



UPB SPELLING BEE

CONTEST

10th & 11th Grade - Champion bees



11° GRADE VOCABULARY

Name: _____ Grade: _____

This is the meaning of the word, contextualized meaning or synonym list down which the student will listen to in case of any contestant asks for it.

UNIT 1: YOUR WORLD			
	<u>WORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
1	ASHAMED	Feeling embarrassed and guilty because of something you have done.	She felt too ashamed to tell anybody that she had broken the vase.
2	BEARD	Hair that grows on a man's cheeks and chin.	Santa Claus has got a long white beard .
3	BOLD	Very strong or bright.	He always paints with bold colours
4	COLOUR-BLIND	Unable to see the difference between some colours.	I'm colour-blind , so I didn't know the car was green.
5	COLLOCATION	A combination of words used together.	'Keep a diary' is the correct collocation , not 'write a diary'.
6	DNA	The information in cells which makes people what they are	Their DNA matches, so they are in the same family.
7	DYE	A substance that changes the colour of something.	Jane used a new dye for her hair and it's a lovely red colour now
8	DOMINANCE	Being more important or powerful than other people or things.	The old lion showed its dominance by attacking the younger ones
9	EARLY HUMAN	A person that lived in ancient times and looked different from people today.	Early humans used plants to make paint.
10	HARVEST	Cut or collect a crop.	Most crops are harvested after the summer.
11	INFLUENCE	Make somebody agree and do what you want.	Bright colours can influence our mood and make us feel happy
12	MAN-MADE	Not found in nature but made by man.	Plastic is a man-made material
13	MIDDLE-AGED	Between 40 and 60 years old.	Mum will be 40 on Saturday and she isn't happy about becoming middle-aged!
14	MOURNING	Sadness that you show or feel when somebody dies.	In Europe black is the colour of mourning and many people wear black after a relative dies.
15	PASS DOWN	To go from one generation to another	Mum's blonde hair was passed down to my sister, but I have brown hair.
16	PERSONALITY	Character.	Sandra has got a great personality , and everyone gets on well with her.
17	RELATIVE	A person who is in the same family as somebody else.	I love all my relatives , but my Aunt Carol and Uncle Ed are my favourites.
18	REMINDER	Something that makes you remember.	The teacher wrote a reminder about the test on the board in case anybody had forgotten about it
19	SCRUFFY	Untidy and dirty.	Mum doesn't like it when I wear scruffy jeans. She prefers me to wear smart clothes.
20	SUBSTANCE	A particular kind of solid, liquid or gas.	This substance is poisonous, so be careful.

21	SYNTHETIC	Not found in nature but made by man.	Synthetic materials like polyester are hot to wear in summer.
22	TRUSTWORTHY	A trustworthy person can be trusted and depended on.	Don't tell George any secrets as he isn't trustworthy .
23	WEALTH	Riches.	The woman used her wealth and to make the world a better place

UNIT 2: WORLD MYSTERIES			
	<u>WORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
24	AVAILABLE	If something is available, you can use, get or buy it.	There were no rooms available at the hotel.
25	BUN	A small round bread roll.	We ate some buns with cheese and ham because we were hungry.
26	CHEW	Use your teeth to break food into small pieces.	Grandpa can't chew his food because he hasn't got any teeth.
27	COLOSSAL	Extremely large.	The Egyptian pyramids are colossal structures.
28	COME ACROSS	Find by chance.	The archaeologist was very surprised when she came across a gold necklace.
29	COME TO LIGHT	Become known.	New findings about what happened to the Mayan civilization have come to light .
30	CUSTOMARY	Usual; normal because it is the way something is usually done.	The man came into the library and sat down at his customary seat near the window.
31	DISEASE	An illness.	Many diseases of the past can now be cured.
32	DOWNFALL	The sudden failure of an organization.	What caused the downfall of the Roman Empire?
33	DROUGHT	A long time without enough rain.	A lot of plants and animals died in the drought .
34	GRILL	Cook food under a very hot surface in a cooker.	It's healthier to grill meat than to fry it.
35	HOAX	A trick sb uses to fool others.	He showed them a photo of a ghost but it was just a hoax .
36	JUG	A container for liquid.	There's some cold water in the jug in the fridge.
37	LAYER	A level on top of another level.	If you study the layers of rock, you can learn a lot about the Earth's history.
38	MASSIVE	Very large and heavy.	Two people can't lift this table; it's massive !
39	MUD	Wet earth.	There was mud all over his shoes because he had been walking in the fields.
40	ROUGHLY	Approximately.	There are roughly 10,000 objects in the museum.
41	SETTLEMENT	A place where people come to live and build their homes.	Archaeologists found signs of a settlement which is thousands of years old.
42	TAP	A device for controlling the flow of water from a pipe into a bath, etc.	There's no water coming out of the kitchen tap , so we must call a plumber.
43	TOMB	A large grave.	When the rich man died, he was buried in the family tomb .
44	TRENDY	Fashionable.	The colour grey is very trendy this year. Everyone's wearing it.
45	WARFARE	The activity of fighting in a war.	Modern warfare can result in millions of deaths.
46	WIPE OUT	Kill; destroy.	Many animals have been wiped out by hunters and no longer exist.

