



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Children in Year 5 & 6

As many of you will know, last year, I ran a very successful spelling competition for Year 5 & 6 as part of the work I do with you in our spelling and handwriting lessons on a Tuesday morning. The enthusiasm for this was so infectious that I have been bombarded by questions about when it is starting again! Therefore, I bring you GLPA Spelling Bee – Round 2!

For those of you new to it, this is how it will work: Each half term, you will be given a list of 100 words to try and learn at home. At the end of the half term, each class will have a competition and will end up with a Year 5 and a Year 6 champion. The following week, the winners will face each other in a Champion-of-Champions competition. The winner for each year group will be awarded with the Spelling Bee trophy to look after and a champion's certificate for their efforts. Everyone taking part gets a participation certificate and class winners receive a badge to wear for the following half term, a small prize and a winner's certificate.

A Spelling Bee is an oral competition where the entrant is given a word to spell out loud and it's meaning to help them. It will operate on a last-man-standing format where the children will be called up in random order and will continue to be called up as long as they get the spellings correct. The purpose behind this is to have a fun competition, raise our aspirations and enthusiasm for spelling, add to our vocabulary that we can use in our writing as well as meeting the needs of all the children in UKS2. Some children find writing down words simple and others find it easier to say words out loud and last year we had some unexpected winners!

Attached to this letter are the 100 words both year groups will be given to practice over the coming weeks. Year 6 children, please be aware this is the same list you had this time last year. This should mean more of you will get through to round 2 and beyond plus, I will select different words in the final for you than last time. It is completely up to you how practice, just bear in mind that you will only be tested out loud and will not be allowed writing implements to help. You also only get one attempt. Rest assured, the emphasis is on taking part, having fun and joining in and we will practice lots in class too! These words are in addition to the weekly lists we are learning and we will continue to do this as before.

The class Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and the Champion-of-Champions Bee will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. These winners will not be given a list to revise from; they will be given random words from a different list at approximately the same level of difficulty.

I am really looking forward to tackling this challenge with you all again this year and if you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask me.

Kind Regards  
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## Spelling Bee Autumn Term 2011 2nd Half 100 Beginner Words

Name		
Class		
Spelling Group		
	Word	Definition
1.	<b>Abscess</b>	is a localized collection of pus in tissues of the body.
2.	<b>Accessible</b>	means easy to approach
3.	<b>Accommodate</b>	is to do a kindness or a favour to; oblige.
4.	<b>Accordion</b>	is a musical instrument.
5.	<b>Annulment</b>	is the declaration that annuls a marriage.
6.	<b>Assassin</b>	is a murderer, especially in politics.
7.	<b>Atrium</b>	is the central room of an ancient Roman house.
8.	<b>Automaton</b>	is another word for a robot.
9.	<b>Baboon</b>	is a large monkey found in Africa or Arabia.
10.	<b>Balloon</b>	is an inflated bag.
11.	<b>Barbiturate</b>	is used to medicine as a sedative.
12.	<b>Bassoon</b>	is a large woodwind instrument.
13.	<b>Bazaar</b>	is a marketplace, especially in the Middle East.
14.	<b>Beige.</b>	is a very light brown
15.	<b>Benign</b>	Is having a kindly disposition
16.	<b>Bizarre</b>	is markedly unusual.
17.	<b>Bobbin</b>	is a reel upon which yarn or thread is wound.
18.	<b>Bonsai</b>	is a tree that has been dwarfed, as by pruning.
19.	<b>Bough</b>	is a branch of a tree.
20.	<b>Bouillon</b>	is a clear usually seasoned broth.
21.	<b>Bouquet</b>	is a bunch of flowers.
22.	<b>Bursar</b>	is a treasurer or business officer.
23.	<b>Cache</b>	is a hiding place.
24.	<b>Calendar</b>	is a table of days and weeks in a year.
25.	<b>Camaraderie</b>	is good fellowship.
26.	<b>Campaign</b>	is a military operation for a specific objective.
27.	<b>Canvass</b>	is to solicit votes.

