Stage 2 Preliminary Round

Diocesan Spelling Bee

Word radio
Pronunciation (say ray-dee-oh)
Sentence Radio was a sensation when it was first invented.

Word skill
Pronunciation (say skil)
Sentence She has many talents, but her great skill is singing.

Word tact
Pronunciation (say tact)
Sentence He had the tact to leave her alone when she heard the news.

Word speed
Pronunciation (say speed)
Sentence He started running at a slow speed and then got faster.

Word team
Pronunciation (say team)
Sentence My best friend and I are in the same hockey team.

Stage 2 - Round 1

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Word twig
Pronunciation (say twig)
Sentence When we were camping, we used a twig to stir our tea.

Word party
Pronunciation (say pah-tee)
Sentence I'm having a birthday party next week.

Word sheep
Pronunciation (say sheep)
Sentence The dog managed to get the flock into the pen except for one stubborn sheep.

Word chess
Pronunciation (say chess)
Sentence Yevgeny likes playing chess.

Word milk
Pronunciation (say milk)
Sentence All our new baby sister drinks is milk.

Word garden
Pronunciation (say gah-duhn)
Sentence They were sent outside to play in the garden.

Word rock
Pronunciation (say rot)
Sentence Kim and Sally sat on a flat rock and ate lunch.

Word loud
Pronunciation (say loud)
Sentence The TV's too loud - please turn it down.
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<td>The builder said the timber would be delivered the next day.</td>
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<td>We asked our teacher for more purple paint.</td>
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Pronunciation (say spayc)
Sentence A rocket was used to launch a satellite into space.

Word lap
Pronunciation (say lap)
Sentence By the second lap, Eric had passed all the other swimmers.

Word plastic
Pronunciation (say plas-tik)
Sentence My drink bottle is made of plastic.

Word drum
Pronunciation (say drum)
Sentence The beating of the drum indicated that the procession was about to start.

Word sale
Pronunciation (say sayl)
Sentence This house is not for sale.

Word lion
Pronunciation (say luy-un)
Sentence The lion was sunning itself on a rock.

Word netball
Pronunciation (say net-bawl)
Sentence We play netball every Saturday.

Word clay
Pronunciation (say clay)
Sentence We made vases out of clay in our art class.

Word saddle
Pronunciation (say sad-uhl)
Sentence She leapt into the saddle and galloped away.

Word power
Pronunciation (say pow-uh)
Sentence We lost all electrical power in the blackout.

Word golf
Pronunciation (say golf)
Sentence Playing golf is good exercise because it involves a lot of walking and searching.

Word sleep
Pronunciation (say sleep)
Sentence She always felt better if she could sleep through the whole night without waking.

Word cube
Pronunciation (say kyooob)
Sentence Most dice are in the shape of a cube.

Word mass
Pronunciation (say mass)
Sentence We slipped on the moss growing on the rocks.

Word record
Pronunciation (say rek-uhd)
Sentence Each record had to be entered into the spreadsheet separately.

Word wild
Pronunciation (say wuyl)
Sentence There are wild mushrooms growing in the paddock.

Word surf
Pronunciation (say surf)
Sentence Let's go down to the surf and catch some waves.

Word ruler
Pronunciation (say roohl-uh)
Sentence She needed her ruler to measure the diameter of the circle.
Word flask
Pronunciation (say flakash)
Sentence Our science teacher warned us to be very careful when we poured the acid solution into the flask.

Word label
Pronunciation (say lay-buh)
Sentence I lost my bag because it didn’t have a label.

Word night
Pronunciation (say night)
Sentence Some animals sleep through the day and go looking for food at night.

Word pray
Pronunciation (say pray)
Sentence I pray every night before I go to bed.

Word user
Pronunciation (say yew-uh)
Sentence The needs of the user have to be taken into account when writing software.

Word meat
Pronunciation (say meat)
Sentence Some people do not like meat and only eat vegetables.

Word cabin
Pronunciation (say kab-uh)
Sentence The old man lived in a cabin in the bush.

