

# Indiana Academic Spell Bowl Elementary Division 2012 Word List



1. abbreviate
2. Aberdeen
3. able-bodied
4. aborigine
5. absenteeism
6. abundant
7. accede
8. accessibility
9. accident
10. accompanied
11. according
12. accuse
13. achieve
14. achromatic
15. acoustics
16. acropolis
17. actuality
18. acute
19. adequately
20. adjective
21. administrator
22. adolescent
23. advantage
24. adversary
25. Aegean
26. aerospace
27. affiliated
28. Africa
29. aggravating
30. agreeable
31. airborne
32. Alabama
33. albacore
34. Aleutian Islands
35. Alhambra
36. allemande
37. allowance
38. Alps
39. aluminum
40. amateur
41. amber
42. American Samoa
43. amnesia
44. amusement park
45. ancestor
46. anemometer
47. angle
48. announcement
49. anonymous
50. antenna
51. anticipation
52. anti-inflammatory
53. antisocial
54. aphid
55. apostle
56. apparatus
57. appetite
58. appointment
59. approximately
60. Aquarius
61. arboretum
62. archetype
63. arctic fox
64. arithmetic
65. artichoke
66. asbestos
67. asphalt
68. assortment
69. astigmatism
70. asylum
71. Attucks
72. atmospheric
73. audience
74. aunt
75. author
76. autonomous
77. avenge
78. baboon
79. bacteria
80. balance
81. balloon
82. banana
83. barracuda
84. basically
85. Bastille Day
86. bauxite
87. beagle
88. beautifully
89. beetle
90. behaviorism
91. believable
92. beneficiary
93. Bering Strait
94. biannual
95. bicuspid
96. binary
97. biographer
98. bivalve
99. blizzard
100. boa constrictor
101. boll weevil
102. Bordeaux
103. boutique
104. brabble
105. braillewriter
106. bridal
107. brilliant
108. broccoli
109. browse
110. buffet
111. burglarize
112. burros
113. butterfly
114. cacao
115. calculator
116. calisthenics
117. camouflage
118. candelabra
119. capitalism
120. carbohydrate
121. Caribbean Sea
122. carnivorous
123. cartographer
124. Caspian Sea
125. cataloging
126. cathedral
127. cedar
128. cello
129. censor
130. cerebellum
131. challenge
132. changeable
133. character
134. chateau
135. cheddar
136. Cheyenne
137. Chihuahua
138. chocolate
139. choral
140. circular
141. cirrus
142. civilization
143. classification
144. cleanse
145. clipper
146. cloverleaf
147. cochlea
148. coincidence
149. collateral
150. collegiate

151. colonization  
152. Columbus  
153. combative  
154. command  
155. committee  
156. communicable  
157. companionship  
158. compelling  
159. completion  
160. composition  
161. continental  
162. convenient  
163. convincingly  
164. copyright  
165. cornea  
166. corrosion  
167. cotyledon  
168. council  
169. courteous  
170. crease  
171. crescendo  
172. criticize  
173. Cro-Magnon  
174. cross-grained  
175. crouton  
176. cumulonimbus  
177. currant  
178. cursor  
179. custom  
180. cyclone  
181. Czechoslovakia  
182. dandelion  
183. debonair  
184. decanter  
185. deceived  
186. decipher  
187. defense  
188. dehydration  
189. delirious  
190. demarcation  
191. deprivation  
192. derringer  
193. descend  
194. despair  
195. desert  
196. dessert  
197. develop  
198. dilemma  
199. dimension  
200. diorama

201. disappear  
202. disarmament  
203. disconnected  
204. discovery  
205. disguise  
206. dispelled  
207. dissipate  
208. diversity  
209. domestic  
210. doubt  
211. drawbridge  
212. dulcimer  
213. duplication  
214. eavesdropper  
215. echolocation  
216. economist  
217. efficient  
218. eighteen-wheeler  
219. elaborate  
220. electrocution  
221. elimination  
222. embarrass  
223. emergency  
224. emphasized  
225. endeavor  
226. enigma  
227. ensign  
228. enunciate  
229. epiglottis  
230. equinox  
231. ergonomics  
232. escalator  
233. esophagus  
234. estimation  
235. everlasting  
236. exaggerated  
237. exceed  
238. exception  
239. excursion  
240. exercise  
241. exhaustion  
242. exorbitant  
243. expansion  
244. explanation  
245. exterior  
246. extraordinary  
247. fair-weather  
248. falsify  
249. fantasia  
250. fastuous