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28.	<b>Carafe</b>	is a wide-mouthed bottle used to serve beverages. or drinks
29.	<b>Caribou</b>	is a large, North American deer.
30.	<b>Cataclysm</b>	is any violent upheaval.
31.	<b>Caterpillar</b>	is the larva of a butterfly or moth.
32.	<b>Cellist</b>	is a person who plays a cello.
33.	<b>Cemetery</b>	is a place set apart for graves or tombs.
34.	<b>Censor</b>	is an official who examines material to suppress all or part of it.
35.	<b>Census</b>	is an official enumeration of the population.
36.	<b>Chameleon</b>	is a lizard that can, as protection, change colour.
37.	<b>Charisma</b>	is a personal quality that gives one power over a group of people.
38.	<b>Chauffeur</b>	is a person employed to drive a car or limousine
39.	<b>Codeine</b>	is used as a sedative or analgesic.
40.	<b>Colonel</b>	is an officer in the Army or Air Force.
41.	<b>Conceit</b>	is an excessively favourable opinion of oneself.
42.	<b>Conscious</b>	is being aware of one's own existence.
43.	<b>Consensus</b>	is a majority of opinion.
44.	<b>Cough</b>	is to expel air through the lungs harshly, often violently.
45.	<b>Counsel.</b>	is advice
46.	<b>Coyote</b>	is a smaller, wolf-like animal.
47.	<b>Crescent</b>	resembles a segment of a ring tapering to points at the ends.
48.	<b>Crochet</b>	is needlework with a needle having a hook at one end.
49.	<b>Croquet</b>	is a game played by knocking balls through metal wickets with a mallet.
50.	<b>Crouton</b>	is a small piece of fried or toasted bread.
51.	<b>Crypt</b>	is an underground chamber or vault.
52.	<b>Cuckoo</b>	is a common European bird.
53.	<b>Cursor</b>	is a movable symbol on a computer.
54.	<b>Cymbal</b>	is a metal disc, percussion instrument that produces a ringing sound when struck, played in pairs.
55.	<b>Debris</b>	is the remains of things broken down or destroyed.
56.	<b>Deceive</b>	is to mislead by a false appearance or statement.
57.	<b>Defendant</b>	is a person against whom a charge is brought against in court.
58.	<b>Descender</b>	is the part of the letter that goes below the body.
59.	<b>Detached</b>	means not attached or separated.
60.	<b>Deuce</b>	is a score of 40 all in tennis.
61.	<b>Dialogue</b>	is conversation with two or more people.
62.	<b>Dictionary</b>	is a book containing a selection of words or a language.
63.	<b>Diocese</b>	is a district under the jurisdiction of a bishop.
64.	<b>Diphtheria</b>	is an infectious disease.
65.	<b>Disappear</b>	is to cease to be seen - not there any more.

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66.	<b>Distraught</b>	means deeply agitated or upset.
67.	<b>Doubt</b>	is to be uncertain about something.
68.	<b>Dough</b>	is flour combined with water.
69.	<b>Drought</b>	is a period of dry weather.
70.	<b>Ecstasy</b>	is rapturous delight.
71.	<b>Eerie</b>	is uncanny, weird.
72.	<b>Elite</b>	is the best of anything.
73.	<b>Embarrass</b>	is to cause confusion and shame to.
74.	<b>Entourage</b>	is a group of attendants or associates.
75.	<b>Entrepreneur</b>	is a person who organises or manages an enterprise.
76.	<b>Enzyme</b>	is one of various proteins.
77.	<b>Etiquette</b>	is conventional requirements to social behaviour
78.	<b>Eulogy</b>	is a speech in praise of a dead person.
79.	<b>Exacerbate</b>	is to make something worse.
80.	<b>Exchequer</b>	is a treasury.
81.	<b>Facade.</b>	is the front of a building
82.	<b>Farce</b>	is a light hearted humorous play.
83.	<b>Fatigue</b>	is excessive weariness or tiredness from exertion.
84.	<b>Faucet</b>	is a device to control the flow of liquid. Known as a tap
85.	<b>Feasible</b>	is capable of being done.
86.	<b>Feign</b>	is to represent fictitiously or pretend
87.	<b>Feint</b>	is a movement made to deceive an opponent in sport
88.	<b>Fight</b>	is a battle or combat.
89.	<b>Finesse</b>	is extreme delicacy or skill in performance.
90.	<b>Finicky</b>	means difficult to please.
91.	<b>Flaunt</b>	means to display oneself conspicuously.
92.	<b>Fledgling</b>	is a young bird or an inexperienced person.
93.	<b>Flour</b>	is finely ground grain.
94.	<b>Flourish</b>	means to thrive.
95.	<b>Flower</b>	is the blossom of a plant.
96.	<b>Flue</b>	is a passage for smoke in a chimney.
97.	<b>Foray</b>	is a quick raid.
98.	<b>Frappe</b>	is a milkshake made with ice cream.
99.	<b>Freight</b>	is goods or cargo transported for pay.
100.	<b>Galloping</b>	is running or moving quickly like a horse.

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