

Eighth Grade Spelling & Vocabulary Lists

Spelling and vocabulary quizzes are given on Fridays. If the week does not include a Friday, there will be no spelling and vocabulary quiz. There is the possibility that a quiz may be canceled because a week contains a major deadline for another English test or project, but this is a rare occurrence and will be announced in class and posted on PowerSchool.

Quizzes involve spelling each word correctly and matching it with its definition. They also include providing the definition of each root or prefix. As the year goes on, the format will change to include demonstration of understanding how to correctly use the words in context.

List 1

PREFIX: Ab (L)	MEANING: Away from, apart
ROOT: Cred (L)	MEANING: Believe, trust
ROOT: Brev (L)	MEANING: Short
ROOT: Copia (L)	MEANING: Plenty

WORDS

1. Absence
2. Abstain
3. Aberration
4. Abrupt
5. Credible
6. Incredulous
7. Credentials
8. Credo
9. Brevity
10. Abbreviate
11. Copious

DEFINITIONS

1. State of not being present OR inattentiveness (N)
2. To hold oneself back voluntarily (V)
3. A departure from the normal or expected (N)
4. Sudden (Adj)
5. Believable (Adj)
6. Skeptical, showing unbelief (Adj)
7. Evidence of authority or status (N)
8. Set of beliefs or principles (N)
9. Shortness, briefness (N)
10. To shorten (V)
11. Large quantity or number (Adj)

12. Copied

12. Made a duplicate (V)

List 2

PREFIX: Inter (L)

MEANING: Between

ROOT: Tract (L)

MEANING: Draw, Pull

ROOT: Spir (L)

MEANING: Breath

ROOT: Culp (L)

MEANING: Blame

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

1. Intercede

1. To act on the behalf of someone in trouble (V)

2. Interference

2. The act of hampering or opposing an action (N)

3. Interrupt

3. To break in, cause to stop (V)

4. Interject

4. To put between two other things (V)

5. Tractable

5. Easily managed or controlled (Adj)

6. Attractive

6. Pleasing in appearance or manner (Adj)

7. Detract

7. To take away a part (V)

8. Inspiration

8. An action or influence that produces ideas or feelings (N)

9. Respiratory

9. Related to breathing (Adj)

10. Conspiracy

10. A plot formulated in secret by two or more people (N)

11. Culpable

11. Deserving blame (Adj)

12. Exculpate

12. To clear of blame

List 3

PREFIX: Dis (L)

MEANING: Not

ROOT: Vacuus (L)

MEANING: Empty

ROOT: Punct (L)

MEANING: Point, dot

WORDS

1. Dissatisfied
2. Disillusioned
3. Disheveled
4. Disinterested
5. Vacuum
6. Vacancies
7. Evacuation
8. Vacuous
9. Punctual
10. Punctuation
11. Puncture
12. Punctilious

DEFINITIONS

1. Not pleased (Adj)
2. Free of enchantment or unrealistic ideas (Adj)
3. Unkempt or untidy in appearance (Adj)
4. Not biased or influenced by selfish motives (Adj)
5. A place sealed off from outside influence (N)
6. Openings or empty spaces (N)
7. The act of removing people or things from a place (N)
8. Empty, purposeless, lacking intelligence (Adj)
9. On time (Adj)
10. Marks used to make writing clear (N)
11. To pierce with a pointed instrument (V)
12. Strictly attentive to details (Adj)

List 4

PREFIX: Ex (L)	MEANING: Out, beyond
ROOT: Vert (L)	MEANING: Turn
ROOT: Capit (L)	MEANING: Head

WORDS

1. Exaggerate
2. Extraneous
3. Exceed
4. Execute

DEFINITIONS

1. To overstate, represent greater than reality (V)
2. Not belonging to, unrelated (Adj)
3. To go beyond, surpass (V)
4. To carry out, accomplish (V)

5. Diversion	5. Distraction, departure from a course (N)
6. Inverted	6. Inside out or upside down (Adj)
7. Introvert	7. A shy person (N)
8. Extrovert	8. An outgoing person (N)
9. Decapitate	9. Remove the head (V)
10. Capitalize	10. Use, take advantage of (V)
11. Capitol	11. Building used by state legislature (N)
12. Capital	12. The city where a government is seated (N)

1-4 Review List

Includes ALL prefixes/roots from the first four lists.

