

# SYLLABUS OUTLINE

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# Grade 1-2

## Common Objects

ball, tree, sun, bag, cup, pen, door, clock, apple, car, chair, table, book, toy, cake, banana, orange, pencil, paper, bottle, window, blanket, socks, shoes, dress, shirt, pants, spoon, fork, plate, mirror, ladder, pencil case

## Animals & Nature

cat, dog, fish, bird, frog, cow, leaf, cloud, rain, wind, butterfly, monkey, zebra, tiger, lion, giraffe, parrot, flower, grass, river, moon, star, dolphin, dragon, coconut, volcano, firefly, tree, plant, stem, root, seed, leaf, bud, vine, branch, garden

## Body Parts

hand, leg, eye, ear, nose, foot, arm, head, mouth, teeth

## Colors & Numbers

red, blue, green, yellow, pink, ten, five, one, seven, two

## Action Words (Verbs)

run, jump, hop, skip, clap, eat, sing, read, play, write, stand, sit, dream, talk, walk, smile, laugh, cry, push, pull, open, close, clean

## Common Sight Words

the, and, it, is, you, we, me, my, like, can

## Simple Homophones

see/sea, sun/son, one/won, to/two, no/know

## Rhyming Words

bat/cat, log/fog, bell/shell, hot/pot, king/ring

## Words with Silent Letters

knee, comb, lamb, write, hour

## People & Professions

mother, father, sister, brother, family, teacher, doctor, farmer, nurse, police

## Weather & Seasons

winter, summer, morning, night, bright, dark, thunder, lightning, rainbow, shadow, breeze

## Feelings & Emotions

happy, sad, excited, tired, sleepy, strong, weak, kind, mean, careful, angry

## Descriptive Words

big, small, fast, slow, cold, warm, quiet, noisy, soft, hard, light, heavy, first, second, third

## Position Words & Directions

right, left, above, below, near, far, around, through, under, over, inside, outside

## Random words:

puzzle, rainbow, teddy, popcorn, ice cream, peanut, castle, treasure, marble, balloon, whistle, zipper, rocket, planet, jellyfish, snowman, chocolate

### ◆ Exam Format

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- 20 questions will be selected from the provided word list.
- 5 questions will feature unseen words to assess students' ability to apply spelling skills beyond memorization.

# Grade 3-4

## Commonly Used Words

always, before, between, carry, climb, complete, different, early, easy, enough, example, favorite, finally, friendly, guess, important, instead, interest, journey, laugh, learn, measure, mistake, neighbor, often, question, special, sudden, tomorrow, useful

## Animals & Nature

alligator, butterfly, dolphin, elephant, flamingo, kangaroo, octopus, penguin, squirrel, tortoise, cheetah, mosquito, crocodile, sunflower, lavender, bamboo, cactus, blossom, hurricane, mountain, rainbow, thunderstorm, waterfall, earthquake, desert

## Body Parts

ankle, eyebrow, forehead, knuckle, stomach, tongue, wrist, shoulder, skeleton, muscles

## Colors & Numbers

bronze, crimson, turquoise, violet, zero, dozen, hundred, thousand, million, billion

## Action Words (Verbs)

announce, arrange, believe, challenge, complain, discover, encourage, explain, imagine, increase, interrupt, observe, perform, protect, recognize, remember, replace, separate, support, whisper

## Common Homophones

bare/bear, brake/break, flour/flower, hear/here, knight/night, peace/piece, principal/principle, sea/see, their/there, weather/whether

## Silent Letters

castle, doubt, ghost, honest, island, knife, knight, plumber, wrinkle, wreath

## Tricky Spellings & Double Letters

address, balloon, bottle, broccoli, committee, difficult, lettuce, necessary, occasion, success

## Descriptive Words (Adjectives)

beautiful, bright, cheerful, delicious, enormous, excited, grateful, healthy, nervous, responsible

## Professions & Occupations

architect, astronaut, carpenter, chemist, electrician, engineer, journalist, librarian, musician, scientist

## Weather & Seasons

autumn, blizzard, drought, forecast, humidity, icy, lightning, monsoon, season, temperature

## Feelings & Emotions

afraid, amazed, confused, embarrassed, furious, hopeful, jealous, lonely, proud, worried

## Logical & Positional Words

above, beneath, beyond, clockwise, diagonal, horizontal, opposite, parallel, perpendicular, vertical

## Random Words

adventure, chocolate, calendar, diamond, fortune, galaxy, mirror, parachute, pyramid, treasure, universe, volcano, xylophone

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- 18 questions will be selected from the provided word list.
- 7 questions will feature unseen words to assess students' ability to apply spelling skills beyond memorization.

