

Spelling List for Years 7 – 8 (junior high)

ability	argument	blast	cast	complain
absolutely	arrange	blind	castle	complex
abuse	arrest	blood	catch	computer
accepted	arrive	board	chain	conduct
accuse	article	boil	chairman	confidence
achieve	artist	bomb	challenge	confirm
active	assess	bond	champion	conflict
activity	asset	bone	championship	conservative
addition	assist	boom	channel	considerable
address	association	boot	chapter	constant
administration	assume	border	character	consumer
admit	attend	bore	chart	contact
adopt	attention	born	chase	contest
adult	attitude	borrow	chat	cope
advance	attract	boss	cheap	copy
advantage	audience	bother	cheer	core
advice	August	bottle	cheese	corner
affair	aunt	bottom	chemical	correspondent
affect	author	bound	chicken	cotton
afternoon	auto	bowl	childhood	count
agency	autumn	brain	chocolate	countryside
agent	average	branch	choice	county
agreement	avoid	brand	choose	couple
ahead	await	brave	Christian	cousin
aim	award	bread	Christmas	crack
aircraft	aware	breakfast	church	craft
airline	awful	breast	citizen	crash
airport	background	breath	civil	crazy
alarm	backing	bridge	clash	cream
album	badly	brief	classic	creative
alive	balance	bright	classical	credit
ally	balloon	broad	clean	crew
alone	ban	brush	clever	cricket
alternative	bare	budget	client	crime
amount	bargain	bunch	climate	criminal
anger	baseball	burn	climb	crisis
angle	basic	burst	clothing	critic
angry	basis	bury	cloud	critical
annual	bathroom	businessmen	coach	crop
anybody	battle	busy	coal	cross
anyone	beach	butter	coalition	crowd
anyway	bean	button	coast	crown
anywhere	bear	bye	coffee	cruise
apart	behalf	cabinet	collapse	cry
apartment	behave	cable	collect	culture
apparently	behaviour / behavior	calm	collection	cure
appeal	bend	camera	college	currency
appearance	benefit	camp	comfort	curtain
apple	bet	cancer	comment	customer
apply	beyond	candidate	commercial	daily
approach	bid	captain	commission	damage
approve	billion	caption	commit	danger
April	birth	career	communist	dangerous
aren't	bitter	caring	compare	data
argue	blame	cash	competition	date

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dead	due	extra	fuel	highly
dear	dump	extremely	fully	hint
death	duty	facility	fun	hole
debate	earlier	factory	function	holiday
debt	earn	failure	funny	hook
decade	easily	fair	gain	hostage
December	eastern	faith	gang	hotel
deck	edition	false	garden	housing
declare	editor	famous	gas	huge
decline	effective	fashion	gate	hunt
defeat	eighteenth	favour / favor	gather	hurt
defence / defense	eighth	favourite / favorite	general	husband
defend	eightieth	feature	generally	ice
degree	elect	February	generation	ideal
delay	element	federal	gentle	identify
deliver	eleventh	federation	giant	ignore
democracy	emerge	fee	gift	ill
democrat	emergency	feed	goal	image
democratic	employee	feeling	god	imagine
deny	encourage	fellow	gold	immediate
depend	engine	female	golf	impact
deputy	enjoy	fence	governor	import
desk	ensure	festival	grab	impose
despite	enter	fifteenth	grade	impossible
destroy	entire	fifth	grain	improve
detail	entry	fiftieth	grand	incident
determine	environment	fighter	grant	include
diet	environmental	file	grass	including
difficulty	equal	finance	grave	income
dinner	equation	fine	gross	increasingly
dirty	equipment	fix	growth	indeed
discovery	escape	flight	guarantee	independent
discussion	especially	float	guard	indicate
disease	essential	flood	guess	individual
dish	establish	floor	guest	industrial
dismiss	estate	flow	guide	inflation
display	estimate	focus	guilty	influence
dispute	Europe	folk	guy	injury
district	evening	following	hadn't	insist
division	eventually	fool	hair	inspire
doctor	everybody	football	handle	instance
document	everyone	foreign	hang	instead
domestic	evidence	forget	hardly	institute
dominate	exact	formal	hasn't	insurance
double	examine	fortieth	haven't	intend
doubt	excellent	forward	healthy	international
dozen	except	fourteenth	hearing	interview
draft	exchange	fourth	he'd	introduce
drag	executive	freedom	height	investigate
drain	exist	frequent	hell	investment
dramatic	expensive	fresh	he'll	investor
dream	expert	Friday	hello	invite
dress	export	friendly	hero	involve
drift	express	fruit	hi	iron
drum	extend	fry	hide	issue

