



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for First Graders

2018-2019

1. **red** (*adjective*) of a color that is like that of blood or a ruby.
2. **see** (*verb*) to become aware of (something) by using your eyes.
3. **fun** (*noun*) a thing or person that gives amusement or is enjoyable.
4. **zoo** (*noun*) a garden or park where wild animals are kept so the public can see them.
5. **din** (*noun*) a confused mix of loud noises.
6. **fall** (*verb*) to drop suddenly.
7. **run** (*verb*) to go by quickly moving the legs.
8. **ask** (*verb*) to call on (someone) for an answer to a question.
9. **lad** (*noun*) a boy.
10. **best** (*adjective*) being better than all others.
11. **pay** (*verb*) to give in return for something.
12. **hill** (*noun*) a part of the land that is higher than the land around it and is clearly shaped.
13. **air** (*noun*) a mixture of invisible gases that surrounds us and the earth, and that we can feel.
14. **keep** (*verb*) to cause to stay in a given place, situation or condition.
15. **fish** (*noun*) a cold-blooded animal that lives in the water and that has a spine, gills and usually fins.
16. **one** (*adjective*) being a single person or thing and no more.
17. **gills** (*plural noun*) organs used to get oxygen from water.
18. **path** (*noun*) a track or way made for a specific use.
19. **rain** (*noun*) water that falls in drops from clouds in the sky.
20. **burp** (*verb*) to force gas out quickly from the stomach through the mouth.
21. **tent** (*noun*) a temporary, lightweight shelter made of canvas or other material that is stretched across poles and that is used for camping.
22. **sick** (*adjective*) not well or in good health.
23. **code** (*noun*) a set of instructions for a computer program.
24. **maze** (*noun*) a complex pattern of paths that branch out and connect in a confusing way.
25. **webs** (*plural noun*) networks of crisscrossing threads that are made by spiders to catch prey.



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27.	date	<i>(noun)</i>	a given point of time.
28.	trim	<i>(verb)</i>	to cut or shorten (something) to make it neater or more regular.
29.	yard	<i>(noun)</i>	the usually grassy land surrounding a house.
30.	week	<i>(noun)</i>	a period of seven days.
31.	game	<i>(noun)</i>	a physical or mental competition that has rules and which players try to win.
32.	hope	<i>(verb)</i>	to want something with the belief that you might get it.
33.	lake	<i>(noun)</i>	a large body of water surrounded by land.
34.	sold	<i>(verb)</i>	gave up (something) to someone else in exchange for money or something else of value.
35.	king	<i>(noun)</i>	a man who usually inherits leadership and is in charge of a country for life.
36.	just	<i>(adverb)</i>	a very short time ago : very recently.
37.	even	<i>(adjective)</i>	being any number that can be exactly divided by two.
38.	carry	<i>(verb)</i>	to hold (something) and bring it with you to another place.
39.	yelp	<i>(noun)</i>	a sharp, high-pitched cry.
40.	jaws	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the bones, muscles, nerves and other parts that make up the walls of the mouth and that open and close it.
41.	mind	<i>(verb)</i>	to object to : dislike.
42.	salt	<i>(noun)</i>	a white crystal-like substance that is used especially to season or preserve food.
43.	city	<i>(noun)</i>	a large or important place where a lot of people live.
44.	eggs	<i>(plural noun)</i>	oval, hard-shelled objects from which young birds are born.
45.	away	<i>(adverb)</i>	from this or that place.
46.	pool	<i>(noun)</i>	a container usually made of concrete or plastic that is made for swimming.
47.	lunch	<i>(noun)</i>	the meal that is eaten in the middle of the day.
48.	happy	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a feeling of well-being.
49.	lima	<i>(noun)</i>	a type of large, flat, green or whitish bean that can be eaten.
50.	grapes	<i>(plural noun)</i>	a smooth-skinned juicy berry usually green or red in color.
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59.	vine	<i>(noun)</i>	a plant with a slender or weak stem that supports itself by climbing, winding around something else or running along the ground.
60.	purr	<i>(verb)</i>	to make the low vibrating sound of a happy cat.
61.	done	<i>(adjective)</i>	finished, completed.
62.	crisp	<i>(adjective)</i>	easily broken, cracked or snapped.
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54.	angles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the directions from which someone or something is viewed, considered or approached.
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72.	sneakers	<i>(plural noun)</i>	shoes usually of canvas with flexible rubber soles worn especially for sports or hiking.
73.	crackle	<i>(verb)</i>	to make small, sharp, sudden noises repeatedly.
74.	inspire	<i>(verb)</i>	to encourage or motivate.
75.	pleats	<i>(plural noun)</i>	folds in cloth made by doubling material over on itself and that is stitched, attached or held along one side.



