsense  
444. Norwegian  
445. nucleus  
446. numeral  
447. neurologist  
448. nutritious  
449. oath  
450. obsidian

451. oblige  
452. oboe  
453. occurrence  
454. octahedron  
455. odoriferous  
456. Ohio  
457. Oklahoma City  
458. olfaction  
459. omelet  
460. once  
461. opinion  
462. optometrist  
463. ordinal number  
464. organism  
465. originality  
466. ovation  
467. overjoyed  
468. pacifier  
469. palace  
470. panache  
471. panhandle  
472. paprika  
473. parachutist  
474. paragraph  
475. paralyzed  
476. parliament  
477. particular  
478. pasteurization  
479. pasture  
480. patient  
481. Paul Bunyan  
482. peculiar  
483. pedestrian  
484. pennies  
485. per capita  
486. percussion  
487. perforation  
488. perilous  
489. perished  
490. perpendicular  
491. perseverance  
492. persistent  
493. persuade  
494. petiole  
495. pharmaceutical  
496. pharynx  
497. phylum  
498. picturesque  
499. pigeon  
500. pineapple
501. piranha  
502. plaintiff  
503. platypus  
504. pleasantry  
505. policeman  
506. pollination  
507. population  
508. portfolio  
509. position  
510. postage-stamp  
511. poultry  
512. practice  
513. precalculus  
514. precise  
515. predicted  
516. preferred  
517. premiere  
518. prevalent  
519. printout  
520. prism  
521. probably  
522. processional  
523. procrastinate  
524. programmatic  
525. promontory  
526. pronunciation  
527. proposition  
528. protagonist  
529. pulmonary  
530. purchase  
531. puritan  
532. Pyrenees Mountains  
533. quadruplicate  
534. quality  
535. quarrel  
536. quartet  
537. quest  
538. quiche  
539. quill  
540. quitter  
541. quivering  
542. quizzical  
543. quorum  
544. racquet  
545. raising  
546. ransack  
547. rationalize  
548. readily  
549. realism  
550. reasonable
551. receive  
552. recognized  
553. rectangle  
554. redeemer  
555. reference  
556. reflection  
557. refrigerator  
558. regiment  
559. regular  
560. rehearsal  
561. reliability  
562. relief  
563. remarkable  
564. remnant  
565. rendezvous  
566. repellent  
567. representative  
568. rescue  
569. reservoir  
570. respiration  
571. restoring  
572. reunite  
573. reversible  
574. rhinestone  
575. rhomboid  
576. rhyme  
577. rhythmical  
578. ridicule  
579. rigid  
580. rivalrous  
581. rocket  
582. Roman numeral  
583. runner-up  
584. Rwanda  
585. sachet  
586. Saginaw Bay  
587. San Francisco  
588. sanctuary  
589. sanitarium  
590. sarcasm  
591. satellite  
592. satisfactory  
593. savanna  
594. scanty  
595. scenario  
596. schilling  
597. schooner  
598. scrapbook  
599. scrimshaw  
600. scrutinized



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| 601. sea urchin     | 651. surprise          | 701. unyielding        |
| 602. secret         | 652. survival          | 702. up-to-date        |
| 603. self-conscious | 653. Switzerland       | 703. Ursa Major        |
| 604. senate         | 654. symphony          | 704. vaccination       |
| 605. sensibility    | 655. synopsis          | 705. vacuumed          |
| 606. September      | 656. tae kwon do       | 706. Valentine's Day   |
| 607. sergeant       | 657. talkative         | 707. vanishing         |
| 608. seventeenth    | 658. tangible          | 708. varnish           |
| 609. she'll         | 659. tarantula         | 709. vehement          |
| 610. Shenandoah     | 660. tax-exempt        | 710. venom             |
| 611. shirring       | 661. temporarily       | 711. verbatim          |
| 612. shouldn't      | 662. Tennessee         | 712. veterinarian      |
| 613. Siamese        | 663. terra-cotta       | 713. vicarious         |
| 614. siesta         | 664. testament         | 714. vicious           |
| 615. signet ring    | 665. therapeutic       | 715. viewpoint         |
| 616. silhouette     | 666. thimble           | 716. villain           |
| 617. similarity     | 667. thirteenth        | 717. vineyard          |
| 618. singular       | 668. thoroughbred      | 718. visitor           |
| 619. smoldered      | 669. three-dimensional | 719. volatile          |
| 620. snapdragon     | 670. thumb             | 720. voracious         |
| 621. snorkel        | 671. Thursday          | 721. vulture           |
| 622. software       | 672. timberline        | 722. wallaby           |
| 623. solemnness     | 673. timpani           | 723. walnut            |
| 624. soluble        | 674. Tippecanoe River  | 724. water moccasin    |
| 625. soprano        | 675. titanium          | 725. watermelon        |
| 626. soup du jour   | 676. tonsillitis       | 726. wax museum        |
| 627. spacecraft     | 677. tornado           | 727. Wednesday         |
| 628. Spanish Armada | 678. torque            | 728. well-informed     |
| 629. species        | 679. tortellini        | 729. West Virginia     |
| 630. spectator      | 680. transcontinental  | 730. whimper           |
| 631. spinnaker      | 681. transistor        | 731. whippersnapper    |
| 632. spontaneity    | 682. treasury          | 732. whistle           |
| 633. squamous       | 683. triathlon         | 733. wilderness        |
| 634. stabilizer     | 684. tributary         | 734. Windsor           |
| 635. stalagmite     | 685. tricuspid         | 735. wondered          |
| 636. statistics     | 686. trivial           | 736. wordmonger        |
| 637. sterilization  | 687. troublesome       | 737. worthwhile        |
| 638. stingray       | 688. tumbleweed        | 738. wrapper           |
| 639. strategist     | 689. turmoil           | 739. wrought iron      |
| 640. stretched      | 690. tuxedos           | 740. Wyoming           |
| 641. studious       | 691. twiddle           | 741. Yangtze River     |
| 642. stylish        | 692. typically         | 742. yawning           |
| 643. submarine      | 693. ukulele           | 743. yield             |
| 644. substantial    | 694. umiak             | 744. Yugoslavia        |
| 645. suburbanize    | 695. unanimous         | 745. Yom Kippur        |
| 646. suffrage       | 696. uncanny           | 746. Yucatan Peninsula |
| 647. sulfur         | 697. undebatable       | 747. Zambezi River     |
| 748. supersede      | 698. unicycle          | 748. zenith            |
| 649. superiority    | 699. unpredictable     | 749. zirconium         |
| 650. supersonic     | 700. unsavory          | 750. ziti              |

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