

Year 5 Spelling Words

Word	meaning	Example sentence
apparent	Clear or easy to see.	It was apparent that she was excited.
cemetery	A place where people are buried.	We walked quietly past the cemetery.
determined	Not willing to give up.	He was determined to learn to swim.
explanation	Words that tell how or why something happens.	The teacher gave an explanation of the rule.
interfere	To get involved when you should not.	Please do not interfere with their game.
occupy	To fill or use a space.	The sofa will occupy most of the room.
rhythm	A repeated pattern of beats or sounds.	We clapped to the rhythm of the song.
amateur	Someone who does an activity for fun, not as a job.	My uncle is an amateur photographer.
communicate	To share information or ideas.	We communicate by speaking and writing.
develop	To grow or improve.	Reading helps you develop new skills.
familiar	Something you know or recognise.	That song sounds familiar to me.
language	Words and signs used to communicate.	French is a language spoken in France.
occur	To happen.	Storms can occur in summer.
secretary	Someone who helps organise work and messages.	The secretary arranged the meeting.
ancient	From a very long time ago.	We studied ancient Egyptian pyramids.
community	People who live or work together in an area.	Our community planted trees in the park.
dictionary	A book or website that explains words.	I checked the spelling in a dictionary.
foreign	From another country.	She learnt a foreign language at school.
leisure	Free time for relaxing or fun.	I enjoy drawing in my leisure time.
persuade	To convince someone to do something.	I tried to persuade Dad to play football.
shoulder	The body part between your neck and arm.	She carried her bag on one shoulder.
available	Ready to use or free to do something.	Is this chair available?
conscience	Your sense of what is right and wrong.	His conscience told him to be honest.
environment	The world and surroundings around us.	We should protect the environment.

forty	The number 40.	There are forty pages in the booklet.
lightning	A bright flash of electricity in a storm.	Lightning lit up the night sky.
physical	To do with the body or things you can touch.	Running is a physical activity.
soldier	A person who serves in an army.	The soldier marched with the group.
average	A usual amount, or a number found by sharing a total equally.	The average of 4, 6 and 8 is 6.
convenience	Something that makes life easier.	Online booking is a convenience for families.
equip	To provide what is needed.	We will equip the team with helmets.
government	People who make decisions and laws for a country.	The government announced a new rule.
muscle	A body part that helps you move.	I stretched a muscle in my leg.
programme	A TV show or planned set of activities.	We watched a wildlife programme.
stomach	An organ that helps digest food.	My stomach rumbled before lunch.
bargain	Something bought for a very good price.	The half-price coat was a bargain.
curiosity	A strong wish to find out more.	Her curiosity made her ask questions.
excellent	Extremely good.	You did an excellent job on your project.
hindrance	Something that makes a task harder.	The muddy path was a hindrance to us.
neighbour	Someone who lives near you.	Our neighbour helped us find the cat.
queue	A line of people waiting.	We joined the queue for lunch.
temperature	How hot or cold something is.	The temperature dropped overnight.
bruise	A dark mark on skin after a bump.	He had a bruise on his knee.
desperate	Needing or wanting something very badly.	After the long walk, I was desperate for water.
existence	The state of being real or alive.	Scientists study the existence of life in space.
individual	One person or thing.	Each individual chose a book.
nuisance	Something or someone that causes annoyance.	The buzzing fly was a nuisance.
recognise	To know something because you have seen it before.	I recognise that voice from the radio.
twelfth	Number 12 in an order.	She finished twelfth in the race.
rhyme	Words with matching ending sounds.	Cat and hat rhyme.
vegetable	A plant or plant part eaten as food.	A carrot is a vegetable.