UNIT 3: FIT AS A FIDDLE			
	<u>WORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>

47	AVERAGE	A number or amount calculated by adding several amounts together and then dividing the total by the number of amounts.	Most people live to about 80 years old, but the average in this remote village is 95.
48	(BE) WORTH	Be enjoyable or useful to have.	Life is worth living when you are healthy and happy.
49	BLOOD PRESSURE	Force with which blood flows around your body.	High blood pressure is dangerous but a healthy diet and exercise can reduce it.
50	COMMITMENT	A promise or decision to do something.	I can't visit you on Tuesday because I have a previous commitment ; I'm taking Mrs Jones to the doctor.
51	CONSUMPTION	Eating or drinking something.	The consumption of food on the Metro is not allowed.
52	DEMENTIA	A serious illness of the mind, especially in old people	Grandma has got dementia and she often forgets who we are.
53	DISCOURAGE	Make somebody not want to do something.	Her friend discouraged her from leaving her job.
54	FAST	A period of time when no food, or only certain food, is eaten.	The fast before Easter lasts for forty days and people don't eat meat.
55	FORBID	Tell somebody that they are not allowed to do something, or that something is not allowed.	The doctor has forbidden him to eat junk food.
56	GENE	A part of a cell in your body that you get from your parents and controls what you look like.	Your eye colour is controlled by genes .
57	HEAL	If a wound or a broken bone heals, the flesh, skin or bone grows back together and becomes healthy again.	That cut has healed so well that you can't see where it was.
58	INDEED	Really; truly.	Jeremy Smart is indeed a good surgeon who cares about his patients.
59	LIFE EXPECTANCY	The length of time that a person is likely to live.	In the West, women have a longer life expectancy than men.
60	LONGEVITY	Long life.	People from Crete are well-known for their longevity and many live to be over 100.
61	NAP	Sleep for a short time during the day.	My dad always naps after lunch.
62	NOD	Move your head up and down as a way of saying 'yes' or 'hello'.	When I asked her if she was happy, she noded .
63	PLASTER	A hard cover around an arm or leg to keep a broken bone in place while it mends.	Anna has her arm in plaster because it's broken in two places.
64	RATE	How often something happens or how many people something happens to.	The rate of people living beyond 80 has increased over the last fifty years.
65	(THE) NORM	The usual way something happens.	Eating potatoes almost every day is the norm in parts of Britain.
66	TRAIT	A quality, good or bad, in somebody's character.	A sense of humour is a family trait .
67	TWIST	Turn a part of your body suddenly and injure it.	I fell and twisted my ankle.
68	WARD	A room in a hospital for patients.	Larry is in Ward 3, which is on the third floor of the hospital.
69	WOUND	An injury made by a knife or bullet.	The soldier was shot and his wound is very serious.

UNIT 4: TECHNOLOGICAL MARVELS

	<u>WORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
70	AIRCRAFT	A vehicle that can fly.	The aircraft that took us to London was an Airbus.

