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## STUDENT SPELLING LIST

**SPELLING BEE**



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#### STUDENTS

All high school students in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area  
Public, private and homeschooled are welcome  
School uniforms are the accepted attire for contestants

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#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SO SPELLING BEE<sup>1</sup>**

1. All words given in the competition will be from the Webster's *Third New International Dictionary*. Although the words listed in this booklet are merely a guide, the bulk of the terms used in the competition come from this list.
2. Participants are high school students.
3. One point will be given for each word spelled correctly.
4. Each student must spell one word per round.
5. Words must be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's or an Internet audio pronunciation.
6. The pronouncer will give the speller a word; the speller should pronounce the word both before and after spelling it. **Spellers will not be penalized for failing to pronounce a word.**
7. The speller may ask for a pronunciation of the word and a definition. However, spellers are limited to three requests, including definitions, origins and all other information about the word. Root word questions will not be entertained.

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<sup>1</sup> These guidelines are based on contest rules of the Scripps National Spelling Bee and from other sources.



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8. If a speller starts to spell a word, he or she may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. However, the speller can only change the sequence of the letters once. If the sequence is changed in a second or third attempt at respelling, the action will be counted as a miss.
9. Some words have alternate spellings that are uncommon or obscure. Words will be considered correct only when spelled as they are presented on the official spelling lists, which are the preferred and common spellings as well as the spellings that all students have been given.
10. If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer shall indicate which word is to be spelled. However, any correct spelling of a homonym will be accepted if the pronouncer inadvertently forgets to define or distinguish the word.
11. **Spellers are given no more than 2-minute time periods on a word**, beginning when the pronouncer first pronounces the word. If the speller has begun to spell the word when a tone sounds to indicate the end of the 2 minutes, the judges will permit the speller to complete the spelling, provided that the spelling proceeds without delay.
12. There will be two time checks – at 1 minute and at 30 seconds.
13. **Spellers can miss one word.** When a speller misses the second word, he or she is immediately dropped from the competition. The next speller will be asked to spell that same word and so on until the end of that round. If spelled correctly, the pronouncer will give a new word to the next speller.
14. **If none of the contestants in the round spells the word correctly, then a new word will be given and all spellers will remain in the competition.**
15. The pronouncer can move to the Championship words at the beginning of any round that has either two or three spellers remaining. In the course of using these words, if there is no champion, then the remaining spellers will be declared co-champions.
16. The champion speller is selected if he or she is the only speller remaining in the competition at the start of a round.
17. A judge's decision may be appealed by a parent or legal guardian who disputes the elimination of a speller. An appeal form must be filed with the judges and a decision will be made at the end of the contested round and before a new round begins.
18. The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions will be final on any question.

**TO REPEAT CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES:**



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At the end of the spelling bee, when one speller misspells a word, the other speller will be given an opportunity to spell the same word. If the second speller spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second speller shall be declared the champion.

If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the competition, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The champion is not the champion until he or she corrects the misspelling of the other speller and then correctly spells the next work on the list. In summary, the champion must spell two words in a row correctly.

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WORD	PRONOUNCER	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
1. Zealot	zel'ət	N	fanatic
2. Wry	rĭ	Adj	Clever or grim sense of humor
3. urbane	ûr bān'	Adj	elegant, sophisticated
4. verbose	vər bōs'	Adj	wordy, long-winded
5. jitney	jĭt-nē	N	a small bus that carries passengers over a regular route on a flexible schedule
6. mackerel	mā-k(ə- )rəl	N	a scombroid bony fish of the No. Atlantic that is green above with dark blue bars and silvery below
7. assuage	ə swāj'	v.t.	to relieve, appease
8. assiduous	ə sij' ōō əs	N	diligent, constant held in low esteem
9. altruism	al 'trōō iz ' əm	N	generous
10. chronometer	krə-'nā-mə-tər	N	timepiece; one designed to keep time with great accuracy
11. aberration	ab'ə rā' shən	N	deviation, not normal
12. economics	`ekə `nāmiks	ADJ	profitable
13. abhorrence	ab hô r'əns	N	hatred
14. lactose	`lək-tos	ADJ	a disaccharide sugar that is present in milk
15. acumen	ə kyōō' mən	N	insightfulness
16. adroit	ə droit'	Adj	skillful
17. treatise	trē - tās	N	extensive written argument about some topic