Word verdict
Pronunciation (say ver-dit)
Sentence The verdict was ‘not guilty’ and the prisoner went free.

Word walnut
Pronunciation (say wawl-nut)
Sentence Would you like me to crack a walnut for you?

Word harmony
Pronunciation (say hah-muh-nee)
Sentence The choir sang in perfect harmony.

Word office
Pronunciation (say off-uh)
Sentence She takes the responsibilities of her office very seriously.

Word thief
Pronunciation (say thief)
Sentence Oh no! A thief has taken my bag!

Word promise
Pronunciation (say prom-uh)
Sentence If you make a promise, it is very important that you keep it.

Word fashion
Pronunciation (say fash-uh)
Sentence Liam always wears the latest fashion.

Word suburb
Pronunciation (say sub-uh)
Sentence I was lucky that my best friend lived in the neighbouring suburb.
Word measure

Pronunciation (say mesh-uh)
Sentence We need to measure the window before we buy blinds.

Word history

Pronunciation (say his-tree)
Sentence We are studying the history of the Punic Wars this term.

Word pardon

Pronunciation (say pah-duhn)
Sentence The prisoner received a pardon for his crimes.

Word journey

Pronunciation (say jer-nee)
Sentence A driver on a long journey should stop every two hours.

Word timid

Pronunciation (say tim-uh-d)
Sentence She was so timid that she never said anything in class.

Word lizard

Pronunciation (say lis-uh-d)
Sentence The lizard was lying in the sun to warm itself up for the day.

Word tune

Pronunciation (say tyoohn)
Sentence Karl whistled the tune of his favourite song while he waited for his boiler to be fixed.

Word pencil

Pronunciation (say pen-suhl)
Sentence I need a red pencil for this drawing.

Word courage

Pronunciation (say ku-rij)
Sentence She showed great courage when she saved the child from the fire.

Word beneath

Pronunciation (say buh-neeth)
Sentence Marthe hid beneath the table in a game of hide and seek.

Word volume

Pronunciation (say vol-yoohm)
Sentence Brian had to calculate the volume of the parcel before he could send it.

Word statue

Pronunciation (say stah-uh)
Sentence There is a statue of Thierry Henry outside the Emirates Stadium.

Word marine

Pronunciation (say muh-reen)
Sentence The ocean is full of many kinds of marine life.

Word composer

Pronunciation (say kuhm-poh-suhl)
Sentence Mahler was a famous Austrian composer.

Word tense

Pronunciation (say tens)
Sentence The team felt very tense before they went onto the field.

Word broadcast

Pronunciation (say broh-uhst)
Sentence The news is broadcast at 7 p.m. each evening.

Word adorn

Pronunciation (say uh-dawn)
Sentence We used tinsel instead of lights to adorn our Christmas tree.

Word memory

Pronunciation (say mem-reh or mem-uh-reh)
Sentence His memory of his first day at school was a happy one.
Word vessel
Pronunciation (say vess-uhl)
Sentence A rescue vessel was sent out for the survivors.

Word cyclist
Pronunciation (say kluhst)
Sentence When he got his first bike, he didn’t imagine that he would become an Olympic cyclist.

Word fluent
Pronunciation (say fluhnt)
Sentence She speaks fluent Farsi after living in Tehran for a year.

Word vanity
Pronunciation (say van-tee)
Sentence Her vanity would not allow her to admit that she was wrong.

Word maximum
Pronunciation (say maiss-uh-muhm)
Sentence The maximum who can come on the excursion is 20.

Word sermon
Pronunciation (say ser-muhn)
Sentence Yesterday’s sermon was about loving your neighbour.

Word earnest
Pronunciation (say er-nuhst)
Sentence Is she earnest about wanting to play the violin?

Word pillow
Pronunciation (say pil-oh)
Sentence When I sleep over at a friend’s place, I always take my own pillow.

Word torment
Pronunciation (say tow-ment)
Sentence Thoughts of the accident still torment him.

Word duel
Pronunciation (say dyuh-uhl)
Sentence The two soldiers used pistols in their duel. They each fired in turn but they both missed.