71	APPLIANCE	A piece of equipment like a fridge or cooker that is used in a home.	I love buying appliances like espresso machines and toasters.
72	BLAST OFF	Leave the ground and head for space.	The Space Shuttle blasted off yesterday and will return to Earth in a week.
73	CELLAR	A room in basement used for storing things.	Put this old computer is in the cellar .
74	CRAFT	A vehicle that can travel in space.	The craft landed on Mars on 15 April.
75	DEGREE	A qualification from a university when you successfully complete your studies there.	If you have a university degree , you should find a good job.
76	DOUBT	A feeling of being not sure if something is true or right.	I'm not sure that's the right thing to do. I have some doubts .
77	EDGE	The part of something furthest from its center.	I wonder what there is at the edge of the universe.
78	FEATHER	One of the soft light things that cover a bird's body.	That bird is a flamingo and it has beautiful pink feathers .
79	GATHER	Collect.	Have you gathered all the information you need?
80	GAZE	Look at something for a long time.	She gazed out of the train window at the beautiful view.
81	HUMANOID	Like a human.	In Japan they have humanoid robots who look after the elderly!
82	MARVEL	An extremely useful person or thing.	The Internet is one of the technological marvels of our times.
83	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	A private business, one not controlled by the state.	Some people believe that private enterprise performs better than state controlled companies.
84	RENEWABLE	Renewable energy is replaced naturally or easily so that there is always enough of it.	Wind power is a renewable energy source.
85	REQUIREMENT	Something that somebody says you must have in order to do something.	Writing an assignment is a requirement on this history course.
86	ROCKY	With obstacles.	The rocky road to fame nearly made Fred give up, but in the end he was successful
87	SPACE SHUTTLE	A vehicle designed to travel into space and return to Earth more than once.	The Americans built the first space shuttle in the 1970s.
88	SPARE	If something is spare, you do not use or need it all the time.	You can stay with us – we've got a spare room.
89	UNVEIL	Show something new for the first time.	The new car was unveiled to the public at the motor show.
90	VACUUM CLEANER	An electrical appliance used to clean the floor and carpets.	This vacuum cleaner cleans the carpets very well.
91	WAX	A substance used to make candles.	The wax in these candles smells pleasantly of lemon.
92	WORTHLESS	Having no value.	You can't sell that old mobile phone. It's worthless .

UNIT 5: HIGH-FLYERS

	<u>WORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
93	BLOCKBUSTER	A very successful film.	We saw the latest blockbuster and we liked it very much.
94	FAILURE	Lack of success.	His failure to get into music school was a great disappointment.
95	FLAWLESS	Perfect.	This antique vase is flawless ; it's in perfect condition.
96	FLOP	A film, play, etc that is not successful.	The film Catwoman was a flop .
97	FUNDING	Money for a particular purpose.	Keith is trying to get some funding for his research.
98	GIVE UP	Stop trying.	Helena didn't give up and in the end she was able to walk again after her terrible accident.

99	HIGH-FLYER	Somebody who is very successful or who may become very successful.	Jack is a high-flyer and he got the top job he had always wanted.
100	HOOK UP	Meet somebody and spend time with them; start doing things with somebody.	He hooked up with the other members of the team in London.
101	IDOLIZE	Love and admire sb and think they are perfect.	Dave idolizes the footballer Lionel Messi and wants to be like him one day.
102	INNER-CITY	Near the middle of a city where poor people live.	The inner-city area near Omonia in Athens has got a lot of crime and poverty.
103	INNOVATOR	Somebody who introduces new ways of doing something.	He was an innovator in early radio and television.
104	JEWELLERY	Ornaments you wear like earrings, rings, necklaces etc	She wore a lot of gold jewellery to show she was rich.
105	PATH (TO)	A number of actions that will help somebody do or achieve something.	He sees that job as his path to success.
106	PESTER	Annoy somebody by asking them for something many times.	Journalists pestered the actress for information.
107	PROFIT	Money you get from selling something for more than it cost.	The company produces laptops which cost about £300 and then sells them at £1,000, making a profit of about £700 on each one.
108	REHEARSAL	A time when you practice a play, piece of music, etc before you perform in front of other people.	We missed most of the rehearsals for the school play.
109	RENOWNED	Famous for something.	Steven Spielberg is renowned for his films.
110	STUBBORN	Determined not to change your opinion, ideas, plans, etc.	Andy is so stubborn that he has refused to go to the party with me.
111	SUPPLIES	Things such as food, medicine, etc that you need to live or in order to do a particular activity.	They keep their food and other supplies over there.
112	TIRELESS	Working hard without stopping.	Chris is a tireless worker.
113	UPGRADE	Change something such as a computer so that it is better.	When did you last upgrade your laptop?
114	VIRTUALLY	Almost.	The two sisters look virtually the same.
115	WORSHIP	Love and admire sb very much	It's silly to worship celebrities because I don't think they do anything important.