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18. virulence	vir-ə-lən (t)s	Adj	poisonous
19. divulge	də-'vəlʒ	Vt	make known
20. elucidate	i-'lú-sə-dāt	Vb	clarify
21. epiphany	i-'pi-fə-nē	N	sudden realization
22. aardvark	`ärd,värk	N	a large burrowing nocturnal ungulate mammal
23. antediluvian	,an-ti-də-'lú-vē-ən	Adj	very old
24. cellophane	`selə,fān	N	regenerated cellulose in thin transparent sheets used for packing
25. cantankerous	kan-'tan-k(ə-)rəs	Adj	irritable
26. hydroxide	hī`dräk,sīd	N	an ionic compound of hydroxide with an element or group
27. lexicology	`leksəkəlejē	N	a branch of linguistics
28. credulity	kri-'dú-lə-tē	N	the trait of trusting others too much
29. diminutive	də-`mi-nyə-tiv	N	extremely small
30. scholasticate	skə`lastə,kāt	N	a college level school of general study for those preparing for membership in a Roman Catholic religious order
31. xenobiotic	zenə, bī,äd· ik	N	a chemical compound that is foreign to a living organism

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32. spectacularism	spek` takyələ,rizəm	N	the state of being spectacular
33. geophagy	jē`äfəjē	N	to eat earthy substances to augment a scanty or mineral-deficient diet
34. labrum	`läbrəm	N	an upper or anterior mouthpart of an anthropod
35. cachinnation	kakə`nāshən	N	to laugh loudly
36. chimpanzee	`chimp,pan zē	N	an anthropoid ape
37. aerobatics	`a (ə) (,) rō `bad·iks	N	spectacular flying feats and maneuvers
38. turpentine	`tərpən·,tīn	N	a similar oil obtained by distillation or carbonization
39. vermiculate	və (r) `mikyələ  t	ADJ	resembling a worm in form or motion
40. tetragonal	tə·`tragən'l	ADJ	or, relating to, or characteristic of tetragonal squares
41. dactyloid	`daktə,lóid	N	the tip of the middle finger
42. jicara	`hēkərə	N	a cup or bowl made from fruit of the calabash tree
43. opaline	`öpə lēn	ADJ	resembling a mineral
44. iambist	ī`ambəst	N	one who writes verses containing a metrical foot of two syllables unstressed
45. yannigan	'yanəgən	N	a player not on the regular or starting team
46. cacophonous	kə kof'ə nəs	Adj	discordant sound
47. flaccid	'flaksəd	ADJ	lacking normal or youthful firmness

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48. badinage	bad'n`äzh	N	playful repartee, banter
49. mastoid	`ma,stoid	ADJ	the process of temporal bone behind the ear
50. monograph	mā-nə`graf	N	a learned treatise on a small area of learning; a written account of a single thing
51. mononucleosis	mā-nə-nü-klē-'ō-səs	N	an abnormal increase of mononuclear white blood cells in the blood.
52. clandestine	klan des'tin	Adj	secretive
53. bipartisanship	bī pār'tə zən ship	Adj	supported by two opposing groups (political parties)
54. abacterial	a-bak-'tir-e-el	ADJ	not caused by or characterized by the presence of bacteria
55. coalesce	kō'ə les'	V.i.	blend, fuse
56. peculation	pekyə`lāshən	VB	to spread gradually
57. trecento	`trā`chen-to	N	the 14th century
58. scagliola	skal`yōlə	N	An imitation marble used for floors, columns, & ornamental work
59. byzantine	biz'ən tēn'	Adj	convoluted, complex buoyant medium
60. didactic	dī dak'tik	Adj	(often excessively) morally instructive
61. xebec	zē-bek	N	a three-masted Mediterranean sailing ship with long overhanging bow and stern.
62. xylem	zī-ləm	N	a complex tissue in the vascular system of higher plants
63. morphogenetic	mɔ ( r ) fōjə`ned-ik	ADJ	relating to or concerned with development of normal organic form