Word understudy
Pronunciation (say un-duh-stud-ee)
Sentence Luckily the understudy had trained well for the part and the show was a total success.

Word canyon
Pronunciation (say kan-yuhn)
Sentence Everything at the bottom of the canyon looks very small.

Word stadium
Pronunciation (say stay-dee-uhm)
Sentence We are going to the stadium to watch the tennis.

Word video
Pronunciation (say vid-ee-oh)
Sentence My aunt said she will keep the video we made of her wedding for ever and ever.

Word backspin
Pronunciation (say bak-spin)
Sentence It’s really hard to hit a ball with backspin on it.

Word deduce
Pronunciation (say duh-dyuohs)
Sentence The police were able to deduce the identity of the thief.

Word tablet
Pronunciation (say tab-uhnt)
Sentence A portable computer such as a tablet is very convenient on a plane flight for watching movies and playing video games.
Word curtain
Pronunciation (say ker-tuhn)
Sentence Let’s pull the curtain back so some light can come in.

Word tonsil
Pronunciation (say ton-suhl)
Sentence My right tonsil was red and sore.

Word predict
Pronunciation (say pruh-dikt)
Sentence The weather bureau tries to predict when it will rain, but it’s not always right.

Word alien
Pronunciation (say ay-lee-uhn)
Sentence In the book I am reading an alien flies to Earth in a spaceship.

Word canal
Pronunciation (say kuh-nahl)
Sentence The farmers used the canal to send their produce to market.

Word compete
Pronunciation (say kuhm-pet)
Sentence Our school team will compete in the district cross-country competition — I hope we win.

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Word snookey
Pronunciation (say snoh-kuh)
Sentence In snookey, you use a cue to try to shoot a ball into one of the pockets around the table.

Word festival
Pronunciation (say fest-uh-vuhl)
Sentence Our town has an annual Christmas festival.

Word oblong
Pronunciation (say oh-long)
Sentence The swimming pool was in the shape of an oblong.

Word carbon
Pronunciation (say kah-buhn)
Sentence Diamond is a form of carbon.

Word flicker
Pronunciation (say flik-uh)
Sentence The wind made the candle flicker.

Word tuba
Pronunciation (say tyoo-h-buh)
Sentence Carol didn’t like carrying her tuba to and from band practice because it was so big and heavy.

Word scrum
Pronunciation (say skrum)
Sentence The team’s weak point was the poorly formed scrum.

Word organ
Pronunciation (say aw-guhm)
Sentence The skin is the largest organ of the human body.
Word gravity
Pronunciation (say grav-uh-tee)
Sentence If it wasn't for gravity, we would all be floating around.

Word myth
Pronunciation (say mith)
Sentence Our teacher read us an ancient Greek myth about how the stars were formed.

Word solar
Pronunciation (say soh-uh)
Sentence We have a solar hot water system on our roof, to heat our water using the rays from the sun.

Word cashew
Pronunciation (say kash-oh)
Sentence The cashew comes from a tree native to South America.

Word eraser
Pronunciation (say uh-rahz-uh or ee-rayz-uh)
Sentence Arnold has made a mistake. He needs an eraser.

Word bamboo
Pronunciation (say b-am-booh)
Sentence We have a chair on our balcony made from bamboo.

Word upload
Pronunciation (say up-lohhd)
Sentence After you upload the material from your computer, the rest of the class will be able to use it.

Word rodeo
Pronunciation (say roh-dee-oh or roh-day-oh)
Sentence When the rodeo is in town, everyone comes to watch.

Word muzzle
Pronunciation (say nuhz-uh)
Sentence The dog nuzzled its rescuer with its big, wet nose.

Word tempo
Pronunciation (say tem-oh)
Sentence The music had a very fast tempo.

Word friction
Pronunciation (say frik-shuhn)
Sentence The friction of two stones being rubbed together can produce a spark.

Word umpire
Pronunciation (say um-pay-uh)
Sentence The umpire sent the player off the field because he had broken the rules.

Word metal
Pronunciation (say met-uh)
Sentence Iron is a kind of metal, and so is gold.