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item	mainly	muscle	ourselves	prepare
it'll	maintain	museum	overall	presence
jail	majority	myself	owner	pressure
January	maker	narrow	pack	pretty
jet	male	national	package	prevent
joint	manage	nationalist	pain	previous
joke	management	natural	park	pride
journal	manager	nature	parliament	priest
journalist	March	nearby	particular	primary
joy	marriage	nearly	particularly	prince
judge	marry	neat	partner	princess
juice	mass	necessary	path	principal
July	master	neck	patient	principle
jump	mate	neighbour / neighbor	payment	print
June	maximum	neither	penny	prison
junior	May	net	perfect	prisoner
justice	maybe	network	perform	private
key	means	newspaper	performance	prize
kilometre / kilometer	meanwhile	nice	period	probably
kitchen	meat	nineteenth	personal	production
knowledge	media	ninetieth	phone	professional
lack	medical	ninth	photograph	professor
lad	medium	no one	physical	profit
lady	memory	nobody	pile	programme / program
lake	mention	nod	pill	progress
lane	mess	noise	pilot	project
largely	message	none	pipe	promise
latest	method	nor	pitch	promote
launch	metre / meter	normal	planet	proper
lawyer	midnight	north-east	please	property
leadership	mild	north-west	plus	proposal
leading	military	nose	pocket	propose
leaf	mill	novel	poem	prospect
league	million	November	pole	protest
lend	millionth	nowhere	policeman	prove
lens	ministry	nuclear	policy	publish
lesson	minority	obvious	political	pump
liberal	mirror	occasion	politician	punch
library	Miss	occupy	politics	pupil
lie	missing	occur	poll	purchase
lift	mission	o'clock	pollution	purpose
likely	mistake	October	poor	push
limit	mix	odd	popular	quality
link	model	officer	population	quarter
loan	modern	okay	port	queen
Lord	Monday	onto	position	quiet
loss	monthly	opinion	positive	quote
loud	mood	opportunity	possibility	rabbit
lovely	mortgage	opposition	possible	racing
lower	mostly	option	possibly	radical
luck	motor	organisation / organization	potential	railway
lunch	mouth	organise / organize	pour	range
magazine	movement	original	powerful	rapid
magic	movie	otherwise	practice	raw
mail	murder		prefer	ray

