Spelling Smarts
Study Guide to
The Bee
See you at The Bee,
Saturday, March 31!
The Missourian is proud to host the second annual regional spelling competition, The Bee. The response from students, teachers and their families to our inaugural event in 2011 was outstanding, so this year we have enlarged the competition to include students in the schools served by our sister newspaper, the Warren County Record. Thirty-nine schools will be represented at The Bee on March 31 at East Central College in Union.

Spelling is critical to good reading skills and quality communication. It is the mortar that helps students build a strong foundation of language.

This resource was created for students preparing for school bees, school champions studying for The Bee, and for teachers and parents interested in helping children become better spellers, better readers, better communicators.

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If the judges are unable to determine a champion for The Bee through the word list provided in this publication, the pronouncer will be given additional words furnished by East Central College. These words are not a part of The Study Guide, and students will not receive a copy of such words.

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Invisible Man Game

Divide the class into two teams. Draw two large “stick-type” figures on the board. Be sure to give each of them the same number of body parts. Draw 13 parts for each: two eyes, two ears, nose, mouth, head, hair, body, two arms, and two legs. Make one a girl and the other a boy (use different hair styles).

Start with team 1 and give the first person a spelling word. He must say—spell—say it. If he is correct, he gets to erase a body part from the opponents’ figure. Then move to the other team and repeat. If the word is not properly spelled, no part is erased. Keep going until one team has completely erased the other’s person—hence, the Invisible Man.

Double Puzzle

Unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters from the numbered cells into the cells below to solve the second puzzle. Find answers on page 10.

Word Find

ABSOLUTE
ANONYMOUS
AUDACITY
BLISSFUL
BREADTH
CAPITULATE
CUMBERSOME
DECEITFUL
DISTORTION
EMULATE
FIENDISH
GANGRENE
HOOLIGANISM
KERCHOO
LENIENT
MAYHEM
PERCOLATE
RECIPIROCITY
SAVVY
SCOUNDREL
TEDIOUSLY

What ten letter word starts with g-a-s?

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Spelling Match Game

Play a memory game to have students find a set of correctly spelled words. Include incorrectly spelled words to mix things up a bit. Each word could include an illustration.

Spelling Scramble

Make cards using construction paper of different colors. Write one letter of the alphabet on each card, including the vowels. Divide the classroom into five groups, give each student five cards, and then it is time to start the game. You may want to move the furniture around so you can have plenty of room. Call out the spelling word. The first team to call out the word on the floor gets two points. The first team to get the most points wins.

Spelling Tic-Tac-Toe

Divide class into two teams. One will be “X” and one will be “O.” Draw a Tic-Tac-Toe grid on the board. Call the first person from each team to the board. They each pick a square; it can be the same square. Give them each a different spelling word. If they get it right, they get to make their mark, “X” or “O.” If they don’t get the word right they don’t make a mark. If they both chose the same square and get the word right, they cancel each other out and the square stays empty. When a team gets three in a row (like regular tic-tac-toe) they win.

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Word Study List

aardvark  affixed  arbitrary  beachcomber
abandonment  afflict  arcade  brevity
abetting  affloat  architect  brimstone
ability  afraid  archive  brottle
abnormal  against  arena  browbeat
abode  agate  arraignment  brute
abominable  agency  artificial  buffalo
abrase  agog  ascribe  buffet
abroad  airedale  ashray  begonia
absentee  airtight  asleep  beguile
absolute  aisle  aspersion  beguile
abstention  alacrity  assembly  beheader
abstraction  alba  assuage  belittle
abstruse  albeit  astonish  belong
absurdity  aldeismanic  asunder  benefit
acceptably  alibi  asylum  berate
acceptive  alkali  athlete  bibliography
acclaim  allayment  athwart  bicolour
accompany  allergic  attrition  blander
accomplice  alleviate  attic  blare
accosted  alphabetize  athwart  blarney
accumulate  amicable  athwart  blatherer
accursed  amigio  attrition  blissful
accusal  amiss  attraction  bloater
acrb  almiral  auspecs  blowtorch
acme  alplastic  automobile  bobbin
acne  alacrity  avalanche  bond
acquire  alamy  avance  bong
acrid  alamy  avancy  bong
acrylic  alamy  avantage  bonus
adapt  almandine  avalanche  brandied
addition  alibi  avalanche  braun
adjourn  alkali  avalanche  braun
adjudicate  allayment  avalanche  breach
adjust  allayment  avalanche  breadth
admissive  anxiety  avalance  breadth
adolesce  anonymous  avation  breadth
adonis  anterior  avation  breadth
adulation  antelrim  avation  breadth
adulthood  antihelminetic  avation  breadth
advanced  antipathy  avation  breadth
advantage  antisocially  avation  breadth
afar  appartment  avation  breadth
affable  appealed  avation  breadth
affiliate  apprentice  avation  breadth
arbiter  apricot  avation  breadth