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

1. Abstain	1. To hold oneself back voluntarily (V)
2. Aberration	2. A departure from the normal or expected (N)
3. Credible	3. Believable (Adj)
4. Incredulous	4. Skeptical, showing unbelief (Adj)
5. Brevity	5. Shortness, briefness (N)
6. Abbreviate	6. To shorten (V)
7. Copious	7. Large quantity or number (Adj)
8. Copied	8. Made a duplicate (V)
9. Intercede	9. To act on the behalf of someone in trouble (V)
10. Interrupt	10. To break in, cause to stop (V)
11. Detract	11. To take away a part (V)
12. Tractable	12. Easily managed or controlled (Adj)
13. Respiratory	13. Related to breathing (Adj)

14. Conspiracy	14. A plot formulated in secret by two or more people (N)
15. Culpable	15. Deserving blame (Adj)
16. Exculpate	16. To clear of blame (V)
17. Vacuum	17. A place sealed off from outside influence (N)
18. Vacancies	18. Openings or empty spaces (N)
19. Punctual	19. On time (Adj)
20. Punctilious	20. Strictly attentive to details (Adj)
21. Exaggerate	21. To overstate, represent greater than reality (V)
22. Extraneous	22. Not belonging to, unrelated (Adj)
23. Diversion	23. Distraction, departure from a course (N)
24. Inverted	24. Inside out or upside down (Adj)
25. Decapitate	25. Remove the head (V)
26. Capitalize	26. Use, take advantage of (V)

List 5

PREFIX: Pro (L)	MEANING: Forward, Forth
ROOT: Cog (L)	MEANING: To know
ROOT: Fid (L)	MEANING: Trust, Faith
ROOT: Mort (L)	MEANING: Death

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

1. Recognize	1. To identify as something previously known of or seen (V)
2. Incognito	2. Having one's identity concealed (Adj)
3. Cognitive	3. Related to mental processes of reasoning or remembering (Adj)
4. Confidential	4. In strict privacy or secrecy (Adj)

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| 5. Confide | 5. To entrust or discuss private information (V) |
| 6. Fidelity | 6. Faithfulness to a promise or duty (N) |
| 7. Immortal | 7. Not subject to death (Adj) |
| 8. Mortified | 8. Greatly embarrassed or shamed (Adj) |
| 9. Mortician | 9. Funeral director (N) |
| 10. Prominent | 10. Leading, important, well-known (Adj) |
| 11. Prodigious | 11. Extraordinary, exceptional (Adj) |
| 12. Procrastinate | 12. To put off until a later time (V) |

List 6

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| ROOT: Path (L) | MEANING: Suffering, feeling |
| ROOT: Domin (L) | MEANING: Lord |
| ROOT: Medi (L) | MEANING: Middle |
| ROOT: Anthropol (L) | MEANING: Man, human |

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

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|----------------|---|
| 1. Apathetic | 1. Having little emotion; not interested (Adj) |
| 2. Sympathize | 2. To feel sorrow for another's distress (V) |
| 3. Empathize | 3. To identify with/ understand another's feelings (V) |
| 4. Domain | 4. Field or area of space or knowledge (N) |
| 5. Domicile | 5. Home or residence (N) |
| 6. Indomitable | 6. Impossible to overcome or defeat (Adj) |
| 7. Dominion | 7. Authority, rule, control (N) |
| 8. Mediator | 8. One who works to bring about agreement between two parties (N) |
| 9. Mediocre | 9. Neither good nor bad; unremarkable (Adj) |

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| 10. Medieval | 10. Having to do with the Middle Ages (Adj) |
| 11. Anthropology | 11. The study of humans and their works (N) |
| 12. Misanthrope | 12. One who hates humankind (N) |