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64. reticular	rə`tikyələ ( r)	ADJ	intricate
65. spirogyra	spīrə`jīrə	N	any of a genus of freshwater green algae with spiral chloroplasts
66. chromosome	`krōmə,sōm	N	of the rodlike chromatin- containing basophilic bodies constituting the genome
67. Dachshund	`däks,hũnt	N	any breed of long-bodied short- legged dogs of German origin
68. despondent	də`spändənt	ADJ	feeling or showing extreme discouragement, dejection, or depression
69. zapateado	,zä-pə-tā-'ä-(,)dō	N	to strike or tap with the shoe
70. homogenize	hōmäjə,nīz	VB	to reduce the particles so that they are uniformly small and evenly distributed
71. troubadour	`trúbə,dō	N	one of a class of lyric poets and poet musicians
72. vespertine	'ves-pər- tīn	ADJ	occurring in the evening
73. ultimatum	,əl-tə-'mā-təm	N	a final threat
74. supraliminal	,sü-prə-'li-mə-nəl,	ADJ	existing above the threshold of consciousness
75. splendacious	(')splen`dāshəs	ADJ	Gorgeous
76. solicitudinous	sol-i-tood-n-uh	ADJ	a lonely, unfrequented place
77. hirsute	hūr ' sōöt '	ADJ	hairy, shaggy
78. noctambulist	nök - tām ' byə - līz ' st	N	one who walks at night especially in his sleep

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79. loquacious	lō - kwā ' shəs	ADJ	given to excessive talking
80. apocryphal	ə - pŏk ' rə - fəl	ADJ	of doubtful authenticity: fictitious
81. synecdoche	sĭ - nĕk ' də - kĕ	N	a figure of speech by which a part is put for the whole or vice versa
82. jocularity	jŏk ' yə-lăr ' ĭ-tĕ	N	the quality or state of being given to saying amusing things
83. marsupial	măr-sŏŏ ' pĕ - əl	N	any of an order of mammals having a pouch for carrying young, including kangaroos and opossums.
84. equanimity	ĕ'kwə nim'i tĕ	N	calmness, composure
85. multifarious	mul'tə făr'ĕ əs	Adj	many types
86. ephemeral	i fem'ər əl	Adj	short-lived
87. obdurate	ob'dŏŏ rit	Adj	stubborn
88. felicitous	fĭ lis'i təs	Adj	well-suited, happy
89. magnanimous	mag nan'ə məs	Adj.	generosity, generous
90. prevaricate	pri var'i kăt	V.i.	liar