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76.	shivery	<i>(adjective)</i>	frigid, cold.
77.	briefing	<i>(noun)</i>	the process of being given usually essential information typically in little time and without unnecessary details.
78.	obtain	<i>(verb)</i>	to gain possession or disposal of usually by some planned action or method.
79.	portray	<i>(verb)</i>	to represent by drawing, painting or cutting something into the surface of a material.
80.	squeeze	<i>(verb)</i>	to exert pressure especially on opposite sides or parts of : press together closely or tightly.
81.	rumbling	<i>(verb)</i>	making a low, heavy rolling sound.
82.	gangplank	<i>(noun)</i>	a long, narrow, movable platform or bridge used to get on or off a ship (as from a wharf).
83.	scratched	<i>(verb)</i>	scraped or rubbed lightly with something pointed or rough in order to relieve itching.
84.	distorted	<i>(verb)</i>	twisted out of a natural, normal or original shape or condition.
85.	cardboard	<i>(noun)</i>	a stiff, thick kind of paper that sometimes has a coating and that can be used to make signs or for printed material.
86.	interviews	<i>(verb)</i>	questions or talks with especially in order to gain information or learn personal qualities.
87.	guilty	<i>(adjective)</i>	justly chargeable with or responsible for a fault or crime.
88.	lunar	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, taking place on or relating to the moon.
89.	custard	<i>(noun)</i>	a sweetened mixture of milk and eggs that is baked, boiled or frozen.
90.	shriek	<i>(noun)</i>	a shrill, usually wild or unintentional cry (as of sudden or extreme terror or pain or of violent laughter).
91.	ghost	<i>(noun)</i>	a supernatural appearance : apparition.
92.	mission	<i>(noun)</i>	a specific task with which a person or group is charged.
93.	tempting	<i>(adjective)</i>	alluring, enticing.
94.	majestic	<i>(adjective)</i>	having, exhibiting, or marked by magnificent or commanding power, effect, or appearance : regal.
95.	solution	<i>(noun)</i>	an answer to or a means of answering a problem : an explanation.
96.	signals	<i>(plural noun)</i>	sounds or gestures made to give warning or command.
97.	eliminate	<i>(verb)</i>	to get rid of.
98.	universe	<i>(noun)</i>	the entire celestial cosmos.
99.	locusts	<i>(plural noun)</i>	migratory grasshoppers that often travel in vast swarms and strip the areas they travel through of all vegetation.
100.	guidance	<i>(noun)</i>	advice in choosing courses, preparing for a line of work or further education, or coping with personal problems given to students by a teacher or a professional counselor.