Word grotto
Pronunciation (say gro-toh)
Sentence The scuba diver took his mask off when he surfaced inside the grotto.

Word cycle
Pronunciation (say say-kuhl)
Sentence In our experiment we measured how long each wave cycle took.

Word gallop
Pronunciation (say gal-uhp)
Sentence The horse broke into a gallop and raced across the paddock.

Word charcoal
Pronunciation (say chahl-kohl)
Sentence We drew pictures with sticks of charcoal in our art class.
Word editor
Pronunciation (say ed-uh-tuh)
Sentence Gladys is the editor of a quilting magazine.

Word toggle
Pronunciation (say tog-uh)
Sentence You can toggle between having the function on and off by pressing the key.

Word reptile
Pronunciation (say rep-tyl)
Sentence Because a reptile is cold-blooded, it needs to lie in the sun to warm up.

Word upstage
Pronunciation (say up-stay)
Sentence He thought he could upstage all the other singers if he practised really hard.

Word sponge
Pronunciation (say spun)
Sentence He wiped down the table with a damp sponge.

Word particle
Pronunciation (say pah-tik-uh)
Sentence A particle of dust flew into her eye.

Word lagoon
Pronunciation (say luh-goohn)
Sentence The sea was too rough so we swam in the lagoon.

Word digit
Pronunciation (say dij-uh)
Sentence He misread the third digit as a three instead of a five.

Word cotton
Pronunciation (say kot-uh)
Sentence Clothes made of cotton are comfortable to wear when it is very hot.

Word script
Pronunciation (say skr ipt)
Sentence I practised my part for the play by reading the script in the bath.

Word minus
Pronunciation (say muy-uh)
Sentence Four minus one equals three.

Word trainer
Pronunciation (say tray-uh)
Sentence Our trainer makes us run for an hour every day.

Word plait
Pronunciation (say plat)
Sentence Will you plait my hair for me?

Word elephant
Pronunciation (say eleh-uh-fant)
Sentence We went to the zoo especially to see the new African elephant.

Word tassel
Pronunciation (say tass-uh)
Sentence There was a tassel at each end of the belt of her robe.
Word **orchard**  
Pronunciation (say aw-chuhd)  
Sentence The orchard was full of apple trees.

Word **modem**  
Pronunciation (say moh-dem or moh-duhm)  
Sentence We turned on the modem so we could send an email to our grandmother.

Word **fever**  
Pronunciation (say fee-vuh)  
Sentence She had a fever for three days and had to stay at home.

Word **squash**  
Pronunciation (say skwoosh)  
Sentence Squash is a very energetic game.

Word **gecko**  
Pronunciation (say gek-oh)  
Sentence We shone a torch up the tree and spotted a gecko high up the trunk.

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| Pronunciation (say em-fat-ik)  
| Sentence The manager's instruction to the team was emphatic -- we should play short, quick passes on the ground. |

| **Word linguistics** |  
| Pronunciation (say ling-gwis-tiks)  
| Sentence My big brother is studying linguistics at university. |

| **Word artichoke** |  
| Pronunciation (say ah-tuh-chohk)  
| Sentence The artichoke is eaten as a vegetable but it is really a flower. |

| **Word bunion** |  
| Pronunciation (say bun-yuhn)  
| Sentence The bunion on my foot makes walking very painful. |

| **Word uncharitable** |  
| Pronunciation (say un-char-e-uhl-buhl)  
| Sentence He admitted that his initially harsh view of the applicant might have been uncharitable and undeserved. |

| **Word frolic** |  
| Pronunciation (say fro-l-ik)  
| Sentence The puppies were having a frolic on the grass. |

| **Word deign** |  
| Pronunciation (say dayn)  
| Sentence The queen would not deign to answer her servant. |

| **Word rigmarole** |  
| Pronunciation (say rig-muh-roh)  
| Sentence I lost my wallet and now I have to go through the whole rigmarole of replacing everything. |
Word corduroy
Pronunciation (say kaw-juh-ray or kaw-duh-ray)
Sentence Jeans made of corduroy are good in winter.

