



2023 School Competition List



Word Meaning Supplement

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About the Word Meaning Supplement

This supplement is intended to offer materials that allow you, if you choose, to implement the testing of word meaning at your bee. All words that are offered in this word meaning supplement were selected from the 2023 School Spelling Bee Study List.

The materials provided allow you to integrate word meaning in two different ways:

Oral Word Meaning

The Oral Word Meaning Rounds can be used to challenge spellers with word meaning questions during an oral spelling competition. The rounds in this supplement are broken out into three lists – One Bee, Two Bee and Three Bee – that are separated by levels of difficulty.

To include a word meaning round at your bee:

- Wait until you've completed an entire round of spelling and there are 25 or fewer spellers left in the competition.
- Note the word number (word _____) of the last spelling word you gave.
- Begin a new round of strictly word meaning questions using the lists provided in this supplement.
- As you go, mark off each word meaning question you use in case you wish to incorporate future word meaning rounds.

Once every student has answered a word meaning question, the round is complete and you can return to the spelling word list, using the word following the number you noted earlier (word _____).

Written Word Meaning

The Written Word Meaning Tests can be given to your students as supplementary material either before or after an oral bee. They are broken out into One Bee and Two Bee levels of difficulty.

Guidelines Regarding Pronunciation

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Merriam-Webster Pronunciation Symbols

- ə** banana, collect
- ʻə, ə** humdrum
- ē** as in one pronunciation used by *r*-droppers for *bird* (alternative \əɪ\)
- é** two-value symbol equivalent to the unstressed variants \ə, ɪ/, as in *habit*, *duchess* (\ˈhəbət\ = \ˈhəbət, -bit\)
- °** immediately preceding \l, ɫ, \m, \ŋ, as in *battle*, *mitten*, and in one pronunciation of *cap* and *bells* \-ˈm-, lock and key \-ŋ-; immediately following \l, \m, \r, as in one pronunciation of French *table*, *prisme*, *titre*
- əi** as in one pronunciation used by *r*-droppers for *bird* (alternative \əɪ\)
- ər** operation; stressed, as in *bird* as pronounced by speakers who do not drop *r*; stressed and with centered period after the \r, as in one pronunciation of *burry* (alternative \əˈr\) and in one pronunciation of *hurry* (alternative \əˈr\); stressed and with centered period after \ər\ as in one pronunciation of *hurry* (alternative \ər\)
- a** mat, map
- ā** day, fade, date, aorta
- ä** bother, cot; most American speakers have the same vowel in father, cart
- â** father as pronounced by speakers who do not rhyme it with bother; farther and cart as pronounced by *r*-droppers
- aa** bad, bag, fan as often pronounced in an area having New York City and Washington, D.C., on its perimeter; in an emphatic syllable, as before a pause, often \aaə\
- ai** as in some pronunciations of *bag*, *bang*, *pass*
- aï** now, loud, some pronunciations of *talcum*
- b** baby, rib
- ch** chin, nature \ˈnāchə(r)\ (actually, this sound is \t\ + \ʃ\)
- d** elder, undone
- ḍ** as in the usual American pronunciation of *latter*, *ladder*
- e** bet, bed
- ē, ē** beat, nosebleed, evenly, sleepy
- ē** as in one pronunciation of *evenly*, *sleepy*, *envious*, *igneous* (alternative \i\)
- ee** (in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of *e* in *bet* but long, not the sound of *ee* in *sleep*: *en arrière* \äˈnāryeer\
- eû** as in one pronunciation of *elk*, *helm*
- f** fifty, cuff
- g** go, big
- h** hat, ahead
- hw** whale as pronounced by those who do not have the same pronunciation for both *whale* and *wail*
- i** tip, one pronunciation of *banish* (alternative unstressed \ē\), one pronunciation of *habit* (alternative \ə\; see ə)
- ī** site, side, buy (actually, this sound is \ä\ + \i\, or \ä\ + \i\)
- iû** as in one pronunciation of *milk*, *film*
- j** job, gem, edge, procedure \prəˈsējə(r)\ (actually, this sound is \d\ + \zh\)
- k** kin, cook, ache
- ḵ** as in one pronunciation of *loch* (alternative \k\), as in German *ich-laut*
- l** lily, pool
- m** murmur, dim, nymph
- n** no, own
- ˆ** indicates that a preceding vowel is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French *un bon vin blanc* \œˈbɔ̃ˈvaˈblɑ̃\
- ŋ** sing \ˈsɪŋ, singer \ˈsɪŋə(r)\, finger \ˈfɪŋgə(r)\, ink \ˈɪŋk\
- ō** bone, snow, beau; one pronunciation of *glory*
- ó** saw, all, saurian; one pronunciation of *horrid*
- œ** French *bœuf*, German *Hölle*
- œ** French *feu*, German *Höhle*
- ói** coin, destroy, strawy, sawing
- oo** (in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates a vowel with the quality of *o* in *bone* but longer, not the sound of *oo* in *food*: *comte* \kooˈt\
- p** pepper, lip
- r** rarity, one pronunciation of *tar*
- s** source, less
- sh** with nothing between, as in *shy*, *mission*, *machine*, *special* (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in *death* *'s-head* \ˈdets.hed\
- t** tie, attack; one pronunciation of *latter* (alternative \d\)
- th** with nothing between, as in *thin*, *ether* (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in *knighthood* \ˈnit.hud\
- th** then, either (actually, this is a single sound, not two)
- ü** rule, fool, youth, union \ˈyünyən\, few \ˈfyü\
- û** pull, wood, curable \ˈkyürəbəl\
- ue** German *füllen*, *hübsch*
- œ** French *rue*, German *fühlen*
- v** vivid, give
- w** we, away
- y** yard, cue \ˈkyü\, union \ˈyünyən\
- ʷ** (in transcriptions of foreign words only) indicates that during articulation of the sound represented by the preceding character the tip of the tongue has substantially the position it has for the articulation of the first sound of *yard*, as in French *digne* \dēˈn\
- yü** youth, union, cue, few
- yû** curable
- z** zone, raise
- zh** with nothing between, as in *vision*, *azure* \ˈazhə(r)\ (actually, this is a single sound, not two); with a stress mark between, two sounds as in *rosehill* \ˈrōz.hil\
- ˈ** mark preceding a syllable with primary (strongest) stress: \pen.mən.ship\
- ˌ** mark preceding a syllable with secondary (next-strongest) stress: \pen.mən.ship\
- ()** indicate that what is symbolized between is present in some utterances but not in others: *factory* \fakt(ə)rē\