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Vocabulary List for Fourth Graders

2018-2019

1. **dense** (*adjective*) crowded very close together.
2. **groan** (*noun*) a deep, sudden, unintentional sound that usually indicates pain, grief, or sometimes disapproval or annoyance.
3. **siren** (*noun*) an apparatus often electrically operated for producing a piercing warning sound of musical tones.
4. **angles** (*plural noun*) the directions from which someone or something is viewed, considered or approached.
5. **fend** (*verb*) to look out for oneself : manage.
6. **rubbish** (*noun*) assorted useless, valueless waste or rejected matter : trash.
7. **tuneful** (*adjective*) having a musical sound : melodious.
8. **artistic** (*adjective*) characterized by taste and judgment or by art and skill.
9. **squishy** (*adjective*) being soft, yielding and damp.
10. **clumsy** (*adjective*) not having ease in using the hands, skill, nimbleness or grace, such as in the use of the body or limbs or in the performance of an action.
11. **kibble** (*noun*) coarsely ground dried food products or grain.
12. **cues** (*plural noun*) signals (such as words or bits of stage business) to a performer to begin a specific speech or action.
13. **boasted** (*verb*) said or told something intended to give others a high opinion of yourself : bragged.
14. **prayer** (*noun*) an address (such as a petition or confession) to God or a god in word or thought.
15. **tireless** (*adjective*) seemingly not able to become weary or have your strength decrease or fail.
16. **factory** (*noun*) a building or collection of buildings with facilities (such as machines) for making goods often from raw materials.
17. **borrowed** (*verb*) received something (such as a book) from a library to use outside the library for a period of time.
18. **shavings** (*plural noun*) thin strips of wood pared off by a tool for smoothing or shaping wood.
19. **poodles** (*plural noun*) dogs of an old European breed of active, intelligent dogs that have a curly, dense, solid-colored coat and are grouped into standard, miniature and toy sizes.
20. **gravity** (*noun*) the tendency or state of being drawn to the mass of something in the sky (such as the earth, the moon or a planet) for bodies at or near its surface.
21. **abnormal** (*adjective*) differing from the typical.



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| 46. | signals | <i>(plural noun)</i> | sounds or gestures made to give warning or command. |
| 47. | eliminate | <i>(verb)</i> | to get rid of. |
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| 53. | coiled | <i>(verb)</i> | wound (something) into rings laid within or on top of one another or wound spirally about an object. |
| 54. | glands | <i>(plural noun)</i> | cells or groups of cells that selectively remove materials from the blood, modify them, and send them back out so the body can further use them or eliminate them. |
| 55. | axis | <i>(noun)</i> | a straight line a body or a three-dimensional figure rotates about or may be supposed to rotate. |
| 56. | radish | <i>(noun)</i> | the pungent, fleshy root of a plant that is typically eaten raw. |
| 57. | lure | <i>(verb)</i> | to attract : entice. |
| 58. | griddle | <i>(noun)</i> | a flat surface that is used to cook food using dry heat. |
| 59. | jerkily | <i>(adverb)</i> | in a manner marked by jolting. |
| 60. | stylish | <i>(adjective)</i> | conforming to an accepted standard and especially to one of current fashion. |
| 61. | knelt | <i>(verb)</i> | fell or rested on the knees. |
| 62. | frayed | <i>(verb)</i> | worn or worn off by or as if by rubbing. |
| 63. | sprouted | <i>(verb)</i> | grew, sprung up or came forth as a shoot from a plant. |
| 64. | relics | <i>(plural noun)</i> | souvenirs, mementos. |
| 65. | discomfort | <i>(noun)</i> | mental or physical uneasiness that isn't as intense or concentrated in one area as pain. |
| 66. | creatures | <i>(plural noun)</i> | lower animals; especially : farm animals. |
| 67. | dwelling | <i>(noun)</i> | a building or construction used as a home. |
| 68. | rickety | <i>(adjective)</i> | weak in the joints : tottering. |
| 69. | infested | <i>(verb)</i> | overrun. |
| 70. | despair | <i>(noun)</i> | total loss of hope. |
| 71. | thirst | <i>(noun)</i> | a sensation of dryness in the mouth and throat associated with a desire for liquids. |



