

**Santa Clara County Spelling Bee 2024**

**Wordlist for Junior High Grades 7-9**

**Level: Easy**

|                    |              |               |              |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Abstain            | Enhance      | Justify       | Scrutinize   |
| Acknowledge        | Enthusiastic | Lackluster    | Seldom       |
| Analyze            | Evaluate     | Lavish (adj.) | Sporadic     |
| Appropriate (adj.) | Exemplify    | Lenient       | Strenuous    |
| Artifact           | Excerpt      | Lucrative     | Substantiate |
| Attribute (noun)   | Exert        | Malicious     | Undermine    |
| Bewilder           | Exposition   | Mediocre      | Abdicate     |
| Blatant            | Exquisite    | Meticulous    | Aberration   |
| Boisterous         | Facilitate   | Noteworthy    | Abstentious  |
| Brevity            | Fluctuate    | Obstruct      | Accolade     |
| Candid             | Formulate    | Ominous       | Acrimonious  |
| Capacity           | Fret (verb)  | Oust          | Admonish     |
| Clamorous          | Frugal       | Persevere     | Adversary    |
| Coerce             | Garner       | Pertinent     | Affinity     |
| Conspicuous        | Glimpse      | Phenomenon    | Aggrandize   |
| Contemplate        | Gruesome     | Plausible     | Alleviate    |
| Controversial      | Haphazard    | Ponder        | Ameliorate   |
| Convey             | Hinder       | Predicament   | Anomaly      |
| Cordial            | Hypothesis   | Prevalent     | Antagonize   |
| Demeanor           | Immerse      | Pristine      | Apathy       |
| Derive             | Impartial    | Prodigy       | Arbitrate    |
| Detrimental        | Impeccable   | Proficient    | Ascertain    |
| Devour             | Incite       | Provoke       | Astute       |

|                  |                |                      |              |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Disposition      | Incline (noun) | Pungent              | Aversion     |
| Disseminate      | Inevitable     | Recount (verb)       | Belligerent  |
| Distinguish      | Infer          | Rectify              | Benign       |
| Eccentric        | Integrate      | Refrain (verb)       | Boisterous   |
| Elaborate (adj.) | Intimidate     | Rejuvenate           | Bourgeois    |
| Eloquent         | Intricate      | Relinquish           | Bravado      |
| Emphasize        | Invoke         | Rendezvous<br>(noun) | Brevity      |
| Endeavor (noun)  | Jubilant       | Replenish            | Callous      |
| Meticulous       | Nefarious      | Obliterate           | Pedantic     |
| Mitigate         | Nonchalant     | Obsequious           |              |
| Capitulate       | Defamation     | Enervate             | Harbinger    |
| Cognizant        | Deferential    | Enfranchise          | Iconoclast   |
| Cohesive         | Delve          | Engender             | Idiosyncrasy |
| Colloquial       | Denigrate      | Enigmatic            | Impervious   |
| Commensurate     | Deprecate      | Ephemeral            | Implacable   |
| Concur           | Derivative     | Equanimity           | Inadvertent  |
| Condescending    | Despondent     | Esoteric             | Incessant    |
| Connotation      | Didactic       | Exacerbate           | Incorrigible |
| Constituent      | Diligent       | Exasperate           | Indignant    |
| Contemptuous     | Discrepancy    | Exonerate            | Ineffable    |
| Contrite         | Disparate      | Facetious            | Inherent     |
| Conviction       | Divisive       | Fervent              | Insidious    |
| Corroborate      | Eccentric      | Fluctuate            | Intrepid     |
| Credulous        | Eloquent       | Formidable           | Irreverent   |
| Dearth           | Embellish      | Frivolous            | Laudatory    |
| Debilitate       | Eminent        | Garrulous            | Magnanimous  |
| Decipher         | Empathy        | Gregarious           | Malaise      |

**Level: Moderate**

|              |                |               |               |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Abolish      | Chronic        | Dispel        | Frantic       |
| Absurd       | Circumstantial | Disposition   | Frenzy        |
| Accelerate   | Coerce         | Disseminate   | Frustrate     |
| Acknowledge  | Collaborate    | Diverse       | Fundamental   |
| Adversary    | Complacent     | Dominate      | Hypothesis    |
| Advocacy     | Conceive       | Eccentric     | Illicit       |
| Allegiance   | Consequence    | Elaborate     | Illuminate    |
| Ambiguous    | Conservative   | Empathize     | Imminent      |
| Ambition     | Contemplate    | Endorse       | Impartial     |
| Analyze      | Controversial  | Enhance       | Impede        |
| Anarchy      | Conundrum      | Ensnare       | Inaugurate    |
| Apathetic    | Conviction     | Entitlement   | Incarcerate   |
| Apparatus    | Cordial        | Entourage     | Incite        |
| Appreciate   | Corroborate    | Epidemic      | Inconceivable |
| Assertive    | Cynical        | Equality      | Indifferent   |
| Astounding   | Deceptive      | Equivalent    | Indignant     |
| Authentic    | Deficit        | Evaluate      | Inevitable    |
| Belligerent  | Deliberate     | Excerpt       | Infer         |
| Beneficial   | Delinquent     | Exemplify     | Ingenious     |
| Biased       | Demeanor       | Exile         | Aberration    |
| Bizarre      | Denounce       | Exquisite     | Absolution    |
| Boycott      | Deplete        | Extensive     | Abstain       |
| Burgeoning   | Desolate       | Facilitate    | Acquiesce     |
| Camouflage   | Devastate      | Flabbergasted | Adept         |
| Campaign     | Dignity        | Formidable    | Adulation     |
| Catastrophic | Discriminate   | Fortitude     | Adversity     |
| Censorship   | Disdain        | Fragile       | Aesthetic     |

|               |               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Affable       | Capricious    | Didactic      | Garrulous    |
| Alacrity      | Censure       | Disparate     | Gratuitous   |
| Alleviate     | Chagrin       | Disreputable  | Harangue     |
| Aloof         | Cogent        | Divergent     | Impetuous    |
| Ambivalent    | Conflagration | Egregious     | Implacable   |
| Amicable      | Connotation   | Elitist       | Ineffable    |
| Anachronistic | Conundrum     | Embezzle      | Inept        |
| Anomaly       | Consecutive   | Enervate      | Inexorable   |
| Antagonist    | Contemptuous  | Enfranchise   | Insidious    |
| Antithesis    | Contentious   | Ennui         | Insolent     |
| Apathy        | Contrite      | Epitome       | Intrepid     |
| Arbitrate     | Convivial     | Equanimity    | Inveterate   |
| Ascertain     | Corroborate   | Esoteric      | Irascible    |
| Assiduous     | Credulous     | Exacerbate    | Languid      |
| Astute        | Cumbersome    | Exemplary     | Magnanimous  |
| Auspicious    | Debilitate    | Exonerate     | Malevolent   |
| Benevolent    | Decorous      | Expedite      | Mollify      |
| Bequeath      | Deference     | Extol         | Munificent   |
| Bourgeois     | Deluge        | Facetious     | Obfuscate    |
| Brusque       | Demure        | Facilitate    | Ostentatious |
| Cajole        | Derivative    | Fervent       | Pernicious   |
| Calibrate     | Despondent    | Flabbergasted | Perspicuous  |
| Capitulate    | Dictum        | Fortuitous    | Precocious   |