Oral Word Meaning Round: One Bee Level

Instructions: Read aloud the word, the word meaning question and both options (A) and (B), but do not indicate which option is correct.

Respond to a speller's requests for the question and/or answer options to be repeated. You may also provide the spelling of the word in question.

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- the chosen answer, or
- both the chosen answer and the letter associated with it.

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- "grain," or
- "B. grain."

1. **plan** \ 'plan \
*What does it mean to **plan**?*
A. to build
✓ B. to intend

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

2. **drag** \ 'drag \
*What does it mean to **drag**?*
A. to fall to the ground
✓ B. to trail along on the ground

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

3. **tell** \ 'tel \
*What does it mean to **tell**?*
A. dance
✓ B. say

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

4. **share** \ 'sher \
*What does it mean to **share**?*
✓ A. to use with others
B. to cut one's hair

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

5. **meal** \ 'mēl \
*What is a **meal**?*
✓ A. food eaten at a specific time
B. a mark or line that shows a boundary

6. **tiny** \ 'tīnē \
*If something is **tiny**, it is:*
✓ A. very small
B. by itself

7. **trap** \ 'trap \
*A **trap** is most likely used to catch:*
A. lakes
✓ B. animals

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

8. **grass** \ 'gras \
Grass is a type of:
✓ A. green plant
B. drinking cup

9. **stinky** \ 'stīnkē \
*Something described as **stinky**:*
✓ A. has a strong, bad smell
B. can float on water

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

10. **tales** \ 'tālz \
What are **tales**?
A. coins
✓ B. stories

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

11. **pace** \ 'pās \
Another word for **pace** is:
✓ A. speed
B. fault

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

12. **blast** \ 'blast \
A **blast** is:
✓ A. an enjoyable and exciting experience
B. a small boat made of wood

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

13. **order** \ 'ōrdər \
What is another word for **order**?
✓ A. command
B. fight

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14. **moon** \ 'mūn \
What is a **moon**?
A. a short animated movie
✓ B. a body orbiting a larger one in the sky

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

15. **bones** \ 'bōnz \
What are **bones**?
✓ A. the hard parts of the skeleton
B. shapes that are round at one end and pointy on the other

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

16. **area** \ 'arēə \
An **area** is:
✓ A. any particular amount of space
B. an itchy rash

