Spelling Bee Words for Adults

Student answer sheet

Name _____ Date _____

Listen to the reader. Write one spelling on each numbered line.

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After checking, circle the two spellings you want to try again.

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Say the word, read the sentence, then repeat the word. Use the meaning if the speller asks for a clue.

1. reimbursement

Money paid back to cover an expense someone has already paid.

The mileage reimbursement arrived with her next paycheck.

2. itinerary

A plan listing the places and stages of a trip.

The printed itinerary allowed an afternoon for the ferry crossing.

3. maintenance

Work that keeps equipment or a building in good condition.

The ferry paused for routine maintenance before the holiday rush.

4. questionnaire

A written set of questions used to collect information.

The volunteer completed a questionnaire about trail conditions.

5. receipt

A written record showing that a payment was made.

The cashier tucked the receipt inside the parcel.

6. accommodate

To make room for a person, need or activity.

The spare table can accommodate four more guests.

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7. rehearsal

A practice session for a performance.

The lighting crew joined the last rehearsal before opening night.

8. ensemble

A group of performers working together.

The small ensemble performed between courses.

9. souvenir

An object kept as a reminder of a place or event.

She kept the worn ticket as a souvenir of the concert.

10. manuscript

A written or typed work before it is published.

The archivist found a manuscript tucked inside the atlas.

11. porcelain

A fine, hard ceramic material used for dishes and decorative objects.

The restorer tested the glaze on a piece of porcelain.

12. culinary

Relating to cooking or kitchens.

The museum preserved the family’s culinary traditions in a recipe booklet.

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13. liaison

A person who helps two groups communicate or work together.

The library appointed a liaison to the local schools.

14. connoisseur

Someone with well-developed judgment in a particular art or subject.

A tea connoisseur noticed the smoky note in the first cup.

15. entrepreneur

A person who starts and takes responsibility for a business venture.

The entrepreneur turned a bicycle repair cart into a neighborhood shop.

16. silhouette

The outline of an object or figure seen against a contrasting background.

The tower’s silhouette stood out against the evening sky.

17. miscellaneous

Made up of items of several different kinds.

A drawer marked miscellaneous held ribbons, batteries and a chess piece.

18. bureaucracy

A system of administration divided among offices and officials.

The permit crossed three desks in the city bureaucracy.