Grades 3-4 Spelling Bee Words

Round 1 (the easiest)

kitchen — the room where food is cooked and kept

bridge — a path built over a river, road or gap so people can cross

lettuce — a leafy green vegetable used in salads

thumb — the short, thick finger on the side of your hand

listen — to pay attention so you can hear something

bottom — the lowest part of something

ladder — a set of steps between two long sides, used to climb up

butter — a soft yellow food made from cream, spread on bread

pillow — a soft cushion where you rest your head in bed

yellow — having the color of a lemon or the sun

hollow — empty on the inside

shadow — a dark shape made when something blocks the light

answer — what you say or write back to a question

wonder — to think about something you are curious about

wreath — a ring of leaves or flowers, often hung on a door

comb — a strip with thin teeth used to tidy your hair

friend — a person you like and enjoy spending time with

laugh — to make happy sounds when something is funny

enough — as much or as many as you need

heavy — weighing a lot and hard to lift

feather — one of the light, soft parts that cover a bird's body

leather — a strong material made from the skin of an animal

thread — a long, thin string used for sewing

busy — having a lot of things to do

cotton — a soft white plant fiber used to make cloth

bright — giving off a lot of light; shining

midnight — twelve o'clock at night

children — young boys and girls

middle — the center; the part halfway between two sides

honey — a sweet, sticky food made by bees

money — coins and paper bills used to buy things

people — men, women and children

double — twice as much or twice as many

trouble — a problem or a hard time

country — a land with its own government and borders

puzzle — a game or toy with pieces or clues you must figure out

button — a small round piece sewn on clothes to hold them closed

whisper — to speak very softly using your breath

village — a small group of houses and shops in the country

picture — a painting, drawing or photo

pizza — a flat, round bread baked with sauce and cheese on top

piano — a large instrument played by pressing black and white keys

tomorrow — on the day after today

together — with each other; in one group

field — an open area of land, often with grass or crops

question — something you ask to find out an answer

honest — telling the truth and not cheating

butterfly — an insect with large, colorful wings

forty — being four times ten in number

captain — the person in charge of a ship or a team

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Round 2

neighbor — a person who lives next door or near you

library — a place where books are kept for people to read or borrow

surprise — something that happens that you did not expect

favorite — liked more than all the others

curious — wanting to know or learn about something

believe — to think that something is true

eagle — a large bird with sharp eyes and strong claws

fierce — very strong, wild or angry

pretzel — a salty baked snack, often shaped like a loose knot

science — the study of nature and how the world works

bicycle — a vehicle with two wheels that you ride by pushing pedals

special — different from what is usual; important

machine — a tool with moving parts that does work

vegetable — a plant or part of a plant eaten as food

chocolate — a sweet brown food made from roasted cacao beans

tomato — a soft, round, red fruit often eaten in salads

potato — a vegetable that grows underground and is often baked

canyon — a deep valley with steep rock sides, often with a river

umbrella — a folding cover you hold over your head in the rain

volcano — a mountain that can send out hot melted rock, ash and gas

coyote — a wild animal like a small wolf that lives in North America

alphabet — the letters of a language in their usual order

dinosaur — a large reptile that lived millions of years ago

octopus — a sea animal with a soft body and eight long arms

giraffe — a tall African animal with a very long neck and legs

squirrel — a small animal with a bushy tail that lives in trees

igloo — a dome-shaped house built from blocks of snow

shampoo — a liquid soap for washing your hair

jungle — a thick, warm, wet forest full of plants and animals

origami — the art of folding paper into shapes like birds or boats

ballet — a kind of dance that tells a story with graceful steps

garage — a building or room where a car is kept

unique — being the only one of its kind

biscuit — a small, soft bread roll baked in the oven

courage — the strength to do something even when you are scared

journey — a trip from one place to another, often a long one

language — the words and sounds people use to speak and write

measure — to find out the size, length or amount of something

cupboard — a small closet or cabinet with shelves for dishes or food

guitar — an instrument with strings that you strum or pluck

violin — a small wooden instrument with four strings played with a bow

mirror — a smooth glass that shows a picture of whatever is in front of it

circle — a perfectly round shape

fraction — a number that names part of a whole, such as one half

equal — the same in size, amount or value

island — a piece of land with water all around it

daughter — a girl or woman as the child of her mother or father

blanket — a large, warm cover used on a bed

gnaw — to keep biting or chewing on something

cousin — the child of your aunt or uncle

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Round 3 (the hardest)

dictionary — a book that lists words in ABC order and tells what they mean

thermometer — a tool that measures how hot or cold something is

orchestra — a large group of musicians who play instruments together

rhinoceros — a large, heavy animal with thick skin and one or two horns on its nose

temperature — how hot or cold something is

multiply — to add a number to itself a certain number of times

syllable — a part of a word with one vowel sound

mystery — something that is hard to explain or understand

autumn — the season between summer and winter when leaves fall

oxygen — a gas in the air that people and animals need to breathe

skeleton — all the bones that hold up the body of a person or animal

pyramid — a shape or building with a flat base and sides that meet in a point

antique — an old object that is valuable because of its age

tornado — a spinning column of wind shaped like a funnel

sentence — a group of words that tells a complete thought

separate — not joined or together; apart

different — not the same

cafeteria — a room or place where you pick up food and carry it to a table to eat

knowledge — what you know and understand from learning

doubt — a feeling of not being sure

delicious — tasting or smelling very good

treasure — gold, jewels or other things worth a lot of money

adventure — an exciting or unusual experience

furniture — tables, chairs, beds and other things used in a home

restaurant — a place where you buy and eat meals

envelope — a paper cover that holds a letter

excellent — very, very good

exercise — activity that makes your body strong and healthy

experiment — a test done to find out or prove something

character — a person or animal in a story, play or movie

chorus — a group of people who sing together

audience — the group of people who watch or listen to a show

trophy — a prize, such as a cup, given to a winner

nephew — the son of your brother or sister

saxophone — a curved metal instrument played by blowing into it

recipe — a set of steps that tells you how to cook something

fountain — a stream of water that shoots up into the air

certain — completely sure

bargain — something bought for less than its usual price

several — more than two but not very many

invisible — not able to be seen

possible — able to happen or be done

vacation — time away from school or work to rest or travel

celebrate — to do something fun for a special day or event

attention — careful listening, watching or thinking

spaghetti — long, thin strings of pasta

mosquito — a small flying insect that bites and leaves an itchy bump

hurricane — a huge storm with very strong winds and heavy rain

scissors — a cutting tool with two blades joined in the middle

receive — to get or be given something