251. February  
252. fertilizer  
253. fictitious  
254. fiercest  
255. filet mignon  
256. financial  
257. first sergeant  
258. flirtatious  
259. floriferous  
260. fluorescent  
261. forecast  
262. forester  
263. formerly  
264. fortified  
265. fortunately  
266. fossiliferous  
267. Fourth of July  
268. frankfurter  
269. freesia  
270. frittata  
271. fumble  
272. furlough  
273. futuristic  
274. galloping  
275. gargoyle  
276. genesis  
277. geologic  
278. geothermal  
279. geyser  
280. gimmick  
281. glengarry  
282. gloxinia  
283. gnaw  
284. gracious  
285. grateful  
286. great-aunt  
287. grievous  
288. grotesque  
289. Guadalajara  
290. guidance  
291. hacienda  
292. Halloween  
293. handsome  
294. haphazard  
295. harmonious  
296. Hawaii  
297. height  
298. heliport  
299. herbivorous  
300. hermit



301. hexagon  
 302. highway robbery  
 303. hippopotamus  
 304. hoarseness  
 305. hologram  
 306. homestead  
 307. honeysuckle  
 308. horsepower  
 309. Hot Springs  
 310. humanitarianism  
 311. humorist  
 312. huskiness  
 313. hydraulic  
 314. hygienist  
 315. hypodermic  
 316. hysterical  
 317. illustrated  
 318. imagination  
 319. immediately  
 320. immigration  
 321. impartial  
 322. imperialism  
 323. impossible  
 324. inadvertent  
 325. incidentally  
 326. inconsistent  
 327. incubator  
 328. indispensable  
 329. industrious  
 330. inferior  
 331. influenza  
 332. injured  
 333. inoculate  
 334. insolvent  
 335. instantaneously  
 336. integrity  
 337. intention  
 338. intercontinental  
 339. intermittent  
 340. interrupt  
 341. intravenous  
 342. inviable  
 343. iridescent  
 344. irrigation  
 345. isle  
 346. isthmus  
 347. Jacksonville  
 348. jelly  
 349. jeopardy  
 350. jinx  
 351. jostle  
 352. jubilee  
 353. judicial  
 354. justice  
 355. kaleidoscope  
 356. kilowatt  
 357. kinetic  
 358. knead  
 359. knit  
 360. knotting  
 361. koala  
 362. kumquat  
 363. Lafayette  
 364. landscaper  
 365. laryngitis  
 366. laudatory  
 367. league  
 368. legislative  
 369. legume  
 370. leopard  
 371. Lhasa apso  
 372. lieutenant  
 373. lightening  
 374. limerick  
 375. linoleum  
 376. literature  
 377. locomotor  
 378. longitude  
 379. loudspeaker  
 380. loyalist  
 381. luggage  
 382. luncheon  
 383. lymph node  
 384. macaroon  
 385. magazine  
 386. magnolia  
 387. maintenance  
 388. majority  
 389. malfunction  
 390. Mammoth Cave  
 391. mannequin  
 392. marathon  
 393. maritime  
 394. martial  
 395. mascot  
 396. matador  
 397. matter-of-fact  
 398. meanwhile  
 399. mediator  
 400. mediocre  
 401. melodious  
 402. memento  
 403. Mercator  
 404. meringue  
 405. mesosphere  
 406. meteoroid  
 407. metronome  
 408. Middle East  
 409. mileage  
 410. milliliter  
 411. minimum  
 412. miraculous  
 413. misfortune  
 414. misunderstood  
 415. moccasin  
 416. molecule  
 417. monastery  
 418. monocot  
 419. monotonous  
 420. monstrous  
 421. moraine  
 422. mortgage  
 423. mosquitoes  
 424. municipal  
 425. musician  
 426. myogenic  
 427. narcolepsy  
 428. nauseous  
 429. nebula  
 430. negligible  
 431. nephew  
 432. neutrality  
 433. Niagara Falls  
 434. nightingale  
 435. nineteenth  
 436. nominee  
 437. nonrefundable  
 438. noun  
 439. novelty  
 440. nuclear  
 441. numerical  
 442. nutrient  
 443. oasis  
 444. obituary  
 445. obligation  
 446. obnoxious  
 447. obstacle course  
 448. occupation  
 449. oceanographer  
 450. old-fashioned



451. opaque  
452. opossum  
453. oppression  
454. orbit  
455. ordinary  
456. orient  
457. ornament  
458. ostrich  
459. oxygen  
460. Padre Island  
461. paleontologist  
462. paltry  
463. pancreas  
464. papaya  
465. paralysis  
466. parentheses  
467. parliamentarian  
468. partition  
469. past participle  
470. pastoral  
471. patience  
472. patrolling  
473. peaceable  
474. peculiarity  
475. pedigree  
476. pennant  
477. peppermint  
478. perennial  
479. perimeter  
480. permanent  
481. persistence  
482. personality  
483. persuaded  
484. petrified  
485. pharaoh  
486. pheasant  
487. phosphorescence  
488. physician  
489. piece  
490. pilot  
491. pioneer  
492. placate  
493. plaque  
494. play-off  
495. pliable  
496. poignant  
497. policies  
498. polygon  
499. pommel horse  
500. porpoise