There is no word in the English language ending in “full” except full.
The word “separate” has a rate in it.
Underground is the only word that begins and ends with “und”.

Haversack heartburn heath heatstroke heaven heavyweight helicopter hidalgo hilarious hoax hobgoblin hobnob holdall holiday hollyhock homebound homemade homework honcho honor hooliganism hubbub humidor hummocky hydrofoil iceboat icecube icequartz icky idealist idem idiotic illegal illicit illusion illustrate imbalance impair impassive impervious imponderable inability inaudible incarcerate incation incense include incompetent inconsiderate incredulous incumbent indefensible indescribable indignant individuality indoctrinate inebriate inelegant inertia inexpensiveness infamous infatuate infeld initiate inject inlier inmate innermost innkeeper inquest insanity inseam insider insincere insolvent inspector instruct insurance integrand intruder ironclad jabot jackpot jailbird jangle jasm jasper jaywalk jazz jealousy jeans jeep jellyfish jester jewel jiggling jigsaw Jillion jingly jobholder joiner joining jonquil journey judgeship juggernaut juice juicily jumping juror justicable kaiser kappa keepsake kepi kerchoo ketch kettle kindergarten kindling kindred kingpin kinship kitten kiwi knickers knighting knowledge knucks laddishly lair lampblack landlord laudable lavishly lean least leather lectionary lecturer ledge legancy leggy legislative lenient leopardsess lethal level liability liaison licensable lienholder lieu limby linden lionage liquidage litterbug liturgy livelong llano loan locale locomotion lofty lovelorn lozenge lukewarmly luminaire lynx lyric macaw mace mackerel macrocosm madcap maddish magenta magma magmatic magnificat mahout mailbox mainprise mainspring maintain maize malady mangle mango mania manners manually maraca marathon masculinity masonry matchbook materially mattress maxim maximum mayhem mayoralty meadowwink meanness measles medallionist mediate meemies meld membrane memorial menace merfolk merry message microscope midriff militancy minefield mirrored mitigation mixology mohair molecule mollify mongrel monogram monstrous mortally mumps nameless narcotic narrative nearness narrow necklace nemo neology neon ness neutral newscaster nobs ouch oilcloth olive omega oneic oneness onyx oolong opah opening oppress oppugn option orally

