Grades 1–2 Spelling Bee Words

Round 1: short vowels, blends and digraphs (the easiest)

shell — the hard outside cover of an egg, nut or sea animal

frog — a small green animal that hops and lives near water

plant — a living thing that grows in soil, like a flower or tree

crab — a sea animal with a hard shell and two big claws

sled — a flat seat you ride to slide down snowy hills

nest — a home that a bird builds out of twigs and grass

ship — a very big boat that sails on the sea

fish — an animal with fins that lives and swims in water

duck — a bird with webbed feet and a flat bill that swims

clock — a machine that shows what time it is

chin — the part of your face below your mouth

thick — wide or deep from one side to the other

swim — to move through water using your arms and legs

black — having the darkest color, like the night sky

spill — to let something run out of a cup or pan by mistake

stick — a thin piece of wood from a tree

bench — a long seat for two or more people

skunk — a black and white animal that can make a bad smell

bath — a wash in a tub full of water

stack — a neat pile of things, one on top of another

glass — a cup made of a hard clear material you can see through

grass — a green plant with thin leaves that covers lawns

cliff — a high, steep wall of rock

crib — a small bed with high sides for a baby

twig — a small, thin stick from a tree

belt — a strip you wear around your waist to hold up pants

milk — a white drink that comes from cows

desk — a table where you sit to read, write or work

path — a narrow trail for walking

cloth — soft material made by weaving threads together

crisp — firm and dry so it makes a crunch when you bite it

stretch — to make your body long by reaching out your arms and legs

sketch — a quick, simple drawing

chess — a board game where each player tries to trap the other player's king

think — to use your mind to work something out

spend — to use money to pay for things

wish — to want something very much

dish — a plate or bowl for food

sting — to hurt with a sharp point, like a bee does

swing — a seat hung on ropes or chains that moves back and forth

string — a thin cord used to tie things

spring — the time of year after winter when flowers grow

hand — the part at the end of your arm with fingers

web — a net of thin threads that a spider spins

egg — a round thing laid by a bird that a chick hatches from

drink — to swallow water, milk or juice

bring — to carry something with you to a place

shrub — a small bush with many stems

thank — to tell someone you are glad for what they did

chest — a big strong box with a lid for keeping things

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Round 2: silent e and vowel teams

boat — a small ship that floats and carries people on water

green — having the color of grass and leaves

train — a line of railroad cars pulled by an engine

cake — a sweet baked food, often eaten at parties

rake — a garden tool with a long handle and teeth for leaves

rope — a thick, strong cord made of twisted threads

tube — a long, hollow pipe

snake — a long animal with no legs that slides on the ground

stone — a small piece of rock

bone — one of the hard parts inside your body

nine — the number that comes after eight

slide — to move smoothly over a surface

shine — to give off bright light

hope — to want something to happen and think it might

frame — a border that goes around a picture

skate — to glide on ice or on wheels

globe — a ball with a map of the whole world on it

queen — a woman who rules a country

sheep — a farm animal with a thick wool coat

sleep — to rest with your eyes closed

clean — not dirty

cheese — a food made from milk, often yellow or white

three — the number that comes after two

goat — a farm animal with horns that likes to climb

foam — a lot of tiny bubbles all together

snail — a slow animal that carries a shell on its back

chain — a row of metal rings joined together

shape — the outline or form of something, like a circle

snow — soft white flakes of ice that fall from the sky

grow — to get bigger

glue — a sticky liquid that holds things together

spoon — a tool with a small bowl at one end for eating

tooth — one of the hard white parts in your mouth for biting

goose — a big bird with a long neck that honks

broom — a brush with a long handle for sweeping

roof — the top cover of a house or building

float — to stay on top of water or air

peach — a soft, sweet fruit with fuzzy skin and a big pit

flame — the bright, hot part of a fire

tame — gentle and not wild

smoke — the gray cloud that rises from a fire

wide — big from one side to the other

blade — the flat, sharp part of a knife, saw or ice skate

shade — a cool, dark place out of the sun

cheek — the soft side of your face below your eye

teeth — the hard white parts in your mouth you chew with

deep — going far down from the top

oak — a big tree that grows acorns

throat — the inside part of your neck where food goes down

bake — to cook food in an oven

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Round 3: r-controlled vowels, two-syllable words and tricky words (the hardest)

shirt — a piece of clothing for the top of your body

garden — a place where people grow flowers or vegetables

horn — a hard, pointed part that grows on the head of some animals

purple — having the color you get by mixing red and blue

turn — to move around in a circle or face a new way

storm — a time of strong wind, rain and sometimes thunder

said — spoke words out loud; told

mitten — a warm cover for your hand with one part for the thumb

thorn — a sharp point on the stem of a plant

nurse — a person who cares for people who are sick or hurt

letter — a note you write and send to someone

short — not tall or not long

sharp — having a thin edge or point that can cut

smart — quick to learn and think

porch — a covered place outside the front door of a house

thirsty — wanting something to drink

winter — the coldest time of the year

number — a word or sign that tells how many

pencil — a tool for writing or drawing that has a gray tip

again — one more time

could — was able to

should — it would be a good or right thing to

does — works at and finishes a job or task

water — the clear liquid in rivers, rain and the sea

mother — a female parent

brother — a boy who has the same parents as you

pretty — nice to look at

every — each one of a group

many — a lot of

school — a place where children go to learn

orange — a round, juicy fruit with a thick skin

spider — a small animal with eight legs that spins webs

dinner — the main meal of the day, often eaten in the evening

never — not at any time

finger — one of the five long parts at the end of your hand

hammer — a tool with a heavy head for hitting nails

silver — having a shiny gray color like a coin

apple — a round fruit with red, green or yellow skin

little — small in size

open — not shut

hungry — wanting to eat

first — coming before all the others

third — coming after the second one

thirty — the number that is three tens

ghost — a pretend spooky spirit in stories

knife — a tool with a sharp edge for cutting food

young — not old; having lived only a short time

earth — the ground or soil that plants grow in

learn — to find out or get to know something new

worm — a small, long animal with no legs that lives in soil