Word pungent
Pronunciation (say pun-juhnt)
Sentence The pungent odour of acid hurt my nostrils.

Word megabyte
Pronunciation (say meg-uh-byte)
Sentence If you use one more megabyte we will go over our monthly limit!

Word bovine
Pronunciation (say boh-veyn)
Sentence Cattle, water buffalo and yaks are all part of the bovine family.

Word tremulous
Pronunciation (say trem-yuh-luhs)
Sentence Her tremulous voice betrayed her nervousness.

Word galleon
Pronunciation (say gal-ee-uhn)
Sentence The galleon sank in the violent storm.

Word ottoman
Pronunciation (say ot-uh-muhn)
Sentence He chose to sit on the ottoman instead of the armchair.

Word epithet
Pronunciation (say ep-uh-theet)
Sentence The ancient Macedonian king Alexander was given the epithet 'the Great' and is now known as 'Alexander the Great'.

Word posterity
Pronunciation (say pos-te-ruh-tee)
Sentence Our duty to posterity is to care for the planet.

Word drudgery
Pronunciation (say druhjee-ray)
Sentence I'm sick of the drudgery of housework.

Word cornice
Pronunciation (say kawn-uh)
Sentence The cornice was a strip of bright red between the white wall and ceiling.

Word prosaic
Pronunciation (say proh-zay-ik)
Sentence She is too creative to have produced such a prosaic piece of writing.

Word depot
Pronunciation (say dep-oh)
Sentence By midnight all the buses were back at the depot, and not a sound could be heard for miles around.

Word lethargy
Pronunciation (say leth-uh-jee)
Sentence We had to shake ourselves out of our lethargy and get moving.

Word befuddle
Pronunciation (say buh-fud-uh)
Sentence The technical language in the instruction manual managed to befuddle me very quickly.

Word austere
Pronunciation (say ost-uh or aust-uh)
Sentence The monks lead an austere life with no luxuries at all.

Word tarragon
Pronunciation (say ta-ruh-guhn)
Sentence Roast chicken is delicious when flavoured with tarragon.

Word cavalry
Pronunciation (say kaw-uh-nee)
Sentence The cavalry was an important part of Hannibal's army because it could move with great speed.
Word felony

Pronunciation (say fel-uh-nee)
Sentence She was sentenced to jail for eight years for her felony.

Word pallise

Pronunciation (say pal-uh-sayd)
Sentence The pallisade around the fort was not strong enough to withstand the attack.

Word innuendo

Pronunciation (say in-yoo-koh-ndoh)
Sentence The campaign was marked by innuendo designed to discredit the new candidate.

Word jockey

Pronunciation (say jock-ee)
Sentence Damien loved horses and thought that one day he might become a jockey.

Word latitude

Pronunciation (say lat-uh-tyoohd)
Sentence The equator is at zero degrees latitude.

Word gridiron

Pronunciation (say grid-yoo-yohn)
Sentence In Australia, American football is sometimes called gridiron.

Word putrid

Pronunciation (say pyooh-truhhd)
Sentence The food we left in the fridge was putrid when we got back from our holidays.

Word etching

Pronunciation (say eh-ching)
Sentence Etching is a difficult process and should be undertaken with care.

Word acoustics

Pronunciation (say uh-koh-sticks)
Sentence We tested the acoustics of different-sized rooms to see which room would carry the sound the best.

Word astronaut

Pronunciation (say ass-truh-nawt)
Sentence The astronaut tried to repair the space shuttle's damaged landing gear.

Word botany

Pronunciation (say bot-uh-nee)
Sentence He loves plants and is going to study botany at university.

Word emission

Pronunciation (say uh-mish-uhn or ee-mish-uhn)
Sentence The emission of chemicals from the factory caused a lot of pollution.

Word rabies

Pronunciation (say ray-bees)
Sentence It was feared that the dog had rabies and could infect someone.

Word pauper

Pronunciation (say paw-puh)
Sentence The story was about a pauper who had to beg for food.