17. **greasy** \ 'grēsē \
Something described as **greasy**:
✓ A. contains an unusual amount of melted animal fat
B. has an intense selfish desire to gather possessions

18. **display** \ dē'splā \
What is a **display**?
A. a state of being different or unequal
✓ B. an exhibiting or showing of something

19. **uplift** \ əp'lift \
What does it mean to **uplift**?
A. to extend the usefulness of a computer or cell phone
✓ B. to improve the condition of someone or something

20. **visit** \ 'vizət \
If you **visit** someone, you:
A. buy them lots of presents
✓ B. go and spend time with them

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

21. **elves** \ 'elvz \
Elves are:
A. tall widely distributed trees with light brown wood
✓ B. small mythical beings in human form that have magical powers

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

22. **streak** \ 'strēk \
What is a **streak**?
✓ A. a series (as of victories or defeats)
B. a sharp shrill sound

23. **nobody** \ 'nō.bādē \
What is another way to say **nobody**?
✓ A. not anyone
B. somewhere

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

24. **sights** \ 'sīts \

Sights are:

A. wars

✓ B. goals

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

25. **marry** \ 'merē \

Another word for **marry** is:

✓ A. wed

B. read

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1. **waist** \ 'wāst \

*What is a **waist**?*

A. a pile of scraps that are left over after an art project

✓ B. the part of the body between the chest and the hips

2. **smirk** \ 'smərk \

*What is a **smirk**?*

A. a knowing wink

✓ B. a fake smile

3. **interesting** \ 'intərəstɪŋ \

*What does **interesting** mean?*

A. using the imagination

✓ B. engaging the attention

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

4. **glide** \ 'glīd \

*What does it mean to **glide**?*

A. to fall asleep quickly

✓ B. to move with a quiet smoothness

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

5. **sheepish** \ 'shēpɪʃ \

*If you look **sheepish**, you look:*

✓ A. embarrassed

B. thrilled

6. **slivers** \ 'slɪvərz \

*Another word for **slivers** is:*

✓ A. splinters

B. slobbers

7. **former** \ 'fɔrmər \

*Another word for **former** is:*

✓ A. onetime

B. safe

8. **rental** \ 'rentl \

*What is a **rental**?*

✓ A. a property given for use in return for payment

B. a French breed of herding dog

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

9. **spading** \ 'spādɪŋ \

*Another word for **spading** is:*

✓ A. digging

B. diving

10. **respond** \ rɪ'spænd \

*What does it mean to **respond**?*

A. to back away slowly

✓ B. to say something in return

11. **sockets** \ 'sākəts \

What are **sockets**?

- ✓ A. various hollows in body structures where other parts normally are
- B. small knitted or woven coverings for the foot worn inside shoes

12. **newt** \ 'ni:t \

What is a **newt**?

- ✓ A. a small semiaquatic salamander
- B. a stringed wooden instrument

13. **disband** \ dis'band \

What does it mean to **disband** something?

- A. imitate its music
- ✓ B. break it up

14. **arrive** \ ə'rɪv \

What does it mean to **arrive**?

- A. to show compassion for
- ✓ B. to reach a destination

15. **casa** \ 'käsə \

Another word for **casa** is:

- A. drum
- ✓ B. house

16. **pottery** \ 'pätərə \

Pottery is made from:

- ✓ A. fired clay
- B. soft bread

17. **bandage** \ 'bandɪj \

What is something one would do with a **bandage**?

- A. cross a body of water
- ✓ B. cover a wound

18. **observations** \ ,äbsər'vāshənz \

Observations are:

- ✓ A. acts of recognizing and noting some fact or occurrence
- B. instances of something being hidden from view

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19. **vertical** \ 'vərtikəl \

What is another word for **vertical**?

- A. swirling
- ✓ B. upright

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20. **dredged** \ 'dreɪd \

If you **dredged** something, you:

- ✓ A. made a search of it with or as if with a type of digging tool
- B. formed an authoritative opinion about it

21. **alternate** \ 'öltər.nāt \

To **alternate** is to:

- ✓ A. take turns
- B. cause displeasure

22. **tallyho** \ ,talē'hō \

Tallyho is:

- ✓ A. the cry sounded by hunters upon sighting the fox
- B. the sheet on which an account is kept often in tabular form

23. **scrawled** \ 'skröld \

If something has been **scrawled**, it has been:

- A. cut into tiny pieces
- ✓ B. written hastily and carelessly

24. **adjusted** \ ə'jəstəd \

If you **adjusted** something, you:

- ✓ A. changed its position
- B. put it off until later

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

25. **paradise** \ 'parədɪs \

What is a **paradise**?

