

Words 1–125 are Great American SpellCheck Words for Grades 5–8

Before starting your bee, inform spellers of your end-of-bee procedure. If you are using the Rules for Local Spelling Bees, refer to Rule 10. Failure to inform spellers of how you will end your bee may result in complications at the end of the bee.

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| 1. cancel | \ 'kʌn(t)səl \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | <p>[This word is from a Latin word that became French and then English.]
v (325-1)
revoke : annul : invalidate.
<i>Jeanne will cancel her vacation to stay with her brother while he recovers from a broken hip.</i></p> |
| 2. furnace | \ 'fɜrnəs \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | <p>[This word is from a Latin word that became French and then English.]
n (923-3)
an apparatus for the production or application of heat.
<i>Fortunately, the weather turned warmer the same week Ernie's furnace stopped working.</i></p> |
| 3. dangerous | \ 'dʌnjərəs \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | <p>[This word is from a French word that then became English.]
adj (573-3)
involving risk : demanding caution or care as extremely unsafe.
<i>The mountaineers know that tomorrow's climb is more dangerous than any they have yet attempted.</i>
© <i>Leo was tempted by the sandwich in the fridge but decided it would be too dangerous to eat it because he could not remember making a sandwich in the last two months.</i></p> |
| 4. towel | \ 'taʊəl \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | <p>[This word is from an originally Germanic word that became French before becoming English.]
n (2417-3)
a piece of absorbent cloth or paper often rectangular in shape for wiping or drying.
<i>Jennifer dried her hair with a towel.</i></p> |
| 5. imagine | \ ɪ'mʌjən \
[no alternate pronunciation(s)] | <p>[Originally Latin, this word went through French before becoming English.]
v (1128-2)
think : suppose : guess.
<i>Laura and Kate imagine that their parents will allow them to go to the away football game.</i></p> |

If a word has a homonym or near homonym, the word's homonym status is probably noted at the word's entry in this guide. We encourage you to include these words in your bee, provided you indicate the word's homonym or near homonym status to the speller.

If you think a word is a homonym and yet a homonym is not listed, please check Webster's Third New International Dictionary for further information or skip the word. It is possible that we did not note the fact that the word is a homonym. For the final word in handling homonyms, see the portions of Rules 5, 7, and 11 that refer to homonyms.