# Grade 5-6

## General Vocabulary

accomplish, acknowledge, advantage, ambitious, analyze, appreciate, audience, beneficial, bizarre, boundary, circumstance, collaborate, communicate, comprehend, concentrate, consequence, considerable, controversy, convince, courageous, criticism, deceive, dedication, demonstrate, destination, determined, differentiate, discipline, distinctive, exaggerate, explanation, extraordinary, fortunate, generation, gratitude, hesitation, honorable, humorous, identity, ignorance, immigrant, incredible, influential

## Nouns

adventure, catastrophe, delight, enthusiasm, generosity, horizon, knowledge, mystery, obstacle, treasure, ambition, courage, discipline, effort, hardship, inspiration, motivation, patience, responsibility, success, wisdom

## Verbs / Phrasal Verbs

Accept, admire, arrange, compare, develop, explore, improve, perform, remind, suggest, arise, broadcast, cling, forbid, grind, kneel, misunderstand, seek, shrink, withstand, break down, call off, carry out, drop off, figure out, give up, look after, put off, run into, turn down.

## Adverbs

accidentally, boldly, deliberately, eagerly, gracefully, impatiently, mysteriously, sincerely, tenderly, vividly, cautiously, effortlessly, frequently, hastily, joyfully, kindly, optimistically, proudly, reluctantly, thoroughly, unexpectedly

## Adjectives

abundant, ambitious, brilliant, cautious, compassionate, diligent, elegant, fearless, meticulous, tenacious, resourceful, resilient, sincere, trustworthy, humble, innovative, persuasive, generous, thoughtful, determined, observant

## Prefixes

Un- (Unhappy), Re- (Redo), Mis- (Misunderstand), Dis- (Disagree), Pre- (Preheat), Over- (Overlook), Under- (Undervalue), Anti- (Antibacterial), Non- (Nonsense), In- (Inaccurate).

## Suffixes

-ment (Enjoyment), -able (Breakable), -ness (Kindness), -ful (Hopeful), -less (Careless), -tion (Action), -er (Teacher), -ist (Artist), -ive (Creative), -ous (Famous).

## Homophones

Aloud/Allowed, Capital/Capitol, Complement/Compliment, Elicit/Illicit, Hurdle/Hurtle, Ewe/You, Stationary/Stationery, Shear/Sheer, Principal/Principle, Faint/Feint.

## Homonyms

Bank (money) / Bank (river), Bat (animal) / Bat (sports), Bark (dog sound) / Bark (tree), Fair (equal) / Fair (festival), Lead (metal) / Lead (to guide), Wave (gesture) / Wave (ocean), Date (fruit) / Date (calendar), Spring (season) / Spring (jump), Rock (stone) / Rock (music), Right (correct) / Right (direction).

## Colors & Elements

amber, aquamarine, ebony, emerald, ivory, magenta, maroon, obsidian, sapphire, vermilion

## Commonly Confused & Tricky Words

aisle, ascent, ballet, bouquet, chaos, chauffeur, debris, gourmet, heirloom, mischievous, pneumonia, queue, rendezvous, silhouette, subconscious

# Grade 5-6

## **Complex Vocabulary & Professions**

architecture, bureaucracy, camouflage, catastrophe, dilemma, enthusiasm, fundamental, governor, hierarchy, independence, journalism, laboratory, melancholy, necessity, occurrence, parallel, questionnaire, remembrance, unanimous

## **Descriptive & Expressive Words**

astonishing, breathtaking, captivating, dazzling, exhilarating, fascinating, glamorous, intriguing, mesmerizing, overwhelming

## **Weather & Science Terms**

altitude, barometer, Celsius, drought, equinox, Fahrenheit, humidity, isobar, meteorology, precipitation

## **Emotions & Feelings**

agitated, apprehensive, bewildered, compassionate, devastated, disheartened, ecstatic, envious, exasperated, melancholy

## **Compound Words**

Breakthrough, doughnut, roughhouse, throughout, thought-provoking, although, enough-time, ploughshare, thoroughfare, bough-break, ought-not, tough-minded, afterthought, forethought, brought-up, sought-after, nought-point, drought-resistant, furlough-day, wrought-iron.

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# Grade 7-8

## General Vocabulary

abolish, accumulate, advocate, ambiguous, approximate, articulate, authentic, bewildered, catastrophe, coherent, collaborate, commence, compensate, compile, concise, controversy, crucial, deficiency, deliberate, depict, diminish, diverse, elaborate, empower, endure, escalate, ethical, evaluate, exemplify, exploit, fluctuate, hinder, hypothesis, immense, inevitable, innovation, intricate, manipulate, monotonous, oblivious, persevere, prevalent, proficient, redundant, resilient, scrutinize, skeptical, substantial, susceptible, verify

## Nouns

adaptation, adversity, alliance, boundary, charisma, dilemma, endurance, heritage, intuition, legacy, momentum, nostalgia, obstacle, paradox, serenity, triumph, virtue

