8th Grade Spelling Bee Words

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. phonograph

A machine that reproduces recorded sounds from a grooved cylinder or disc.

At the museum a phonograph played a scratchy waltz.

2. aqueduct

A channel or structure that carries water from one place to another.

The old aqueduct still carried water across the valley.

3. chronology

The ordering of events by the time they happened.

A dated sketch helped the archivist reconstruct the chronology of the voyage.

4. amphibious

Able to live or operate both on land and in water.

The amphibious vehicle drove off the bank and floated downstream.

5. nocturnal

Active during the night.

The camera captured a nocturnal hunter leaving its den.

6. hemisphere

One half of a sphere, such as half of Earth.

The model showed one hemisphere painted gold.

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7. isthmus

A narrow strip of land joining two larger areas.

A narrow isthmus connects the peninsula to the mainland.

8. heirloom

A treasured object passed down through a family.

The recipe box was an heirloom from her grandfather.

9. gnarled

Twisted into a knotted or irregular shape.

The gnarled oak shaded the footpath.

10. solemn

Serious in manner or mood.

The bell gave the ceremony a solemn opening.

11. indictment

A formal accusation that someone has committed a crime.

The reporter read the indictment before the hearing began.

12. wrestle

To grapple with another person or struggle with a difficult task.

Two teammates agreed to wrestle on the practice mat.

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13. seize

To grasp or take hold of something suddenly.

A gust threatened to seize the map from his hand.

14. sovereign

A ruler who exercises supreme authority.

The sovereign signed the treaty at dusk.

15. leisure

Time free from required work or duties.

The quiet afternoon gave the crew a rare hour of leisure.

16. mischief

Trouble caused by playful or disruptive behavior.

The open cupboard gave the kitten a chance for mischief.

17. heifer

A young female cow, especially one that has not had a calf.

The farmer led a young heifer into the shaded barn.

18. guarantee

A promise that something will work or that an obligation will be met.

The repair came with a written guarantee.