501. possess  
502. potential  
503. pragmatic  
504. precaution  
505. precipitation  
506. predicament  
507. predictable  
508. preference  
509. prescription  
510. pretentious  
511. prima ballerina  
512. privilege  
513. procedure  
514. proclaim  
515. profession  
516. prominent  
517. pronoun  
518. propulsion  
519. providence  
520. psychology  
521. pueblo  
522. punctuality  
523. pursue  
524. python  
525. quadrennial  
526. qualified  
527. quantitative  
528. quarrelsome  
529. quasar  
530. quesadilla  
531. quibbled  
532. quiet  
533. quite  
534. quizzes  
535. quotient  
536. rabies  
537. radiation  
538. raffia  
539. ramshackle  
540. raspberry  
541. reality  
542. rebellion  
543. receptor  
544. reciprocal  
545. recommend  
546. recorder  
547. redeem  
548. reelect  
549. refinish  
550. refraction

551. region  
552. rehabilitate  
553. reindeer  
554. relevant  
555. religion  
556. remembrance  
557. removed  
558. repeatedly  
559. replied  
560. rescind  
561. reservation  
562. residual  
563. resonant  
564. restoration  
565. retrieval  
566. revolving  
567. riboflavin  
568. rigatoni  
569. righteous  
570. rival  
571. robot  
572. rodeos  
573. ruffian  
574. saber-toothed  
575. salamander  
576. Salt Lake City  
577. San Antonio  
578. sanitize  
579. sarong  
580. saffron  
581. satisfaction  
582. sauerkraut  
583. scandalous  
584. scarecrow  
585. scenery  
586. scheme  
587. scholastic  
588. scrabble  
589. scribbler  
590. scrutinize  
591. sculpture  
592. sedimentary  
593. seismometer  
594. self-reliance  
595. senatorial  
596. sensitivity  
597. sequentially  
598. service  
599. sharecropper  
600. shepherd



601. shimmer	651. synonym	701. upholstery
602. shoal	652. Taipei	702. uranium
603. shriek	653. tapestry	703. vacancy
604. siege	654. tariff	704. vacillate
605. sieve	655. tastier	705. vagabond
606. significance	656. teakwood	706. valiant
607. silverware	657. technique	707. vane
608. simultaneous	658. tenacious	708. variety
609. sister-in-law	659. tenor	709. vault
610. sleigh	660. teriyaki	710. vein
611. smudge	661. terrier	711. Venezuela
612. society	662. theatrical	712. ventilation
613. soldier	663. thermostat	713. veracity
614. solitude	664. thievery	714. versatility
615. sousaphone	665. thistle	715. vestibule
616. spacious	666. thoroughfare	716. vibration
617. Spanish moss	667. threshold	717. vicinity
618. specific	668. throttle	718. videoconferencing
619. spectrum	669. thunderous	719. vigorous
620. sphere	670. thwart	720. vociferously
621. splashdown	671. tiger salamander	721. voluntarily
622. spontaneous	672. tirade	722. vulnerable
623. sprinkler	673. tobacco	723. wampum
624. squid	674. tomatoes	724. wasted
625. stanza	675. topiary	725. water-repellent
626. stationary	676. tortilla	726. wearisome
627. statue	677. trachea	727. weird
628. stingy	678. traipse	728. whimsical
629. straight angle	679. transfusion	729. whirlpool
630. strategy	680. transversal	730. whitening
631. strength	681. treacherous	731. wholly
632. stretch	682. trepidation	732. wild sarsaparilla
633. struggle	683. triangulate	733. wildebeest
634. stupendous	684. triceratops	734. wolverine
635. subdivision	685. triggerfish	735. woodchuck
636. subpoena	686. Tropic of Cancer	736. World Series
637. subtraction	687. trough	737. would
638. succeed	688. trustworthy	738. wrench
639. sufferance	689. tundra	739. xylophone
640. suite	690. typical	740. yardstick
641. summery	691. Ukrainian	741. Yiddish
642. superior	692. ultrasound	742. yodel
643. supersede	693. umbrella	743. yolk
644. surpass	694. unanimously	744. your
645. surveyor	695. uncivilized	745. you're
646. suspense	696. underrate	746. Zaire
647. sweet	697. unforgettable	747. zephyr
648. swivel	698. unimaginable	748. zircon
649. syllabus	699. university	749. zoology
650. sympathy	700. unscrupulous	750. zwieback

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