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73.	shrewd	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by cleverness or discernment : astute.
74.	molten	<i>(adjective)</i>	fused or liquefied by heat : melted.
75.	stalk	<i>(noun)</i>	the main stem of an herbaceous plant often with its dependent parts (such as leaves, twigs, fruit).
76.	aromas	<i>(plural noun)</i>	distinctive pleasing odors : fragrances.
77.	champion	<i>(noun)</i>	someone whose superiority is formally acknowledged especially after a test, contest or series of tests or contests.
78.	salesclerk	<i>(noun)</i>	a person employed to sell goods or services in a store.
79.	dollop or dallop	<i>(noun)</i>	a lump or blob of something semiliquid or mushy.
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81.	captivity	<i>(noun)</i>	the state of being kept caged or fenced in.
82.	blathering	<i>(noun)</i>	foolish or nonsensical talk or writing.
83.	Venus	<i>(noun)</i>	the planet second in order from the sun.
84.	unwavering	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by steadiness : fixed.
85.	spectators	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people watching an exhibition (such as a sports event).
86.	construction	<i>(noun)</i>	the act of putting parts together to form a complete integrated object : fabrication.
87.	swindle	<i>(verb)</i>	to deprive of money or property by an instance or act of trickery or deceit.
88.	infinity	<i>(noun)</i>	an indefinitely great number or amount.
89.	mirror	<i>(noun)</i>	a polished or smooth substance that forms images by the reflection of light and that is usually made of glass with a reflective backing.
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91.	citizen	<i>(noun)</i>	a native or naturalized person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection and rights.
92.	pronounce	<i>(verb)</i>	to declare solemnly.
93.	taut	<i>(adjective)</i>	tightly drawn : tensely stretched.
94.	monopoly	<i>(noun)</i>	ownership that allows for the total control of the means of production or a market, usually for controlling prices.
95.	Florence	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a small administrative district in central Italy that is the capital of the region of Tuscany.
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2018-2019

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53.	clanging	<i>(verb)</i>	making a loud, resonating sound like that of a trumpet or especially like pieces of metal struck together.
54.	qualify	<i>(verb)</i>	to fit especially for an office or privilege.
55.	solely	<i>(adverb)</i>	to the exclusion of alternate or competing things (such as persons, purposes, duties).
56.	refined	<i>(adjective)</i>	precise, exact.
57.	plodding	<i>(verb)</i>	moving or traveling slowly but steadily : trudging.
58.	Japanese	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or characteristic of a country in eastern Asia made up of four main and other islands in the western Pacific.
59.	advanced	<i>(adjective)</i>	beyond the elementary or introductory : carrying on from that which comes before.
60.	sensible	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by serious examination and study : intelligent, reasonable.
61.	beneath	<i>(preposition)</i>	immediately under.
62.	penalty	<i>(noun)</i>	a disadvantage (as loss of time or possession of the ball) imposed for violation of the rules of a contest.
63.	mockingly	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner marked by scorn, contempt or ridicule.
64.	compartment	<i>(noun)</i>	a small chamber, receptacle or container.
65.	achieve	<i>(verb)</i>	to carry out successfully : accomplish.
66.	hoisted	<i>(verb)</i>	moved from one place to another by or as if by lifting.
67.	doffing	<i>(verb)</i>	lifting (the hat).
68.	banishment	<i>(noun)</i>	legal expulsion from a country.
69.	furled	<i>(verb)</i>	rolled up or gathered in (a sail) and fastened close to a yard or mast.
70.	immune	<i>(adjective)</i>	not susceptible or responsive.
71.	volley	<i>(verb)</i>	to propel (an object of play) while in the air and before touching the ground.
72.	perish	<i>(verb)</i>	to become destroyed or ruined : die.
73.	dismissal	<i>(noun)</i>	the fact or state of being removed from employment, enrollment, position or office.