Word gelato

Pronunciation (say juh-lah-toh)
Sentence Which flavour gelato will I have? Lemon, chocolate or strawberry?

Word narrowcast

Pronunciation (say na-roh-kahst)
Sentence We didn't see the program because it was narrowcast on a pay-TV station only.

Word steeplechase

Pronunciation (say steep-uh-chays)
Sentence The horse managed to jump all the obstacles in the steeplechase.

Word turbine

Pronunciation (say ten-buyn)
Sentence The turbine was propelled by water.

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Word perimeter
Pronunciation (say puh-rim-uh-tuh)
Sentence To walk around the perimeter of the lake takes about an hour.

Word mutineer
Pronunciation (say myoh-tuh-ner)
Sentence Jess was born on Norfolk Island and is descended from a mutineer on the Bounty.

Word legume
Pronunciation (say leg-yoohm)
Sentence The legume family includes vegetables such as peas and beans.

Word carafe
Pronunciation (say kuh-rahf)
Sentence She poured some homemade lemonade from the carafe.

Word sternum
Pronunciation (say stern-uhm)
Sentence In the accident, the seatbelt hurt his sternum, but it prevented serious injury.

Word mohair
Pronunciation (say moh-hair)
Sentence I wear my mohair jumper when I’m really cold.

Word abolish
Pronunciation (say uh-bal-ish)
Sentence The parliament passed a law to abolish capital punishment.

Word utmost
Pronunciation (say ut-moohst)
Sentence The festivities would strain the small town’s resources to the utmost.

Word terrine
Pronunciation (say tuh-reen)
Sentence Mum made a chicken terrine for us to eat on our plants.

Word prophet
Pronunciation (say proh-uhf)
Sentence The prophet travelled far spreading the teachings of his god.

Word ramshackle
Pronunciation (say ram-shak-uh)
Sentence We found the ramshackle ruins of an old goldmining site.

Word regatta
Pronunciation (say ruh-gat-uh)
Sentence Our school won the rowing regatta last year.

Word banksia
Pronunciation (say bangk-see-uh)
Sentence The banksia outside my window attracts beautiful parrots.

Word ability
Pronunciation (say uh-bil-uh-tee)
Sentence Bob Dylan has the ability to play guitar, keyboard and harmonica.

Word heifer
Pronunciation (say hef-uh)
Sentence There was only one heifer in the herd of cows.

Word ballad
Pronunciation (say bal-uhd)
Sentence Bob sang the ballad about the ghost come to take his bride away from the house carpenter.

Word whirlpool
Pronunciation (say whirl-pool)
Sentence There was a whirlpool at the bottom of the waterfall.
**Word reprimand**

Pronunciation (say rep-ruh-mand)
Sentence She was expecting a reprimand for being late.

**Word bobsleigh**

Pronunciation (say bob-slay)
Sentence Bobsleigh racing has been a part of the Winter Olympic Games since 1924.

**Word stupor**

Pronunciation (say styoo-puh)
Sentence She was walking around in a stupor because she was very tired and unwell.

**Word plankton**

Pronunciation (say plangk-uhn)
Sentence She is a biologist and studies the life cycles of various kinds of plankton.

**Word tabulate**

Pronunciation (say tab-yuh-layt)
Sentence We had to tabulate the amount of rain that fell each day over the whole month.

**Word skydiving**

Pronunciation (say sky-duv-ing)
Sentence Bianca thought it would be exciting to learn skydiving.

**Word chlorine**

Pronunciation (say klaw-reen)
Sentence After I've been swimming in the pool, my hair smells of chlorine.

**Word viscount**

Pronunciation (say vuy-kown)
Sentence His uncle was a viscount and lived in a castle.

**Word handicraft**

Pronunciation (say han-dee-kraft)
Sentence Pottery is a popular handicraft.

**Word boycott**

Pronunciation (say boy-koht)
Sentence She decided to boycott the meeting as a protest against the new policy.

**Word nutrition**

Pronunciation (say nyoo-shuhn)
Sentence Good nutrition is vital to athletes, such as footballer Aaron Ramsey.