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reaction	roll	she'd	south-west	supply
realise / realize	roof	shell	spark	suppose
reality	route	she's	speaker	surround
rear	row	shift	specific	survey
recall	royal	shirt	speech	survive
recently	rugby	shock	speed	suspect
recession	ruin	shoe	spirit	sweep
recognise / recognize	runner	shopping	split	sweet
recommend	running	shortly	spokesman	swing
reduce	rush	shoulder	sport	switch
refer	sack	shouldn't	spray	tail
reflect	sad	shout	spread	talent
reform	safe	sight	spring	tall
refugee	safety	significant	stable	tank
refuse	sail	silent	stake	tape
regard	saint	silver	stamp	target
regional	salt	similar	standard	task
regular	sand	simply	stare	taste
reject	Saturday	singer	statement	tea
relation	scale	site	station	teach
relationship	scene	situation	status	tear
relief	schedule	situation	steady	technique
religion	scheme	sixth	steal	technology
religious	science	sixtieth	steam	telephone
remove	score	ski	stem	television
rent	screen	skill	sterling	tend
repeat	search	skin	stick	tennis
replace	seat	sleep	stir	tenth
reply	secret	slide	stone	terrible
reporter	secretary	slightly	storm	territory
reporting	section	slim	straight	theatre
representative	sector	slip	strain	theory
republic	secure	smart	strange	therefore
republican	security	smash	strategy	they'd
request	seed	smell	stream	they'll
require	self	smile	strength	they've
reserve	senate	smoke	stress	thick
resident	senator	soccer	stretch	thin
resolution	senior	social	strike	thirteenth
resource	separate	society	string	thirtieth
respect	September	software	strip	threat
respond	series	soil	structure	threaten
response	serious	soldier	struggle	throughout
responsible	serve	solid	studio	throw
restaurant	service	solution	stuff	Thursday
reveal	session	solve	stupid	thus
revel	settle	somebody	style	ticket
review	settlement	somehow	succeed	tie
rice	seventeenth	someone	success	till
rich	seventh	somewhat	successful	tiny
ride	seventieth	somewhere	suffer	tired
ring	severe	sorry	sugar	title
risk	shake	source	suit	tomorrow
rival	sharp	south-east	Sunday	ton
rocket	shed	southern	super	tone

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tonight	voter
tool	warn
tooth	wash
tough	waste
tour	weapon
tower	wear
traditional	we'd
transfer	wedding
transport	Wednesday
traveller / traveler	weekend
treat	weekly
treatment	weight
treaty	welcome
trial	we'll
troop	weren't
truly	whatever
trust	what's
truth	whenever
Tuesday	while
twelfth	whilst
twentieth	whip
twin	whisper
twist	whom
type	who's
unable	wicket
uncle	wing
underground	winner
understanding	winning
unfair	wipe
unhappy	wire
uniform	withdraw
university	wonderful
unknown	worried
unless	worry
unlikely	worth
unusual	wound
upper	writing
upset	wrong
urge	yard
urgent	yen
useful	yours
user	yourself
valley	youth
variety	
various	
vegetable	
vehicle	
version	
victim	
victory	
video	
village	
violence	
visitor	
volume	

A word about the spelling list

The words that appear in this list are British English, with American English appearing in red (for those using an American syllabus). While you are not expected to know the definition of each and every word it would certainly help if you learnt as many as possible. If you don't possess a decent dictionary then now is the time to buy one. The words from this list are from *Collins Cobuild Learner's Dictionary, Concise Edition ISBN 0-00-712640-9*. It is an indispensable reference book for all students from intermediate level upwards.

The Cobuild provides additional information about word frequency and grammar, and it is from this information that the spelling is based. Whenever you look up a word you can see immediately if it is a very common word or not. About half the entries in the dictionary have a frequency marker. They work on a scale from five black diamonds down to no diamonds at all (these are words which you are more likely to read or hear than use in daily conversation).

Words with five black diamonds are **the most frequently used words** and form a huge proportion of the language – the 'grammar' words, such as *of, the, as, with, also* and so on, as well as frequently used vocabulary words such as *carry, sit, and think* etc. There are just over 600 entries (head words) in this band, representing over 1,500 different forms. The Year 6 spelling list is based on the five black diamond words. In addition to these an extra 300 words have also been added to the Year 6 list. The majority of these additional words are classified as **common words** (three diamonds) and would normally appear in the Year 9 -10 list; however, we feel they are more appropriate for the Year 6 list and have therefore included them. Words such as *birthday, cat, clock, milk, pet, sick, swim, tap, truck, wet* and so on.

Words with four black diamonds (just over 1,000) are classified as **very common words**. These account for a total of nearly 2,500 forms, and together with the five-diamond words **account for 75% of all English usage. Together these two bands represent the essential core of English.** The Year 7- 8 spelling list has been based on the four black diamond words.

Words with three, two, and with one black diamond are progressively less frequent. The Year 9 -10 spelling list is based predominately on the three diamond words. The words for Year 11-12 list were individually chosen from the three, two and one diamond words and selected on their relevance to essay writing.