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91. agnosticism	ag-nos-tuh-siz-uhm	N	the belief that is not possible to know if there is or isn't a god
92. ambivalence	am-biv-uh-luhns	N	the state or condition of having conflicting attitudes or feeling
93. amillennialism	a-mi-len-ee-uh-liz-uhm	N	a belief that there is no 1,000 year reign of Christ
94. appurtenance	uh-pur-tn-uhns	N	an addition to something more important; added thing; accessory
95. sequestration	see-kwes-trey-shuhn	N	the act of seizing and holding property until a debt is paid or legal claims are satisfied
96. pandemonium	pan-duh-moh-nee-uhm		wild uproar or unrestrained disorder
97. Christendom	kris-uhn-duhm	N	Christian countries; the Christian part of the world
98. colloquialism	kuh-loh-kwee-uh-liz-uhm	N	used in common talk; belonging to everyday, familiar talk; informal
99. condescendence	kon-duh-sen-duhns	N	pleasantness to one's inferiors in rank
100. Decalogue	dek-uh-lawg	N	The Ten Commandments
101. dermatoglyphics	der-mat-uh-glif-iks	N	the pattern of lines in the palm of the hand, or the sole of the foot
102. diamagnetic	dahy-uh-mag-net-ik	ADJ	repelled by a magnet; taking a position at right angles to the lines or force of a magnet
103. disaggregation	dis-ag-ri-geyt	V	the act or proces of separating or breaking up into component parts
104. bulimarexia	byoo-lim-uh-rek-see-uh N		syndrome in which the symptoms of both bulimia and anorexia nervosa are present
105. effulgence	ih-fuhl-juhns	N	brightness; radiance; splendor
106. Eucharist	yoo-kuh-rist	N	having to do with, or treating of the Eucharist - the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Holy Communion
107. exhibitionism	ek-suh-bish-uh-niz-uhm	N	an excessive tendency to show off one's abilities; extravagant behavior to attract attention
108. felicitation	fi-lis-i-tey-shuhn	N	a formal expression of good wishes; congratulation
109. fibrillation	fahy-bruh-ley-shuh	N	Medicine - a shivering or tremor in a muscle or nerve
110. Fletcherism	flech-uh-riz-uhm	N	the practice of chewing food very thoroughly, advocated as an aid to health
111. galactopoiesis	guh-lak-tuh-poi-ee-sis	N	the flow or production of milk
112. gigantesque	jahy-gan-tesk	ADJ	like a giant; suitable for a giant
113. heliolatrous	hee-lee-ol-uh-tree	N	worshiping the sun

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114. henotheism	hen-uh-thee-iz-uhm	N	the belief in one god as the deity of a race, tribe, or other group, without claiming he is the only god
115. Illyricum	ih-leer-i-kuhm	N	a Roman province in the Balkans
116. imponderable	im-pon-der-uh-buhl	ADJ	without weight that can be felt or measured
117. irretrievable	ir-i-tree-vuh-buhl	ADJ	that cannot be retrieved or recovered; impossible to recall or restore to its former condition
118. jurisprudence	joor-is-prood-ns	N	the science or philosophy of law; system of laws
119. kinesthetic	kin-uhs-thet-ik	ADJ	having to do with sensations of motion from the muscles, joints, and tendons
120. kleptomania	klep-tuh-mey-nee-uh	N	an abnormal, irresistible desire to steal, especially things which one does not need or cannot use
121. labarum	lab-er-uhm	N	a banner of purple silk having the monogram of Christ on it, borne of the Roman Church after Constantine the Great
122. licentious	lahy-sen-shuhs	ADJ	undisciplined and unrestrained behavior
123. linguistic	ling-gwis-tik	ADJ	having to do with language or the study of languages
124. Mediterranean	med-i-tuh-rey-nee-uhn	N	of or having to do with the Mediterranean Sea or the lands around it
125. Messianic	mes-ee-an-ik	ADJ	of or having to do with a Messiah or the Messiah
126. Fibromyalgia	ff'brō mī al'jə	N	a chronic disease syndrome marked by debilitating fatigue, widespread muscular pain, and tenderness at specific points in the body
127. Xenogenesis	zen'ə jen'ə sis	N	generation of offspring completely and permanently different from the parent.
128. nullification	nuhl-uh-fi-key-shuhn	N	a supporter or advocate of the right of states to nullify Federal laws
129. obsolescence	ob-suh-les-uhns	N	the act or fact of passing out of use; getting out of date; become obsolete - no longer in use
130. occultation	ok-uhl-tey-shuhn	N	the action or fact of hiding the light of one heavenly body by another passing between it and the observer
131. ostentatious	os-ten-tey-shuhs	ADJ	done for display; intended to attract notice
132. prognostication	prog-nos-ti-key-shuhn	N	a forecast; prediction
133. quindecennial	kwin-di-sen-ee-uhl	ADJ	of or having to do with fifteen years or a fifteenth anniversary
134. rejuvenescent	ri-joo-vuh-nes-uhnt	ADJ	becoming young again
135. reverberation	ri-vur-buh-rey-shuhn	N	the act or fact of echoing back sound; echo