Alright is not an established word. Use all right.
The Bee
orbit
ordeal
organic
origin
oriole
orthodox
osprey
ostrich
otherwise
ottoman
ourselves
outmoded
outrageous
overcast
overt
oxblood
oyez
pacemaker
pacifist
package
pageant
pagoda
pallbearer
pamphlet
pamphleteer
parallel
parallelogram
parboil
parenthesize
parishioner
parlay
parley
parodist
parody
partage
passion
passkey
pasture
patent
patronize
pawned
peacetime
pedicure
perception
percolate
perforate
period
perish
permanent
permissible
persevere
perspiration
pertinently
petitionee
petrify
petrochemical
pharos
photobam
phrase
pictograph
piffling
pigeonhole
pigs
pig
pigtail
pilfer
pilgrim
pillbox
pilot
pineapple
pinecone
pinhead
piston
pithy
pitiable
pittance
plaited
plish
placid
placid
platelet
platitudinous
platoon
plaudit
plaustral
playgoer
playwright
pleasantries
plorer
plumage
plumber
plummet
plutology
poetaster
poise
poisonous
politely
political
police
poll
pollard
pollution
ponderous
pontal
porpoise
porridge
porringers
portfolio
posology
postlude
poulter
praline
prate
predestine
precadent
preempt
prestigious
prevailing
prewrap
prey
priggish
primacy
profiteer
prognosis
prohibition
propagate
propensity
prophetic
psychedelic
ptarmigan
quackery
quadangle
quadran
quartile
quartz
quench
quern
quest
queued
quid
quilt
quittance
quondam
rabies
racketeer
radarscope
radius
rail
railwayer
rament
ransack
rare
rarefied
rascality
Spelling Fact
"Xanthopyll" is the word Laura Ingalls Wilder misspelled in an 1880s community spelling match. Read more about it in the book “Little House on the Prairie.”
Spelling Fact
These words are words spelled the same way forwards and backwards: mom, dad, deed, gag, bob, tot, did, and Hannah, just to name a few.
Scavenger Hunt Game
Post misspelled words throughout the school. Have students find and spell the word correctly before moving on to the next word.
Spelling Relay
Each group of students has one piece of paper for this review game. Give a spelling word and the first person with the paper writes the first letter and then passes the paper to the next person in the group. The next person may make one change. He/she may either add another letter or make a correction to the other student’s letter.
Each group continues passing the paper in the same direction around the group until the word is spelled or until one minute is up.
Check each group’s paper and each team earns a point for having the word spelled correctly. Teams lose a point if they don’t practice good sportsmanship during the game.
What insect can be spelled with just one letter?

Spelling Giggles

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Spelling Fact

Under and over compounds are written as one word: overestimate, overrate, underestimate

thatch
theretofore
threw
thicker
thirsty
thorny
threshold
tidal
tightrope
timorous
torso
trainable
trainable
transistor
transparency
travesty
treadmill	
treble
trenchant
tricolor
tricot
triplicate
troika
troth
tuft
tundra
turbine
tyrannosaurus
ugly
ulcerate
ultimacy
ultraviolet
umpire

thatch
tailor
tailory	
taint
talisman
talkathon	
tallowy
tallyho	
tanbark	
tangent	
tango
tangy	
tantalize
tapestry
tapeworm
tarry
tawdry
tearstain	
telestyr
tender
tediously
teething
telecast
telegram

television
temperance	
tempest
temporality
tenant
tendency
tennis
tentative
tepid
terrace
terrier
territory
terse
testy
tetanus
tether
Across
6. to hide or keep secret
7. capable of being decided by a court of justice
9. something that you keep to help you remember a person, place, or event: a memento or souvenir
13. the number in a fraction that is below the line and that divides the number above the line
14. a person who makes sure that players act according to the rules of a game or sport
15. not able to be measured or judged exactly
16. prying or meddling into the affairs of others
17. having or showing good sense or judgment
19. very bad or unpleasant
21. the act or power of moving from place to place
22. aquatic bird: a foolish or crotchety person, especially one who is old.
24. a person who makes clothes (such as suits and jackets) that are measured to fit a particular person
25. a key that is pressed on a typewriter or computer keyboard to move back toward the beginning of a line of text
26. very strict and demanding: done carefully and with a lot of attention to detail: difficult to endure because of extreme conditions
27. a bird of South and Central America that has a long tail and bright colorful feathers
28. very boring or dull: slow or awkward because of weight and size

Down
1. the act of changing color in a bad way.
2. to change the natural, normal, or original shape, appearance, or sound of (something) in a way that is usually not attractive or pleasing.
3. to move from one place to another.
4. to draw or scribble idly
5. a person’s appearance and behavior
8. an unpleasant hot feeling in your chest caused by something that you ate
10. a person who designs buildings or guides a plan or project
11. something that has the same value, use, meaning, etc., as another thing
12. an easy contest to win
17. a large fish that is born in streams but that lives most of its life in the ocean and that is commonly used for food
18. a happy or pleased feeling because of something that you did or something that happened to you
20. shocking or offensive
23. a very large African bird that runs very fast but cannot fly

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. “Holy cow, Mister,” one of them said after catching his breath, “You scared us half to death—we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?” “Those fools!” the old man grumbled. “They misspelled my name!”