## Verbs

amplify, decipher, embellish, formulate, grasp, ignite, mend, ponder, reconcile, strive, tarnish, unveil, validate, withhold

## Adverbs

abruptly, cautiously, diligently, effortlessly, frantically, genuinely, hesitantly, meticulously, notably, profoundly, reluctantly, sternly, unexpectedly

## Adjectives

astounding, brazen, coherent, defiant, eloquent, formidable, humble, judicious, methodical, obscure, perceptive, quaint, ravenous, steadfast, wary

## Idioms & Phrases

Break the ice, Bite the bullet, Hit the nail on the head, Describe exactly what is happening, A blessing in disguise, Burning the midnight oil, A penny for your thoughts, Jump on the bandwagon, Throw in the towel, a piece of cake, break the ice, cost an arm and a leg, hit the nail on the head, let the cat out of the bag, once in a blue moon, spill the beans, under the weather, burn the midnight oil, barking up the wrong tree

## Synonyms & Antonyms

- **Synonyms:** abundant/plentiful, coherent/logical, diligent/hardworking, exuberant/cheerful, intricate/complex, scrutinize/examine, resilient/tough, skeptical/doubtful, substantial/significant, vigilant/alert
- **Antonyms:** ambiguous/clear, catastrophic/minor, diminish/increase, ethical/corrupt, oblivious/aware, monotonous/exciting, indifferent/caring, persevere/give up, prevalent/rare, susceptible/resistant

## Homophones

Affect / Effect, Allowed / Aloud, Aisle / Isle, Assent / Ascent, Breach / Breech, Bridal / Bridle, Capital / Capitol, Cite / Site / Sight, Coarse / Course, Complement / Compliment, Council / Counsel, Elicit / Illicit, Eminent / Imminent, Guerrilla / Gorilla, Hoard / Horde, Incite / Insight, Medal / Meddle, Pique / Peak / Peek, Principal / Principle, Stationary / Stationery

## Homonyms

Bank (riverbank / financial institution), Bark (sound of a dog / outer layer of a tree), Bat (flying mammal / sports equipment), Bow (to bend forward / front of a ship), Current (flow of water / present time), Date (fruit / a social or calendar event), Fair (just / carnival), Lead (to guide / a type of metal), Right (correct / opposite of left), Spring (a season / a coiled object), Wave (gesture / movement of water), Watch (to observe / a wrist accessory)

# Grade 7-8

## **Commonly Confused & Tricky Words**

accede, accommodate, amateur, bizarre, boulevard, calendar, cemetery, conscientious, dilemma, embarrass, exhilarate, fluorescent, itinerary, mischievous, naive, noticeable, occurrence, perseverance, rhythm, silhouette

## **Complex Vocabulary & Professions**

anthropology, archaeology, astronaut, biochemistry, cardiology, choreography, cinematography, cryptography, epidemiology, forensic, genealogy, journalism, lexicography, neurology, ornithology, paleontology, philanthropy, psychology, sociology, theology

## **Descriptive & Expressive Words**

abundant, ambiguous, boisterous, candid, coherent, contemptuous, diligent, eloquent, exuberant, harmonious, impartial, inquisitive, lethargic, meticulous, nonchalant, obscure, perplexed, pompous, spontaneous, vigilant

## **Weather & Science Terms**

atmosphere, barometer, climate, condensation, cyclone, dew point, drought, evaporation, hailstorm, humidity, hurricane, isobar, jet stream, monsoon, permafrost, precipitation, seismic, stratosphere, tornado, typhoon

## **Emotions & Feelings**

agitation, ambivalence, anxiety, compassion, contentment, dejection, elation, euphoria, exasperation, gratitude, hostility, indifference, jubilation, melancholy, nostalgia, optimism, pessimism, remorse, serenity, wistfulness

## **Challenging Words & Abstract Concepts**

abundance, catastrophe, dilemma, exhilarate, ferocious, horrendous, jubilant, luminous, nostalgia, reminiscent

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# Grade 9-10

## General Vocabulary:

acquiesce, adamant, adept, adversary, advocate, aloof, ambiguous, anomaly, articulate, astute, austere, benevolent, candid, catharsis, conundrum, debilitate, deprive, diligent, docile, eccentric, elaborate, empathy, enigma, epitome, esoteric, fallacy, formidable, futile, illicit, impeccable, incredulous, indigenous, lethargic, magnanimous, meticulous, mundane, obsolete, opulent, pragmatic, pretentious, profound, prudent, resilient, scrupulous, scrutinize, sporadic, superfluous, tenacious, vindicate, volatile.

**Nouns:** adversity, camaraderie, conviction, cynicism, integrity, irony, mediocrity, monotony, notion, paradox, prowess, reverence, solace, turbulence.