List 7

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| ROOT: Clin (L) | MEANING: To lean, bend |
| ROOT: Gen (L) | MEANING: Origin, kind |
| ROOT: Son (L) | MEANING: Sound |
| ROOT: Verb (L) | MEANING: Word |

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

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|----------------|--|
| 1. Inclination | 1. A tendency or preference (N) |
| 2. Disinclined | 2. Not willing (Adj) |
| 3. Decline | 3. Turn down, deny (V) |
| 4. Generic | 4. Descriptive of an entire group; not specific (Adj) |
| 5. Congenital | 5. A type of condition present at birth (Adj) |
| 6. Ingenious | 6. Cleverly inventive or original (Adj) |
| 7. Generally | 7. Usually, commonly (Adv) |
| 8. Resonance | 8. Significance; invoking of strong emotions (N) |
| 9. Sonorous | 9. Rich and full in sound (Adj) |
| 10. Sonogram | 10. Visual image produced by reflected sound waves (N) |
| 11. Verbatim | 11. Word for word (Adj) |
| 12. Verbose | 12. Using too many words (Adj) |

List 8

PREFIX: Soph (L)

MEANING: Wisdom

ROOT: Sci (L)

MEANING: Knowledge

ROOT: Pend (L)

MEANING: Hang

ROOT: Sol (L)

MEANING: Alone

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

1. Sophomore

1. One in their second year/ term, such as high school (N)

2. Philosophy

2. Investigation of questions about existence, ethics, or knowledge (N)

3. Omniscient

3. All knowing (Adj)

4. Conscious

4. Aware (Adj)

5. Dependence

5. Reliance, need (N)

6. Pendulum

6. A hanging ornament such as the main piece of a necklace (7)

7. Impending

7. About to happen, unavoidable (Adj)

8. Suspended

8. Put on hold (Adj)

9. Solitude

9. The state of being alone (N)

10. Sole

10. Only (Adj)

11. Desolate

11. Dreary or deserted (Adj)

12. Solitary

12. Alone, without companions (Adj)

5-8 Review List

Includes all root words/ prefixes from lists 5-8

1. Recognize

1. To identify as something previously known of or seen (V)

2. Incognito

2. Having one's identity concealed (Adj)

3. Confidential

3. In strict privacy or secrecy (Adj)

4. Confide

4. To entrust or discuss private information (V)

5. Prominent

5. Leading, important, well-known (Adj)

6. Procrastinate	6. To put off until a later time (V)
7. Mortified	7. Greatly embarrassed or shamed (Adj)
8. Immortal	8. Not subject to death (Adj)
9. Apathetic	9. Having little emotion; not interested (Adj)
10. Empathize	10. To identify with/ understand another's feelings (V)
11. Indomitable	11. Impossible to overcome or defeat (Adj)
12. Dominion	12. Authority, rule, control (N)
13. Mediocre	13. Neither good nor bad; unremarkable (Adj)
14. Medieval	14. Having to do with the Middle Ages (Adj)
15. Anthropology	15. The study of humans and their works (N)
16. Misanthrope	16. One who hates humankind (N)
17. Inclination	17. A tendency or preference (N)
18. Declined	18. Turned down, denied (V)
19. Generic	19. Descriptive of an entire group; not specific (Adj)
20. Ingenious	20. Cleverly inventive or original (Adj)
21. Resonance	21. Significance; invoking of strong emotions (N)
22. Sonorous	22. Rich and full in sound (Adj)
23. Verbatim	23. Word for word (Adj)
24. Verbose	24. Using too many words (Adj)
25. Philosophy	25. Investigation of questions about existence, ethics, or Knowledge (N)
26. Sophomore	26. One in their second year/ term, such as high school (N)
27. Conscious	27. Aware (Adj)
28. Omniscient	28. All knowing (Adj)
29. Impending	29. About to happen, unavoidable (Adj)

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| 30. Dependence | 30. Reliance, need (N) |
| 31. Solitary | 31. Alone, without companions (Adj) |
| 32. Desolate | 32. Dreary or deserted (adj) |