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75.	anthem	<i>(noun)</i>	a song or hymn of praise or gladness.
76.	rebuked	<i>(verb)</i>	criticized sharply : reprimanded.
77.	garret	<i>(noun)</i>	an unfinished part of a house immediately under or within the roof.
78.	irked	<i>(verb)</i>	irritated or disgusted (as a person) usually because of tiresome or wearying qualities.
79.	prickliness	<i>(noun)</i>	the quality or state of being easily irritated.
80.	narration	<i>(noun)</i>	the act or process of telling the particulars of an act, occurrence or course of events.
81.	dormer	<i>(noun)</i>	a usually gabled extension of an attic room through a sloping roof to allow for a vertical window.
82.	realization* or realisation	<i>(noun)</i>	the action of being fully aware or condition of being clearly understood.
83.	supposedly	<i>(adverb)</i>	in the manner of something asserted to be true or to exist.
84.	ruefully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a pitiable or woeful manner.
85.	guise	<i>(noun)</i>	form or style of dress; especially: dress that is unexpected on or foreign to the wearer.
86.	pennant	<i>(noun)</i>	a flag symbolic of championship (as in a league of professional baseball clubs).
87.	fulcrum	<i>(noun)</i>	a prop : a support; specifically : the support about which a lever turns.
88.	recognition	<i>(noun)</i>	special notice or attention.
89.	governess	<i>(noun)</i>	a woman who cares for and supervises a child especially in a private household.
90.	conquering	<i>(verb)</i>	bringing under control or overcoming by mental or moral power : surmounting.
91.	alabaster	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a nearly white color and a surface that spreads out light.
92.	tendrils	<i>(plural noun)</i>	things that resemble the slender, spirally coiling part of a plant that is used to attach the plant to its support and help it climb.
93.	invariably	<i>(adverb)</i>	without exception or change : always : consistently.
94.	scrimmage	<i>(noun)</i>	a minor battle between small forces : skirmish.
95.	procession	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of people moving along on a particular course especially in a continuous, orderly, often formal or ceremonial way and usually arranged in a long line.
96.	writhing	<i>(verb)</i>	becoming twisted or contorted in or as if in pain or struggling.
97.	rosette	<i>(noun)</i>	an ornament resembling a showy flower usually made of material and that is worn as a badge of office or as trimming (such as on a hat or shoe).

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| 99. | conservatory | <i>(noun)</i> | a greenhouse sometimes attached to a home for growing or displaying plants. |
| 100. | miniature | <i>(adjective)</i> | being or represented on a small scale. |