UNIT 6: LIVING HISTORY

	<u>WORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
116	ARTIFICIAL	Not natural but man-made.	She has artificial flowers in her house because real ones make her sneeze.
117	AUTHENTIC	Genuine.	This is an authentic painting by Rembrandt.
118	BATTLE	A fight between armies.	The battle of Marathon took place in 490 BC.
119	BLOW UP	Destroy something with an explosion.	The building was blown up by a bomb and was completely destroyed.
120	CHARIOT	A vehicle with two wheels pulled by a horse, and used in ancient times in battles and races.	The chariot races in films about ancient Rome are very exciting.
121	D-DAY	In World War II, the day the Allies landed in France to begin the spread of their armies through Europe.	Many soldiers died on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day .
122	DECIPHER	Work out the meaning of something.	After Jean- Francois Champollion deciphered hieroglyphs, our knowledge of ancient Egypt increased.
123	DEPICTION	Showing sb or something in a picture.	There were depictions of hunting scenes on the walls of the cave.

124	DISPROVE	Show that something is not true.	The DNA analysis disproved the idea that he was related to the king.
125	EVENTUAL	Happening at the end of a process or period of time.	Amy and Tim were the eventual winners of the competition.
126	FIGURE	A statue of a person.	The famous figure of a chariot driver can be seen in the Delphi museum.
127	HIEROGLYPH	A picture or symbol of an object, representing a word, syllable or sound, used in ancient Egyptian writing.	Some people can read ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs .
128	HISTORICAL	Part of history.	Pericles is one of the most important historical figures.
129	HUMAN RIGHTS	Basic rights that people should have like freedom and justice.	Laws exist in order to protect our human rights .
130	HUNTER	Somebody who chases and kills wild animals.	The hunters chased and killed the red deer.
131	LUXURIOUS	Very comfortable and expensive.	Many rich people have luxurious homes and go on luxurious holidays.
132	PLOT	A secret plan to do something wrong.	A plot to kill Che Guevara succeeded in 1967
133	PROCEED	Do something after doing something else.	This book starts with a map of the Balkans today and then proceeds to explain how this map has changed over the ages.
134	REMAIN	Stay in the same situation or place.	I asked him what was wrong but he remained silent.
135	REVOLUTION	A time when there is a violent change of a political system.	The French Revolution started in 1789.
136	SKULL	The bones of a person's or animal's head.	He hit his head in the crash and broke the front of his skull .
137	TERRACOTTA	Hard, reddish-brown clay.	That's a lovely terracotta flower pot.
138	VIRUS	A very small living thing that causes illnesses.	He caught a virus at school and has got a very high fever.

UNIT 7: WILD WORLD

139	<u>WORD</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
140	ASH	Soft grey powder that remains after something has burnt.	Black ash covered the sun when the volcano erupted.
141	BLIZZARD	A snow storm.	There was a blizzard and the heavy snow prevented people from leaving their homes.
142	CHUNK	A large piece.	Chunks of ice are falling off glaciers as the temperature of our planet rises.
143	COVER	Shelter.	We ran for cover when it started to rain as we didn't have umbrellas.
144	DERAIL	Make a train come off the tracks.	Bad weather derailed the train and three people were killed.
145	DESTRUCTIVE	Causing damage.	Australia suffers from hundreds of destructive wildfires every year.
146	FLASH FLOOD	A flood that happens very suddenly, and continues for only a short time.	A flash flood drowned many animals and caused a lot of damage.
147	FRAGMENT	A small piece that has broken off something.	There were fragments of glass on the floor.
148	FREAKY	Very unusual.	The snowy weather in the middle of summer was freaky .
149	HAILSTORM	A storm in which frozen rain drops fall as balls of ice.	Hailstorms often ruin fruit crops because the ice damages the trees.
150	HURRICANE	A storm with very strong fast winds.	The hurricane called Katrina destroyed many parts of the city of New Orleans.