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136. incommunicado	ɪnˈkəmyoʊˈnɪkəˈdoʊ	Adj	Without the right or means of communicating with others, as one held in solitary confinement
137. perichondrium	pəˈrɪkɒnˈdriəm	N	The fibrous membrane covering the surface of cartilage except at joint endings.
138. scherzando	ʃkɜːtsənˈdɔː	Adv	In a light, playful manner.
139. totipalmate	təˈtɪpəlˈmæt	Adj	Having webs connecting each of the four anterior toes, as in pelicans and gannets.
140. vexillary	vɛkˈsælɪˈeɪ	N	A member of the oldest class of ancient Roman army veterans who served under a special standard.
141. zygodactyl	zɪˈɡɒdæktəl	Adj	Having two toes projecting forward and two backward, as certain birds.
142. pusillanimous	pyʊˈɒ sə- lən ˈə - məs	ADJ	Lacking or showing a lack of courage, strength, and resolution: marked by mean-spirited and contemptible timidity
143. cygnet	sɪɡˈnɪt	N	a young swan

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144. Ophthalmologist	of'thəl-mol'ə jɪst	N	A physician specializing in the anatomy, functions, and diseases of the eye.
145. Pachyderm	pak'ɪ dūrm'	N	Any large, thick-skinned, hoofed mammal, as the elephant
146. Oxymoron	ok'si mōr'on	N	A figure of speech that uses seeming contradictions.
147. Metamorphose	met'ə mōr'fōz	V	To change the form or nature of.
148. Metaphoric	met'ə fō ik	ADJ	Something used or regarded as being used to represent something else.
149. Bucolic	byōō kol'ik	ADJ	Pastoral
150. Apheresis	ə fer'ə sis	N	Relating to the omission of the first letter of a word . (e.g. 'round' for 'around')
151. Boeotia	bē.ō.sh(ē).ə	N	A district in Ancient Greece.
152. Borborygmus	bɔr.bə.rɪg.məs	N	A rumbling of the intestines.
153. Vitrophyre	vi.trə.fɪ(ə)r	N	A type of glassy rock
154. Scheherazadian	shə.her.ə.zä.dē.ən	ADJ	Strangely fabulous
155. Prairillon	prā.ril.yən	N	A small prairie
156. Laodicean	lä od'ə sē'an	ADJ	lukewarm or indifferent, esp. in religion.
157. Viviparous	vī vip'ər əs	ADJ	bringing forth living young rather than eggs.
158. Stromatolite	strō mat'ɪ ɪt'	N	A laminated calcareous fossil structure built by marine algae and having a rounded or columnar form.
159. Infinitesimal	in'fɪnɪ tes'ə məl	ADJ	Indefinitely or exceedingly small; minute
160. sanctimonious	\'san(k)- tə- 'mō-nē-əs		pretending to be religious, hypocritical

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161. bivouacking	biv'ōō ak' n	V	A military encampment made with tents.
162. Phalanx	fā'langks	N	Any body of troops in close array.
163. babushka	bə böösh'kə	N	A woman's head scarf, shaped or folded in a triangle.
164. Zeppelin	zep'ə lin	N	A large, rigid airship consisting of a long cylindrical framework
165. dirigible	dir'ij bəl	N	Able to be steered.
166. Schizophrenic	skit'sə frē'nē ə	N	A severe mental disorder associated with brain abnormalities and typically evidenced by disorganized speech and behavior.
167. peignoir	pān wār'	N	A woman's loose dressing gown.
168. bougainvillea	bōō'gən vil'ē ə	N	Any of several South American shrubs or vines belonging to the genus Bougainvillea
169. cloisonné	kloi'zənā'	N	Enamelware in which the different colors of the surface decoration are separated by thin strips of metal set on edge.
170. Daiquiri	dī'kərē	N	An iced cocktail of rum, lime or lemon juice, and sugar
171. Abscission	äbsizh'an	N	An act of cutting off.
172. Chutzpah	KHööt'spə	N	Slang for Gall, brazenness.
173. hypochondria	hī'pə kōn'drē ə	N	The persistent neurotic conviction that one is or is likely to become ill.
174. Jodhpurs	jod'pərs	N	Riding breeches cut very full over the hips and tapering
175. Oscilloscope	ə sil'ə skōp'	N	A device that uses a cathode-ray tube to display on a screen periodic changes in an electric quantity
176. zephyr	zef'ər	N	a gentle breeze