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2.	flail	<i>(verb)</i>	to move, swing or beat as though wielding a tool that separates seeds from plants.
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4.	qualify	<i>(verb)</i>	to fit especially for an office or privilege.
5.	solely	<i>(adverb)</i>	to the exclusion of alternate or competing things (such as persons, purposes, duties).
6.	refined	<i>(adjective)</i>	precise, exact.
7.	plodding	<i>(verb)</i>	moving or traveling slowly but steadily : trudging.
8.	Japanese	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or characteristic of a country in eastern Asia made up of four main and other islands in the western Pacific.
9.	advanced	<i>(adjective)</i>	beyond the elementary or introductory : carrying on from that which comes before.
10.	sensible	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by serious examination and study : intelligent, reasonable.
11.	beneath	<i>(preposition)</i>	immediately under.
12.	penalty	<i>(noun)</i>	a disadvantage (as loss of time or possession of the ball) imposed for violation of the rules of a contest.
13.	mockingly	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner marked by scorn, contempt or ridicule.
14.	compartment	<i>(noun)</i>	a small chamber, receptacle or container.
15.	achieve	<i>(verb)</i>	to carry out successfully : accomplish.
16.	hoisted	<i>(verb)</i>	moved from one place to another by or as if by lifting.
17.	doffing	<i>(verb)</i>	lifting (the hat).
18.	banishment	<i>(noun)</i>	legal expulsion from a country.
19.	furled	<i>(verb)</i>	rolled up or gathered in (a sail) and fastened close to a yard or mast.
20.	immune	<i>(adjective)</i>	not susceptible or responsive.
21.	volley	<i>(verb)</i>	to propel (an object of play) while in the air and before touching the ground.
22.	perish	<i>(verb)</i>	to become destroyed or ruined : die.
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25.	anthem	<i>(noun)</i>	a song or hymn of praise or gladness.
26.	rebuked	<i>(verb)</i>	criticized sharply : reprimanded.
27.	garret	<i>(noun)</i>	an unfinished part of a house immediately under or within the roof.
28.	irked	<i>(verb)</i>	irritated or disgusted (as a person) usually because of tiresome or wearying qualities.
29.	prickliness	<i>(noun)</i>	the quality or state of being easily irritated.
30.	narration	<i>(noun)</i>	the act or process of telling the particulars of an act, occurrence or course of events.
31.	dormer	<i>(noun)</i>	a usually gabled extension of an attic room through a sloping roof to allow for a vertical window.
32.	realization* or realisation	<i>(noun)</i>	the action of being fully aware or condition of being clearly understood.
33.	supposedly	<i>(adverb)</i>	in the manner of something asserted to be true or to exist.
34.	ruefully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a pitiable or woeful manner.
35.	guise	<i>(noun)</i>	form or style of dress; especially: dress that is unexpected on or foreign to the wearer.
36.	pennant	<i>(noun)</i>	a flag symbolic of championship (as in a league of professional baseball clubs).
37.	fulcrum	<i>(noun)</i>	a prop : a support; specifically : the support about which a lever turns.
38.	recognition	<i>(noun)</i>	special notice or attention.
39.	governess	<i>(noun)</i>	a woman who cares for and supervises a child especially in a private household.
40.	conquering	<i>(verb)</i>	bringing under control or overcoming by mental or moral power : surmounting.
41.	alabaster	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a nearly white color and a surface that spreads out light.
42.	tendrils	<i>(plural noun)</i>	things that resemble the slender, spirally coiling part of a plant that is used to attach the plant to its support and help it climb.
43.	invariably	<i>(adverb)</i>	without exception or change : always : consistently.
44.	scrimmage	<i>(noun)</i>	a minor battle between small forces : skirmish.
45.	procession	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of people moving along on a particular course especially in a continuous, orderly, often formal or ceremonial way and usually arranged in a long line.

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82.	<i>dissertation</i>	<i>(noun)</i>	a substantial paper that is submitted to the faculty of a university by a candidate for an advanced degree.
83.	<i>recompense</i>	<i>(noun)</i>	a repayment made.
84.	<i>piedmont</i>	<i>(adjective)</i>	lying or formed at the base of mountains.
85.	<i>sumptuous</i>	<i>(adjective)</i>	involving large outlay or expense : costly : lavish.
86.	<i>portentously</i>	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a marvelous manner.
87.	<i>antecedents</i>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	substantive words, phrases or clauses referred to by pronouns, typically by following pronouns.
88.	<i>gaiters</i>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	cloth or leather leg coverings reaching from the instep to ankle, mid-calf, or knee, usually fastened by buttons or buckles, and held by a strap under the shank of the shoe.
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90.	<i>chloroform</i>	<i>(noun)</i>	a colorless volatile heavy toxic liquid of ethereal odor and sweetish taste used chiefly as a solvent and especially formerly as a general anesthetic.
91.	<i>metallurgy</i>	<i>(noun)</i>	a science and technology that deals with the extraction of metals from their ores, refining them and preparing them for use.
92.	<i>Prague</i>	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	city on the Vltava River in Bohemia, Czech Republic, that is the capital of the Czech Republic and formerly the capital of Czechoslovakia.
93.	<i>balsam</i>	<i>(noun)</i>	an aromatic substance flowing spontaneously or by incision from a plant and not necessarily remaining liquid.
94.	<i>emaciated</i>	<i>(adjective)</i>	made lean by impairment (as from hunger).
95.	<i>kelpies</i>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	water spirits in Scottish folklore that delight in drowning travelers.
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30.	attenuated	<i>(verb)</i>	made thin in consistency.
31.	valise	<i>(noun)</i>	a traveling bag.
32.	dissertation	<i>(noun)</i>	a substantial paper that is submitted to the faculty of a university by a candidate for an advanced degree.
33.	recompense	<i>(noun)</i>	a repayment made.
34.	piedmont	<i>(adjective)</i>	lying or formed at the base of mountains.
35.	sumptuous	<i>(adjective)</i>	involving large outlay or expense : costly : lavish.
36.	portentously	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a marvelous manner.
37.	antecedents	<i>(plural noun)</i>	substantive words, phrases or clauses referred to by pronouns, typically by following pronouns.
38.	gaiters	<i>(plural noun)</i>	cloth or leather leg coverings reaching from the instep to ankle, mid-calf, or knee, usually fastened by buttons or buckles, and held by a strap under the shank of the shoe.
39.	sachet	<i>(noun)</i>	a small bag or packet; especially : a small bag containing a perfumed powder that is used to scent clothes.
40.	chloroform	<i>(noun)</i>	a colorless volatile heavy toxic liquid of ethereal odor and sweetish taste used chiefly as a solvent and especially formerly as a general anesthetic.
41.	metallurgy	<i>(noun)</i>	a science and technology that deals with the extraction of metals from their ores, refining them and preparing them for use.
42.	Prague	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	city on the Vltava River in Bohemia, Czech Republic, that is the capital of the Czech Republic and formerly the capital of Czechoslovakia.
43.	balsam	<i>(noun)</i>	an aromatic substance flowing spontaneously or by incision from a plant and not necessarily remaining liquid.