**Word proviso**

Pronunciation (say pruh-vooz-oh)
Sentence His parents told him he could have a dog on the proviso that he looked after it.

**Word gait**

Pronunciation (say gayt)
Sentence Robert walked with an uneven gait and sometimes used a walking stick.

**Word oregano**

Pronunciation (say o-ruh-gah-noh)
Sentence The pizza just needed a pinch of oregano added before going in the oven.

**Word dilution**

Pronunciation (say dyoo-loo-shuhn)
Sentence Some people thought that dilution would be the solution to pollution.

**Word athletics**

Pronunciation (say ath-let-ics)
Sentence The athletics at the Olympic Games are exciting to watch, particularly the running and hurling.

**Word reprieve**

Pronunciation (say ruh-pruev)
Sentence She may be given a reprieve because of her remorse over the crime.

**Word dye**

Pronunciation (say duy)
Sentence The fashion designer ordered a special dye to colour the fabric for his new collection.
Word escarpment
Pronunciation (say uh-kuh-muhnt)
Sentence We could see the rugged mountain escarpment from the aeroplane.

Word impass
Pronunciation (say im-pah)
Sentence With mountains on three sides and the sea on the other, the escapees had reached an impass.

Word complexity
Pronunciation (say kuhr-pleks-uh-teh)
Sentence It took her some time to understand the complexity of running her own business.

Word fluoride
Pronunciation (say fluh-ruhd)
Sentence The toothpaste I use contains fluoride to keep my teeth strong.

Word privet
Pronunciation (say priv-uhht)
Sentence Our local bush regeneration group is trying to get rid of the privet which is threatening to overtake the native flora.

Word mollusc
Pronunciation (say mol-uhsk)
Sentence A snail is a mollusc, and so is an oyster.

Word castanets
Pronunciation (say kass-tuh-nets)
Sentence The flamenco dancer played the castanets as she danced.

Word salivate
Pronunciation (say sal-uh-vayt)
Sentence Just the thought of lobster mornay makes me salivate.

Word gnarled
Pronunciation (say nahr-uhl)
Sentence She ran her hand over the gnarled bark of the old tree.

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Stage 2 — Round 6

Word disenchantment
Pronunciation (say dis-uhn-kahtn or dis-uhn-kahtn)
Sentence The club's supporters had become disenchantment with the new manager.

Word tyrant
Pronunciation (say tyr-uhnt)
Sentence They had only one thought — to escape and get away from the tyrant.

Word arguable
Pronunciation (say ah-gyaah-uh-buhl)
Sentence There is certainly an arguable case for wearing a crash helmet.

Word territorial
Pronunciation (say te-ruh-taw-ree-ul)
Sentence Dingoes are territorial animals, and rarely venture outside their own territory.

Word conundrum
Pronunciation (say kuhr-nuh-ruhm)
Sentence The children had to solve a conundrum before the wizard would let them pass through the enchanted gate.

Word unforeseen
Pronunciation (say un-few-seen)
Sentence Unless something unforeseen crops up, we should get there by 4 o'clock.

Word decibel
Pronunciation (say dess-uh-bel)
Sentence If the music got one decibel louder, Pete would shut the folk festival down.

Word billiards
Pronunciation (say bill-yuhrs)
Sentence We can have a game of billiards after dinner because we have just bought a billiards table and some cues.

Word petulant
Pronunciation (say pech-uh-luhnt)
Sentence 'Well, I don't care anyway', she said in a petulant voice.
Word nuisance
Pronunciation (say nyooh-suhrs)
Sentence It was a real nuisance that Karl's boiler was broken.

Word photography
Pronunciation (say fuh-tog-ruh-fee)
Sentence The skill involved in photography is often underestimated.

Word velodrome
Pronunciation (say vel-uh-drohm)
Sentence Anna's family crowded into the velodrome to watch the Olympic cycling final.

Word efficient
Pronunciation (say uh-fiish-uhnt or ee-fiish-uhnt)
Sentence This pump is very efficient—it gives a strong flow of water.