Answers on page 10
Double Puzzle Answers
From Page 3

RITSAATOBNC ABSTRACTION
TERRAIPOSPIN PERSPIRATION
IELINESFENDE INDEFENSIBLE
DINGOLO DOODLING
LLOOIESGTS ECOLOGIST
SIOOSORN DISORDER
NOANIRMODET DENOMINATOR
NFRYLDAGO DRAGFLY
ERODANA DEMAULOR
SAEWEED SEAWEEP

GOOD SPELLERS RULE
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Crossword Answers
From Page 9

Luke had it first, Paul had it last; boys never had it; girls have it but once; Miss Polly had it twice in the same place, but when she married Peter Jones she never had it again. What is it?

Answer: The letter "L"

Spelling Resources and Games Online

www.spellingcity.com/ (spelling games)
http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/gameboard.htm (printable spelling board games)
http://teachnet.com/lesson/langarts/spellingwds040299.html (fun ideas with spelling words)
http://spellingcoach.com/ (Raphael’s Fun Spelling Tips and Tricks)
www.educationworld.com (spelling detective)
www.learner.org/interactives/spelling/
www.kidsspell.com
www.funbrain.com/spell
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Fun Ideas for Spelling Practice

- Stamp your words on a piece of notebook paper.
- Draw and color a picture. Hide your words in your spelling picture.
- Write your spelling words around the outside of a piece of notebook paper. Keep going until you get to the middle of the paper.
- Write a song or rap with 10 of your spelling words.
- Record yourself spelling your word list and play it back to yourself over and over.
- Use graph paper and make at least 10 of your words connect like a crossword puzzle.
- Write your spelling words with vowels lowercase and consonants uppercase. HaPPy.
- Write your spelling words using a different color for each letter.
- Number the alphabet from 1-26. After writing your spelling words, change them to a number and add them.
- Write your words then use the dictionary to write a short definition.
- Spell your words on the computer and print out. Use a different font for each word.
- Find synonyms (words that mean the same) for your spelling words. Write the spelling word and the synonym.
- Make a comic strip using 10 of your words.
- Draw a flower garden picture. Put one spelling word on each flower or petal.
- Use a newspaper to cut out your spelling words or letters to make your words. Glue the words to a piece of paper.
- Write your words in Morse Code.
- Draw a picture to define your spelling words.
- Write your spelling words, dividing the words into syllables using slashes.
- Write a sentence for each spelling word. Try to place five words in each sentence.
- Write each spelling word backwards, for example: cat=tac and money=yenom.
- Write silly sentences that use all of your spelling words. Underline all of the spelling words.
- Write your spelling words in dots. Then connect the dots by tracing over them with colored pencil.
- Make flash cards with your spelling words.
- Write your spelling words once in manuscript and then once in cursive.
- Write each spelling word in bubble letters.
- Write riddles with your spelling words. Don’t forget to put the answers.
- Write your words in three colors.
- Make a word search with a friend, then trade and solve.
- Write your words adding or subtracting one letter at a time. The result will be a pyramid shape of words.
- Write your word and then write at least 2 words made from each.
- Write your words in whipped cream, peanut butter or anything you can eat!
- Write your words in shaving cream on a counter or some other surface that can be cleaned safely.
- Write your words in mud or sand.
- Pasta Words – Write your words by arranging alphabet pasta. Glue on paper.
- Write your words in ABC order–backwards!
- Use modeling clay rolled thinly to make your words.
- Write two words having one common letter so they criss-cross.
- If you are right-handed, write with your left, or vice versa.
- Write your entire spelling list end-to-end as one long word, using different colors of crayon or ink for different words.
- With a long length of string, “write” words in cursive, using the string to shape the letters.
- Translate your words into numbers from a telephone keypad.
- In a darkened room, use a flashlight to draw letters in the air.
- Search a newspaper page from top to bottom, circling each letter of a word as you find it.
- Make words using Popsicle sticks.
- Use an Etch-A-Sketch to write your words.

Cut pictures from the newspaper and write a story about the pictures using at least 10 words from The Bee Word Study List.
Thank You,
for helping make spelling smart in 2012.

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Join us at The Bee, 9 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at East Central College in Union.
School Spelling Bee Champions from 39 area schools will compete for the chance to be The Bee Champion.