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177. Thromboembolism	throm' bō em' bə liz 'əm	N	The blockage of a blood vessel by a thrombus carried through the bloodstream
178. pistachio	pə-'sta-sh(ē-,)ō		A small Asian tree of the cashew family, produces green edible seeds
179. gesticulate	je stik' yə lāt'	V	To make or use gestures
180. tympanum	tim' pə nəm	N	Middle ear, eardrum
181. syringomyelia	sə ring' gō mī ē' lē ə	V	A disease of the spinal cord in which the nerve tissue is replaced by fluid-filled cavity.
182. oenology	ē nol' ə jē	N	The science of winemaking.
183. encephalomyelitis	en sef' ə lō mī' ə lī' tis	N	Inflammation of the brain and spinal cord.
184. azotobacter	āzō' təbăk' tər	N	Any of various nitrogen-fixing bacteria of the family Azotobacteraceae
185. necrobiosis	nĕk' rōbiō' sīs	N	Natural degeneration and death of cells and tissues, distinguished from death of the entire organism.
186. juridical	jōōrid' ikəl	ADJ	Of or relating to the law and its administration.
187. hamadryad	hăm' ədrī' əd	N	A wood nymph who lives only as long as the tree of which she is the spirit lives.



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188. antipyretic	an'tē pī ret'ik	ADJ	preventing fever
189. kamikaze	kā'mi kā'zē	N	a Japanese air force member on a special suicide mission
190. euonymus	yōō on'ə mäs	N	any shrub or vine of the staff-tree family
191. chiaroscuro	kē ār'ə skyōōr'ō	N	the distribution of light and shade in a picture
192. succedaneum	suk'si dā'nē əm	N	a substitute
193. prosopopoeia	prō sō'pə pē'ə	N	personification, as of inanimate things
194. pococurante	pō'kō kōō ran'tē	N	a careless or indifferent person
195. autochthonous	ō tok'thə nəs	ADJ	aboriginal; indigenous
196. appoggiatura	ə poj'ə tōōr'ə	N	an embellishing note falling on the beat and resolving to a main melodic note
197. stromatolite	strō mat'l it'	N	a laminated calcareous fossil structure
198. scherenschnitte	'shārən,shnitə	N	the art of cutting paper into decorative designs
199. stichomythia	,sti-kə-'mi-thē-ə	N	dialogue especially of dispute delivered by two actors in alternating lines
200. feuilleton	\,fə-yə-'tōŋ, ,fər- ,fœ-\	N	a novel printed in installments
201. gesellschaft	gə-'zel-,shäft	N	a community or society characterized by a particular relationship
202. schistosomiasis	\,shis-tə-sō-'mī-ə-səs\	N	a severe endemic disease of humans in Africa and parts of Asia
203. zygapophysis	\,zī-gə-'pä-fə-səs\	N	any of the articular processes of the neural arch of a vertebra of which there are usually two anterior and two posterior
204. xylophagous	\zī-'lä-fə-gəs\	ADJ	feeding on or in wood
205. kikastocracy	\,kakə'stäkrəsē\	N	government by the worst people
206. dithyramb	DITH-ih-ram	N	a usually short poem with an inspired wild strain
207. hyperpyrexia	\,hī-pər-pī-'rek-sē-ə\	N	exceptionally high fever
208. glossopharyngeal	\,glä-sō-,fer-ən-'jē-əl-, ,glō-, -fə-'rin-j(ē-)əl-\	N	pertaining to the tongue and pharynx

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209. exophthalmos	\,ek-säf-'thal-məs, -səf-, -säp-\	N	abnormal protrusion of the eyeball
210. achondroplasia	\,ä-,kän-drä-'plā-zh(ē-)ə\	N	a form of dwarfism