

KS3 Spellings

This is a core spelling list for students in Years 7 and 8. Teachers may well adapt the spellings on the list to help students with words that they have identified as posing problems when marking work or teachers may decide there is a need to use more challenging spellings when testing students.

Please see the methods of how to improve your ability to spell accurately and support your child by working with them on learning the words and testing them at home.

1. liaison - a channel for communication between groups
2. minute - infinitely or immeasurably small
3. accord - concurrence of opinion
4. evident - clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment
5. practice - a customary way of operation or behaviour
6. intend - have in mind as a purpose
7. concern - something that interests you because it is important or affects you
8. commit - perform an act, usually with a negative connotation
9. issue - some situation or event that is thought about
10. approach - move towards
11. establish - set up or found
12. utter - without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers
13. conduct - direct the course of; manage or control
14. engage - consume all of one's attention or time
15. obtain - come into possession of
16. scarce - deficient in quantity or number compared with the demand
17. policy - a plan of action adopted by an individual or social group
18. straight - successive (without a break)
19. stock - the capital raised by a corporation through the issue of shares entitling holders to an ownership interest (equity)
20. apparent - clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment

21. property - a basic or essential attribute shared by all members of a class
22. fancy - imagine; conceive of; see in one's mind
23. concept - an abstract or general idea inferred or derived from specific instances
24. court - an assembly (including one or more judges) to conduct judicial business
25. appoint - assign a duty, responsibility or obligation to
26. passage - a section of text; particularly a section of medium length
27. vain - unproductive of success
28. reflect - show an image of
29. instance - an occurrence of something
30. coast - the shore of a sea or ocean
31. project - a planned undertaking
32. commission - a special group delegated to consider some matter
33. constant - a quantity that does not vary
34. constitute - to compose or represent: "This wall forms the background of the stage setting"
35. circumstances - your overall circumstances or condition in life (including everything that happens to you)
36. level - a relative position or degree of value in a graded group
37. affect - have an effect upon
38. institute - set up or lay the groundwork for
39. render - give an interpretation or rendition of
40. appeal - be attractive to
41. generate - bring into existence
42. theory - a well-substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world; an organized system of accepted knowledge that applies in a variety of circumstances to explain a specific set of phenomena
43. range - a variety of different things or activities
44. campaign - a race between candidates for elective office
45. league - an association of sports teams that organizes matches for its members

46. labour - any piece of work that is undertaken or attempted
47. insist - be emphatic or resolute and refuse to budge
48. confer - have a conference in order to talk something over
49. grant - allow to have
50. dwell - think moodily or anxiously about something
51. entertain - provide entertainment for
52. contract - a binding agreement between two or more persons that is enforceable by law
53. earnest - characterized by a firm and humourless belief in the validity of your opinions
54. yield - give or supply
55. wander - to move or cause to move in a sinuous, spiral, or circular course
56. knight - originally a person of noble birth trained to arms and chivalry; today in Great Britain a person honoured by the sovereign for personal merit
57. convince - make (someone) agree, understand, or realize the truth or validity of something
58. inspire - serve as the inciting cause of
59. convention - a large formal assembly
60. skill - an ability that has been acquired by training
61. harry - annoy continually or chronically
62. financial - involving financial matters
63. novel - an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story
64. furnish - provide or equip with furniture
65. compel - force somebody to do something
66. venture - proceed somewhere despite the risk of possible dangers
67. territory - the geographical area under the jurisdiction of a sovereign state
68. temper - a characteristic (habitual or relatively temporary) state of feeling
69. bent - fixed in your purpose
70. tour - a journey or route all the way around a particular place or area

71. intimate - marked by close acquaintance, association, or familiarity
72. undertake - enter upon an activity or enterprise
73. majority - (elections) more than half of the votes
74. assert - to declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true
75. liberal - having political or social views favouring reform and progress
76. crew - the men and women who man a vehicle (ship, aircraft, etc.)
77. chamber - a natural or artificial enclosed space
78. humble - marked by meekness or modesty; not arrogant or prideful
79. scheme - an elaborate and systematic plan of action
80. keen - having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions
81. despair - a state in which all hope is lost or absent
82. tide - the periodic rise and fall of the sea level under the gravitational pull of the moon
83. attitude - a complex mental state involving beliefs and feelings and values and dispositions to act in certain ways
84. justify - show to be reasonable or provide adequate ground for
85. flag - emblem usually consisting of a rectangular piece of cloth of distinctive design
86. merit - any admirable quality or attribute
87. manifest - reveal its presence or make an appearance
88. notion - a general inclusive concept
89. scale - relative magnitude
90. formal - characteristic of or befitting a person in authority
91. resource - available source of wealth; a new or reserve supply that can be drawn upon when needed
92. persist - continue to exist
93. contempt - lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike
94. plead - enter a plea, as in courts of law
95. weigh - to be oppressive or burdensome

96. mode - how something is done or how it happens
97. distinction - a discrimination between things as different and distinct
98. inclined - at an angle to the horizontal or vertical position
99. attribute - an abstraction belonging to or characteristic of an entity
100. exert - make a great effort at a mental or physical task

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