List 9

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| PREFIX: Junct (L) | MEANING: To join |
| ROOT: Mit/ Miss (L) | MEANING: To send |
| ROOT: Pos (L) | MEANING: Place or put |
| ROOT: Loc (L) | MEANING: Place |

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. Conjunction | 1. A word that connects, such as and, or, or but (N) |
| 2. Juncture | 2. Critical or important point in time (N) |
| 3. Intermittent | 3. On and off, stopping and starting again, irregular (Adj) |
| 4. Emissary | 4. A representative sent on a mission or errand (N) |
| 5. Omitted | 5. Left out; failed to include (V) |
| 6. Missile | 6. A weapon for throwing or shooting (N) |
| 7. Oppose | 7. To resist or act against (V) |
| 8. Possess | 8. To have or own (V) |
| 9. Imposition | 9. A burden or obligation (N) |
| 10. Allocate | 10. To set aside for a purpose (V) |
| 11. Locale | 11. Scene, setting, or place (N) |
| 12. Locomotion | 12. The act of moving from place to place (N) |

List 10

PREFIX: Duc (L)	MEANING: Lead
ROOT: Equ (L)	MEANING: Equal
ROOT: Loqu (L)	MEANING: Talk, Speak
ROOT: Satis (L)	MEANING: Enough

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

1. Induct	1. Admit as a member; receive (V)
2. Ductile	2. Easily drawn into wire or hammered thin (metal) (Adj.)
3. Deduction	3. The amount subtracted (N)
4. Equate	4. To view as equal (V)
5. Equivocal	5. Allows the possibility of several different meanings (Adj)
6. Equidistant	6. Equally distant (Adj)
7. Equivalent	7. Equal (Adj)
8. Eloquent	8. Forceful and appropriate in speech (Adj)
9. Loquacious	9. Talking too much or too freely (Adj)
10. Dissatisfied	10. Not pleased, discontented (Adj)
11. Insatiable	11. Incapable of being satisfied (Adj)
12. Satisfying	12. Pleasing (Adj)

List 11

PREFIX: Via (L)	MEANING: Way, road
ROOT: Cide (L)	MEANING: Kill, cut
ROOT: Lect (L)	MEANING: Read
ROOT: Per (L)	MEANING: Through

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

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|----------------|---|
| 1. Via | 1. By way of/ through (Prp) |
| 2. Viable | 2. Workable, possible (Adj.) |
| 3. Deviate | 3. To turn aside from a route or course (V) |
| 4. Genocide | 4. The deliberate killing of a racial or cultural group (N) |
| 5. Incision | 5. A cut, especially for surgery (N) |
| 6. Homicide | 6. The killing of another human being, murder (N) |
| 7. Intellect | 7. The ability to think or gain knowledge (N) |
| 8. Lecture | 8. A speech read or delivered for an audience (N) |
| 9. Perceive | 9. Recognize or understand (V) |
| 10. Persevere | 10. To press on despite hardship (V) |
| 11. Pervade | 11. To spread through all parts of (V) |
| 12. Persistent | 12. Lasting or enduring (Adj) |

List 12

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| ROOT: Vita (L) | MEANING: Life |
| ROOT: Spec (L) | MEANING: Look, see |
| ROOT: Com (L) | MEANING: Together/ with |

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

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| 1. Revitalize | 1. To give new life to (V) |
| 2. Vitality | 2. Physical or mental energy (N) |
| 3. Vital | 3. Of critical importance (Adj) |
| 4. Speculate | 4. To develop a theory or guess with little evidence (V) |
| 5. Prospective | 5. Potential, likely (Adj.) |

6. Perspective	6. A mental view or outlook (N)
7. Introspective	7. Thoughtfully reflective on one's self (Adj.)
8. Commodious	8. Spacious, comfortable (Adj.)
9. Complacent	9. Self-satisfied (Adj.)
10. Comprised	10. To include or contain (V, with object)
11. Accomplice	11. Person who knowingly helps others, usually in wrongdoing (N)
12. Compendious	12. Brief but complete (Adj.)