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44.	emaciated	<i>(adjective)</i>	made lean by impairment (as from hunger).
45.	kelpies	<i>(plural noun)</i>	water spirits in Scottish folklore that delight in drowning travelers.
46.	corrugated	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a ridged or furrowed surface.
47.	amethyst	<i>(noun)</i>	a clear purple or bluish violet variety of crystallized quartz much used in jewelry.
48.	chivalrous	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by especial courtesy and high-minded disinterested consideration to women.
49.	phalanx	<i>(noun)</i>	a group or body in close formation.
50.	cyanide	<i>(noun)</i>	an extremely poisonous salt or ester usually with a more electropositive element or radical.
51.	galette	<i>(noun)</i>	a flat round cake of pastry often topped with fruit and usually sprinkled with sugar before baking.
52.	noisome	<i>(adjective)</i>	offensive to the smell or other senses.
53.	munificent	<i>(adjective)</i>	very generous in giving : lavish.
54.	affidavit	<i>(noun)</i>	a sworn statement in writing made especially under oath or on affirmation before an authorized officer.
55.	glutinous	<i>(adjective)</i>	having the physical properties of glue.
56.	Babylon	<i>(noun)</i>	a large city regarded as luxurious, wicked or given to the gratification of the senses.
57.	docile	<i>(adjective)</i>	easily led, managed or handled : tractable, obedient.
58.	tetrarch	<i>(noun)</i>	any of four officials or directors jointly in control.
59.	fripery	<i>(noun)</i>	affected elegance : ostentation.
60.	homo sapiens	<i>(plural noun)</i>	humankind, people.
61.	ligatures	<i>(plural noun)</i>	things that are used to bind, specifically : threads, wires or other materials used in surgery (as for tying the blood vessels).
62.	grenadier	<i>(noun)</i>	a soldier who carries and throws handheld missiles fitted with a priming charge and a bursting charge and filled with a destructive agent (as gas, high explosive, incendiary chemicals).
63.	canapés	<i>(plural noun)</i>	appetizers consisting of a piece of bread or toast or a cracker topped with savory food (as cheese or caviar).
64.	voltaic	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or producing direct electric current by chemical action (as in a battery).
65.	espionage	<i>(noun)</i>	the practice of watching in a furtive or stealthy manner for the purpose of secretly obtaining information for usually hostile purposes.
66.	rapacious	<i>(adjective)</i>	given to seizing or extorting what is coveted.
67.	prevaricate	<i>(verb)</i>	to deviate from the truth : to lie.
68.	acclamations	<i>(plural noun)</i>	loud eager expressions of approval, praise or assent.