**Verbs:** articulate, berate, contemplate, decipher, elicit, fabricate, heed, instigate, lament, manifest, negate, procure, refute, scrutinize, yield.

## Adverbs

adamantly, candidly, doggedly, eloquently, fervently, haphazardly, methodically, nonchalantly, profoundly, reluctantly, tactfully, zealously.

## Adjectives

austere, clandestine, eccentric, feasible, impeccable, inane, judicious, lucid, malevolent, nebulous, pensive, quintessential, sporadic, superfluous.

## Geography & Environment:

archipelago, atoll, biodiversity, cataclysm, climate, delta, drought, estuary, fjord, geothermal, hurricane, isthmus, lagoon, landslide, meander, peninsula, plateau, prairie, ravine, sediment, stratosphere, tectonic, terrain, tsunami, watershed.

## Homophones

Aural / Oral, Bail / Bale, Censer / Censor / Sensor, Complement / Compliment, Conscience / Conscious, Discreet / Discrete, Elicit / Illicit, Eminent / Imminent, Hoard / Horde, Incite / Insight, Levee / Levy, Mantel / Mantle, Marital / Martial, Palate / Palette / Pallet, Perquisite / Prerequisite, Prescribe / Proscribe, Regimen / Regiment, Stationary / Stationery, Tortuous / Torturous, Wreathe / Wreath.

## Colors & Elements:

beige, bronze, chartreuse, cobalt, coral, crimson, fuchsia, jade, lavender, ochre, periwinkle, salmon, sapphire, sepia, taupe, teal, turquoise, vermilion, violet, wisteria.

## Commonly Confused & Tricky Words:

accede, accommodate, amateur, bizarre, boulevard, conscientious, dilemma, embarrass, exhilarate, fluorescent, itinerary, mischievous, naive, noticeable, occurrence, perseverance, prerogative, silhouette, succumb, threshold.

## Complex Vocabulary & Professions:

anthropology, archaeology, astronaut, biochemistry, cardiology, choreography, cinematography, cryptography, epidemiology, forensic, genealogy, journalism, lexicography, neurology, ornithology, paleontology, philanthropy, psychology, sociology, theology.

## Descriptive & Expressive Words:

abundant, ambiguous, boisterous, candid, coherent, contemptuous, diligent, eloquent, exuberant, harmonious, impartial, inquisitive, lethargic, meticulous, nonchalant, obscure, perplexed, pompous, spontaneous, vigilant.



# Grade 9-10

**Weather & Science Terms:** atmosphere, barometer, climate, condensation, cyclone, dew point, drought, evaporation, hailstorm, humidity, hurricane, isobar, jet stream, monsoon, permafrost, precipitation, seismic, stratosphere, tornado, typhoon.

**Emotions & Feelings:** agitation, ambivalence, anxiety, compassion, contentment, dejection, elation, euphoria, exasperation, gratitude, hostility, indifference, jubilation, melancholy, nostalgia, optimism, pessimism, remorse, serenity, wistfulness.

**Idioms & Phrases:** A blessing in disguise, bite the bullet, break the ice, burn the midnight oil, caught between a rock and a hard place, cry over spilled milk, cut to the chase, hit the nail on the head, jump on the bandwagon, let the cat out of the bag, miss the boat, once in a blue moon, read between the lines, the ball is in your court, under the weather.

## Proverbs

A stitch in time saves nine, Barking up the wrong tree, Better late than never, Actions speak louder than words, Don't put all your eggs in one basket, Every cloud has a silver lining, Fortune favors the bold, Honesty is the best policy, Look before you leap, No pain no gain, Old habits die hard, The early bird catches the worm, Where there's a will there's a way, A rolling stone gathers no moss, A penny for your thoughts, You can't judge a book by its cover, The grass is always greener on the other side, Two wrongs don't make a right, Rome wasn't built in a day, When in Rome, do as the Romans do.

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# Grade 11-12

**Weather & Science Terms:** atmosphere, barometer, climate, condensation, cyclone, dew point, drought, evaporation, hailstorm, humidity, hurricane, isobar, jet stream, monsoon, permafrost, precipitation, seismic, stratosphere, tornado, typhoon.

**Emotions & Feelings:** agitation, ambivalence, anxiety, compassion, contentment, dejection, elation, euphoria, exasperation, gratitude, hostility, indifference, jubilation, melancholy, nostalgia, optimism, pessimism, remorse, serenity, wistfulness.

**Idioms & Phrases:** A blessing in disguise, bite the bullet, break the ice, burn the midnight oil, caught between a rock and a hard place, cry over spilled milk, cut to the chase, hit the nail on the head, jump on the bandwagon, let the cat out of the bag, miss the boat, once in a blue moon, read between the lines, the ball is in your court, under the weather.

## **Proverbs**

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