- ✓ A. a place of bliss
- B. a hand in a card game

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1. **efficient** \ə'fɪʃənt \

*Something described as **efficient**:*

- ✓ A. performs a task in the best possible way
- B. has a proper quantity or scope

2. **confiscated** \'kɒnfə'skætəd \

*Another word for **confiscated** is:*

- ✓ A. seized
- B. explained

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

3. **ruckus** \'rʌkəs \

*A **ruckus** is:*

- A. a soft pillow
- ✓ B. a noisy fight

4. **appendages** \ə'pendɪjəz \

*Another word for **appendages** is:*

- A. monitors
- ✓ B. hangers-on

5. **aggravate** \'agrə'vāt \

*Another word for **aggravate** is:*

- ✓ A. intensify
- B. interest

6. **hematology** \.hēmə'täləjē \

***Hematology** is a branch of biology that deals with:*

- ✓ A. blood
- B. kidneys

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

7. **dais** \'dāəs \

*A **dais** is:*

- ✓ A. a platform
- B. a confused state

8. **homeopathic** \.hōmēə'pathɪk \

*If something is **homeopathic**, it relates to:*

- ✓ A. a system of medical practice
- B. a trend in cooking

9. **apex** \'ā'peks \

*Another word for **apex** is:*

- ✓ A. peak
- B. predator

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

10. **mausoleum** \.mōsə'lēəm \

*A **mausoleum** is a type of:*

- ✓ A. tomb
- B. garden

11. **impudence** \ 'impyədən(t)s \

What is **impudence**?

- ✓ A. cocky self-assurance
- B. hyperactivity

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

12. **cul-de-sac** \ 'kəldi.sək \

What is a **cul-de-sac**?

- ✓ A. a street ending in a circular area
- B. a district of homes on the outskirts of a city

13. **philology** \ fə'läləjē \

Philology is a branch of study that focuses on:

- A. the extraction of metals from their ores
- ✓ B. human speech, literature, and cultural history

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

14. **tankard** \ 'təŋkərd \

What are you most likely to do with a **tankard**?

- A. swim in it
- ✓ B. drink from it

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

15. **subservient** \ səb'sərvēənt \

Another word for **subservient** is:

- ✓ A. subordinate
- B. subatomic

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

16. **rejoinder** \ rə'jōindər \

What is a **rejoinder**?

- A. a confluence
- ✓ B. a reply

17. **oncologist** \ ən'käləjəst \

An **oncologist** is a specialist in the study of:

- ✓ A. tumors
- B. the human foot

18. **miscellaneous** \ .misə'länēəs \

Something described as **miscellaneous**:

- ✓ A. comprises members or items of different kinds
- B. can be thrown or projected to strike an object

19. **Tamil** \ 'taməl \

Tamil is:

- A. a large genus of shrubs native to the eastern Mediterranean
- ✓ B. a Dravidian language of India and Sri Lanka

20. **chachalacas** \ .chächə'läkəz \

Chachalacas are:

- A. handheld percussive instruments
- ✓ B. chiefly arboreal game birds

21. **trilby** \ 'trilbē \

A **trilby** is a type of:

- ✓ A. soft felt hat
- B. musical composition

Because the following word has a homonym, say the word then spell it aloud.

22. **nom de plume** \ .nämdə'plüm \

What is a **nom de plume**?

- ✓ A. a pseudonym assumed by a writer
- B. an ornament that consists of a feather denoting rank

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

23. **marguerite** \ .märgə'rēt \

A **marguerite** is a type of:

- ✓ A. flowering herb
- B. small American spotted cat

24. **aye-aye** \ 'ī \

An **aye-aye** is a type of:

- A. berry
- ✓ B. lemur

Because the following word could be confused with a similar word, say the word then spell it aloud.