9-12 Review List

Includes all root words/ prefixes from lists 9-12

WORDS

DEFINITIONS

1. Conjunction	1. A word that connects, such as and, or, or but (N)
2. Juncture	2. Critical or important point in time (N)
3. Intermittent	3. On and off, stopping and starting again, irregular (Adj)
4. Omitted	4. Left out; failed to include (V)
5. Possess	5. To have or own (V)
6. Imposition	6. A burden or obligation (N)
7. Allocate	7. To set aside for a purpose (V)
8. Locomotion	8. The act of moving from place to place (N)
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10. Deduction	10. The amount subtracted (N)
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17. Viable	17. Workable, possible (Adj.)
18. Deviate	18. To turn aside from a route or course (V)
19. Genocide	19. The deliberate killing of a racial or cultural group (N)
20. Homicide	20. The killing of another human being, murder (N)
21. Intellect	21. The ability to think or gain knowledge (N)
22. Lecture	22. A speech read or delivered for an audience (N)
23. Perceive	23. Recognize or understand (V)
24. Persevere	24. To press on despite hardship (V)
25. Revitalize	25. To give new life to (V)
26. Vitality	26. Physical or mental energy (N)
27. Prospective	27. Potential, likely (Adj.)
28. Perspective	28. A mental view or outlook (N)
29. Complacent	29. Self-satisfied (Adj.)
30. Comprised	30. To include or contain (V, with object)

Lists 13-15 are drawn from Across Five Aprils. Word stems are not included.

List 13

Words

Definitions

1. Aloof	1. At a distance physically or esp. emotionally; apart (Adj)
2. Monotonous	2. Lacking in variety, tediously (boringly) repetitive (Adj)
3. Imminent	3. Likely to occur at any moment; impending (Adj)
4. Vigorous	4. Strong, active, energetic (Adj)
5. Reverberations	5. Effects (N)

6. Perplexities	6. Confused situations (N)
7. Buoyant	7. Not easily depressed, cheerful (Adj)
8. Acrid	8. Sharp or biting to the taste or smell (Adj)
9. Comeuppance	9. A deserved reward or consequence (informal) (N)
10. Melancholy	10. Gloomy (Adj)
11. Intervened	11. Came between, mediated, stepped in (V)
12. Amiable	12. Pleasant, good natured (Adj)

List 14

<u>Words</u>	<u>Definitions</u>
1. Admonitions	1. Advice or warnings (N)
2. Tyrannical	2. Unfairly cruel, harsh, or severe (Adj)
3. Gumption	3. Aggressiveness, courage (N)
4. Allusion	4. Casual, passing mention of something (N)
5. Obligation	5. Something one is required to do (N)
6. Dispel	6. To cause to vanish; get rid of (V)
7. Distort	7. To twist out of shape, make deformed (V)
8. Pompous	8. Arrogant, with exaggerated importance (Adj)
9. Skeptical	9. Doubtful (Adj)
10. Scornful	10. Mocking; full of disrespect (Adj)
11. Detained	11. Delayed, kept from proceeding (V)
12. Stoic	12. Restrained, unemotional (Adj)

List 15

<u>Words</u>	<u>Definitions</u>
1. Chagrin	1. Feeling of annoyance, caused by disappointment or humiliation (N)

2. Vague	2. Not clear (Adj)
3. Subsequent	3. Following after chronologically (in time order) (Adj)
4. Ominous	4. Threatening (Adj)
5. Raucous	5. Rowdy, disorderly (Adj)
6. Quagmire	6. A situation that is difficult to get out of (N)
7. Inept	7. Awkward, without skill (Adj)
8. Fatigue	8. Weariness (N)
9. Fervent	9. Having great intensity or warmth (Adj)
10. Commenced	10. Began (V)
11. Tumult	11. Commotion or disturbance (N)
12. Belligerent	12. War-like, aggressive, hostile (Adj)

May include a review list of 13-15 if time permits