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69.	Harlequin	<i>(noun)</i>	a stock character in comedy and pantomime who appears as a clown or a magician and usually wears a mask and multicolored tights and carries a wooden sword.
70.	fascist	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or relating to any program for setting up a centralized autocratic national regime with severely nationalistic policies, exercising regimentation of industry, commerce, and finance, rigid censorship, and forcible suppression of opposition.
71.	savanna or savannah	<i>(noun)</i>	a tropical or subtropical grassland usually containing scattered trees or shrubs that develops in areas with heavy rainfall and a distinct dry season.
72.	balACLAVAS	<i>(plural noun)</i>	hoodlike knitted caps covering the head, neck and part of the shoulders.
73.	courteous	<i>(adjective)</i>	well-mannered.
74.	aphorism	<i>(noun)</i>	an adage.
75.	diffidence	<i>(noun)</i>	distrust of oneself or of one's own powers : modest reserve.
76.	cinnabar	<i>(noun)</i>	artificial red mercuric sulfide used principally as a pigment : vermilion.
77.	eviscerated	<i>(verb)</i>	deprived of essential or vital content or force : weakened decisively.
78.	unguents	<i>(plural noun)</i>	lubricants or salves (as for sores or burns) : ointments.
79.	concertina	<i>(noun)</i>	a musical instrument resembling an accordion but having finger buttons for keys.
80.	electrolysis	<i>(noun)</i>	the destruction of hair roots with an electric current.
81.	asseveration	<i>(noun)</i>	solemn declaration.
82.	lobelia	<i>(noun)</i>	any plant or flower of a large genus of herbaceous plants of wide distribution that have the corolla tube split.
83.	balustrades	<i>(plural noun)</i>	rows of short columns topped by rails to serve as open parapets (as along the edge of a balcony, terrace, bridge, staircase or the eaves of a building).
84.	expiation	<i>(noun)</i>	something done as an act of atonement.
85.	flambeau	<i>(noun)</i>	a flaming torch usually made by combining thick wicks saturated with a quick-burning substance.
86.	solomon	<i>(noun)</i>	a very wise man.
87.	ambuscade	<i>(noun)</i>	an ambush.
88.	execrations	<i>(plural noun)</i>	acts of cursing or denouncing.
89.	fuchsia	<i>(noun)</i>	any plant of a genus of decorative shrubs with pendulous flowers found chiefly in tropical America but often cultivated as potted plants.
90.	proboscis	<i>(noun)</i>	the very long, flexible snout of some mammals; especially : the trunk of an elephant.
91.	exordium	<i>(noun)</i>	the introductory part of a discourse or composition.
92.	Leipzig	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a city at the confluence of three rivers in Saxony, eastern Germany.



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93.	phaeton	<i>(noun)</i>	an open automobile with two cross seats, usually four doors and a folding top.
94.	marengo	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, consisting of or served with a sauce made of mushrooms, tomatoes, olives, oil and wine.
95.	jacquerie	<i>(noun)</i>	a peasants' revolt.
96.	beryllium	<i>(noun)</i>	a steel-gray light strong brittle toxic metallic element.
97.	ichor	<i>(noun)</i>	an ethereal fluid taking the place of blood in the veins of the gods.
98.	tergiversation	<i>(noun)</i>	evasion of straightforward action or clear-cut statement of position.
99.	mille-feuille	<i>(noun)</i>	a rich pastry consisting of several oblong layers of puff paste with a filling of cream, custard or jelly.
100.	auf Wiedersehen	<i>(interjection)</i>	good-bye.