Word congenital
Pronunciation (say kuhn-jen-uh-tuhl)
Sentence The baby was born with congenital heart disease.

Word scaffolding
Pronunciation (say skaf-uh-ling)
Sentence Workers had to erect scaffolding around the outside of the building before restoration could begin.

Word liniment
Pronunciation (say lin-uh-muhnt)
Sentence After tennis practice my shoulder was sore, so I rubbed some liniment onto it.

Word plaudit
Pronunciation (say plaw-duht)
Sentence The actor received plaudit after plaudit for his remarkable performance.

Word anthology
Pronunciation (say an-tho-uh-jee)
Sentence I bought my mother-in-law an anthology of Australian poetry for her birthday.

Word contraption
Pronunciation (say kuhn-trap-shuhn)
Sentence They pulled the contraption apart to try and see how it worked.

Word propensity
Pronunciation (say pruh-pan-suh-tee)
Sentence She has a propensity for gossip that can get a bit irritating.

Word illicit
Pronunciation (say il-is-uh)
Sentence The police have caught a major dealer in illicit drugs.

Word magnetism
Pronunciation (say mag-nuh-tiz-uhm)
Sentence We learned lots about magnetism by moving the poles of the magnets around.

Word baleful
Pronunciation (say bayl-fuhl)
Sentence The snarling dog watched through the fence with a baleful expression.

Word satellite
Pronunciation (say sat-uh-luit)
Sentence The satellite transmitted images of Mercury's surface back to Earth.

Word eloquent
Pronunciation (say el-uh-kuhnt)
Sentence Being naturally eloquent, Harry was chosen to give the opening speech.

Word morose
Pronunciation (say muh-rohs)
Sentence He became very morose when he found out that dinner was to be lentil burgers.

Word fastidious
Pronunciation (say fas-tid-ee-uh)
Sentence If you are too fastidious, the job will take too long.
Word raspberry
Pronunciation (say rahr-bree)
Sentence The bowl of ice-cream had a raspberry on top.

Word simulcast
Pronunciation (say sim-uhl-kast)
Sentence The concert was to be presented as a simulcast on television and radio before the end of the year.

Word petticoat
Pronunciation (say pet-coh-kot)
Sentence Women used to always wear a petticoat under their dress.

Word warrant
Pronunciation (say wo-runt)
Sentence Once the police produced the search warrant, the thieves realised they were in real trouble.

Word marshmallow
Pronunciation (say mahsh-mal-oh or mahsh-mel-oh)
Sentence I like to put a marshmallow in my hot chocolate.

Word croquet
Pronunciation (say kroh-kay)
Sentence Croquet is a sport that requires accuracy more than strength.

Word ominous
Pronunciation (say om-uh-ruhs)
Sentence We were afraid when we heard an ominous creaking upstairs.

Word diameter
Pronunciation (say duh-am-uh-tuh)
Sentence The part of a circle on one side of the diameter is always exactly half the whole circle.

Word neuralgia
Pronunciation (say nyoo-ral-juh)
Sentence The sharp pains from her neuralgia were getting worse.

Word oasis
Pronunciation (say oh-ay-suhs)
Sentence They were relieved to come across an oasis as they were running low on water.

Word shuttlecock
Pronunciation (say shut-uh-kok)
Sentence The game was declared a draw when the shuttlecock got stuck in a tree.

Word osteopath
Pronunciation (say oss-tee-uh-path)
Sentence The osteopath examined the patient thoroughly before treating her.

Word teethe
Pronunciation (say teedh)
Sentence The baby cried more often when it started to teethe.

Word barometer
Pronunciation (say buh-rom-uh-tuh)
Sentence The barometer is falling which means we are in bad weather.

Word swathe
Pronunciation (say swaydhi)
Sentence She decided to swathe her neck with a scarf before going out into the cold night.

Word wheatgerm
Pronunciation (say weet-jerm)
Sentence There are those who buy wheatgerm at a health food store.

Word guarantor
Pronunciation (say gur-run-taw)
Sentence He asked his parents to be a guarantor for his housing loan.