25. **cortege** \ kôr'tezh \

A **cortege** is:

- A. a dip or backward step in ballroom dancing
- ✓ B. a procession of mourners at a funeral



Scripps National Spelling Bee Word Meaning Test
School-level – One Bee

1. *What is another word for **help**?*
 - A. shrink
 - B. color
 - C. aid

2. *What does it mean to **tote**?*
 - A. to give something up
 - B. to walk quietly
 - C. to carry by hand

3. *A **pod** is most likely a group of:*
 - A. leaves
 - B. clouds
 - C. animals

4. *What does it mean to **feel**?*
 - A. to eat
 - B. to touch
 - C. to slither

5. *What does **none** mean?*
 - A. not any
 - B. a few
 - C. plenty

6. *Trees are:*
 - A. buildings
 - B. plants
 - C. paintings

7. *What do you do with **food**?*
 - A. walk on it
 - B. fly it
 - C. eat it

8. *A **sink** is most likely used to:*
 - A. hang things
 - B. wash things
 - C. name things

9. *What does it mean to **wiggle**?*
 - A. move back and forth with quick motions
 - B. cast a powerful spell on someone
 - C. make looping designs on a piece of paper

10. *Another word for **crafty** is:*
 - A. messy
 - B. cunning
 - C. angry

11. *Where would one be most likely to find a **sole**?*
 - A. in a dollhouse
 - B. on a shoe
 - C. on a flower

12. *Saying there are **many** of something means:*
 - A. there is a large amount
 - B. there are tiny versions
 - C. there are a few

13. *What does it mean to **sway**?*
 - A. exhale a breath softly
 - B. collect information secretly
 - C. move back and forth slowly

14. *Something described as **harsh** is:*
 - A. uncomfortable
 - B. musical
 - C. cooked

15. *What is a **story**?*
- A. a tale written or told
 - B. a game played with a ball
 - C. a place where land meets a body of water
16. *What does **two** refer to?*
- A. also
 - B. a preposition
 - C. one plus one
17. *What does it mean to **build**?*
- A. to construct for a home
 - B. to become joyful
 - C. to charge a customer for an item
18. *What is a **coop**?*
- A. a strip of metal bent in a circle and joined at the ends
 - B. a cage or small enclosure for poultry
 - C. a gluey or sticky substance
19. *A **tower** is:*
- A. a common weed with blue blossoms
 - B. a building taller than those around it
 - C. a vegetable often used in salad
20. *A **peacock** is:*
- A. a male peafowl with long tail feathers tipped with iridescent eyelike spots
 - B. a person who participates in antiwar demonstrations
 - C. a long stake or branch upon which garden peas are trained
21. *What does it mean to **wonder**?*
- A. to wish to know
 - B. to return something
 - C. to win a prize
22. ***Gravy** is:*
- A. a thickened sauce
 - B. a small boat
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ANSWER KEY

1. *What is another word for **help**?*
 - A. shrink
 - B. color
 - ✓ C. aid

2. *What does it mean to **tote**?*
 - A. to give something up
 - B. to walk quietly
 - ✓ C. to carry by hand

3. *A **pod** is most likely a group of:*
 - A. leaves
 - B. clouds
 - ✓ C. animals

4. *What does it mean to **feel**?*
 - A. to eat
 - ✓ B. to touch
 - C. to slither

5. *What does **none** mean?*
 - ✓ A. not any
 - B. a few
 - C. plenty

6. *Trees are:*
 - A. buildings
 - ✓ B. plants
 - C. paintings

7. *What do you do with **food**?*
 - A. walk on it
 - B. fly it
 - ✓ C. eat it

8. *A **sink** is most likely used to:*
 - A. hang things
 - ✓ B. wash things
 - C. name things

9. *What does it mean to **wiggle**?*
 - ✓ A. move back and forth with quick motions
 - B. cast a powerful spell on someone
 - C. make looping designs on a piece of paper

10. *Another word for **crafty** is:*
 - A. messy
 - ✓ B. cunning
 - C. angry

11. *Where would one be most likely to find a **sole**?*
 - A. in a dollhouse
 - ✓ B. on a shoe
 - C. on a flower

12. *Saying there are **many** of something means:*
 - ✓ A. there is a large amount
 - B. there are tiny versions
 - C. there are a few

13. *What does it mean to **sway**?*
 - A. exhale a breath softly
 - B. collect information secretly
 - ✓ C. move back and forth slowly

14. *Something described as **harsh** is:*
 - ✓ A. uncomfortable
 - B. musical
 - C. cooked

15. *What is a **story**?*

- ✓ A. a tale written or told
- B. a game played with a ball
- C. a place where land meets a body of water

16. *What does **two** refer to?*

- A. also
- B. a preposition
- ✓ C. one plus one

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- ✓ A. to construct for a home
- B. to become joyful
- C. to charge a customer for an item

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- ✓ B. a cage or small enclosure for poultry
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- C. a vegetable often used in salad

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- C. a long stake or branch upon which garden peas are trained

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