151	LIGHTNING	A flash of light in a storm.	You always see lightning before you hear thunder as light travels faster than sound.
152	MOLTEN	Molten lava or rock is in a liquid form because it is so hot.	Molten rock flowed down the volcano.
153	PYROCLASTIC	Hot gas, lava and rock that comes out of a volcano and flows down its side at great speed.	The pyroclastic flow was so fast that it killed more than 25 people.
154	RIP	Remove something quickly and violently.	Trees were ripped from the ground by the strong wind.
155	SPIN	Turn around in circles very quickly.	Tornados spin very fast and also move across land very fast.
156	STREAM	A continuous flow of liquid or gas.	A stream of smoke rose from the burning building.
157	SWEEP AWAY	Force something to move in a particular direction.	Cars and trucks were swept away by the tsunami.
158	THUNDER	The loud noise heard during a storm after a flash of lightning.	The children covered their ears because they were afraid of the thunder .
159	TORNADO	An extremely violent storm consisting of air that spins and causes destruction.	The tornado destroyed all the houses in the street.
160	TWISTER	A violent storm with a very strong wind that blows in a circle.	The twister destroyed their house.
161	VICTIM	Somebody who is hurt or killed.	The victims of the train accident were taken to hospital.
162	WILDFIRE	A fire that starts and spreads very quickly and cannot be controlled.	The wildfire burnt thousands of trees.

UNIT 8: MEDIA MATTERS

	<u>WORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
163	ACCURATE	Correct.	This article isn't accurate ; it says John Lennon died in 1970, but he actually died in 1980.
164	ADAPTATION	Film or TV programme based on a book or a play.	What do you think of the film adaptations of The Lord of the Rings trilogy?
165	BLOG	A web page with information about a subject, in which the latest information is at the top of the page.	If you want to read some of his new book, visit his blog .
166	BROADCAST	Send out a radio or TV programme.	The news is broadcast every evening at 9 pm.
167	BOOTH	A small enclosed place where sb can do something privately, such as use the telephone.	There's phone booth in the reception area of the hotel.
168	CAMERAMAN	Somebody who operates a TV camera.	John is a cameraman at a local TV station.
169	COLUMNIST	Somebody who writes articles regularly for a newspaper or magazine.	He's a columnist for a sports magazine and writes about football.
170	CONTEST	A game or competition in which people try to win something.	Who won the singing contest ?
171	DELIGHT	A feeling of great pleasure.	To the delight of her little son, a new Toy Story film was made.
172	FEATURE	A piece of writing about a subject in a magazine.	There's a feature about careers for young people in this magazine.
173	FOOTAGE	A film or part of a film of something.	Footage of the Second World War can be seen in documentaries about those times.
174	GOSSIP	Talk about other people's lives.	She reads all the gossip about famous stars in celebrity magazines.
175	MAKEOVER	Changes that make somebody or something look better.	We had a home makeover and completely redecorated our house.
176	MEASUREMENT	The length, width, height etc of something.	I have taken measurements of all the bedrooms so I can order new carpets.

177	NEWS FLASH	A very short news programme that interrupts another programme when something very important has happened.	A news flash announced that a hurricane had struck New Orleans.
178	PACKED (WITH)	Containing a lot of things.	National Geographic magazines are packed with articles on the environment.
179	PHOTOJOURNALISM	When news stories are presented with photos.	Photojournalism gives us a visual idea of the news which makes it more real for some people.
180	POST	Put information or pictures on a website.	I've just posted the photos on Facebook.
181	PRE-SCHOOLER	A child who hasn't started school yet; a child under five.	Pre-schoolers often go to nursery school for a few hours a day.
182	PRESENTER	Somebody who presents the news on TV.	The news presenter announced that a large earthquake had hit Chile.
183	PUBLISHER	A person or company that arranges the writing, production and sale of books, magazines, newspapers, etc	Patakis is the publisher of many Greek school books.
184	PULLOUT	A pullout is part of a magazine that is designed to be removed and read, seen or used separately.	There's a pullout poster of the Olympiacos team in this sports magazine.
185	READERSHIP	The number of people who read something.	Kathimerini is a Greek newspaper with a large readership .
186	REVIEW	An article that gives an opinion about a new film, book, play, performance.	There's a review in this magazine for a good film.
187	RHYME	A short piece of writing where the lines end with the same sounds.	I bought this book with children's rhymes for my little sister.
188	STATISTIC	A set of numbers which represent facts or measurements.	Statistics show that children read more nowadays than they did in the past.
189	STRIKE	Hit.	She was arrested for striking a police officer on the head with her bag.
190	SUPPLEMENT	A separate part of a newspaper or magazine.	There is a fashion supplement with this newspaper every Sunday.