



## **Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League**

### **2014-2015 Spelling Bee Word List**

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The TCSAAL 2014-2015 Spelling Bee Word List will contain words for the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and High School competitions. The word list has been set into four tiers of difficulty. The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade word list will begin with the 1<sup>st</sup> Tier, while the High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) word list will begin with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier. The words selected will ascend tiers at a rate determined solely by tournament administration, which will take into consideration factors including, but not limited to: (1) the frequency of eliminated contestants, (2) facility time constraints, and (3) time constraints that are deemed appropriate for youth competition.

<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
abate	abacus	abdication	acquiesce
abstract	aberrant	abeyance	antipathy
accolade	aberration	abscond	apocryphal
adorn	abhor	abstemious	beelzebub
agape	abjure	acarpous	belabor
agile	abraded	adulteration	cabotinage
ail	abstruse	ageusia	cacophonous
alcove	abut	alacrity	calumniate
aloof	accession	amalgamate	cappelletti
alter	accretion	ambiguous	castigation
alternative	accumulate	ambivalent	chastisement
amend	accurate	ameliorate	chicanery
analogy	acumen	anachronism	choleric
annual	adamant	anachronistic	cipollino
antidote	admonish	anguish	circumstance
apathy	adroit	animosity	commissar
apparent	adulation	anticipate	complaisance
appease	adumbrate	apartheid	curmudgeon
append	affable	apogee	cyanophycean
approach	affective	apprehensive	defalcate
arboreal	affinity	appropriate	denouement
ardor	aggravate	approximate	desiccant
asana	aggregate	arduous	diaphanous

ascend	agog	argot	diplodocus
ascribe	allocate	arrogance	disingenuous
aseptic	amimia	articulate	douane
aspect	analyze	auspicious	ebullience
asperity	anathema	bedizen	espouse
assay	anecdote	beneficent	euphony
assemble	anodyne	benevolence	euthanasia
assess	apposite	boisterous	excoriation
assiduous	appreciate	buoyant	exhaustive
assist	apprise	byzantine	exigency
assuage	artless	cacophony	expostulate
assume	ascetic	catalyst	exuberance
assure	assail	chide	fatuous
astute	autonomous	coagulation	filigree
atonement	aversion	coalescing	forswear
atrophy	balk	commensurate	gauche
attach	belie	commodious	iconoclastic
attenuate	bellicose	compensate	idolatry
attitude	belligerent	complaisant	ignimbrite
attribute	blandish	consequential	ignominious
attrition	blithe	considerable	impecunious
audacious	bombastic	consternation	imperturbable
augment	cabal	constitute	imprimatur
augury	calumny	convoke	innocuous
august	caret	cordial	insensible
austere	caustic	cornucopia	insipid
author	celerity	corporeal	intersperse
authority	chagrin	correspond	intrepid
automate	coddle	corroboration	introspection
auxiliary	codify	coterminous	judicious
available	coerce	countenance	labile
avarice	cogent	countervail	lambaste
aver	cogitate	cumbersome	lassitude
avow	commence	dawdler	loquacious
baleful	component	decorum	lustrous
banal	compound	delineate	macerate
bane	comprehensive	derivative	maculate
barren	compunction	descant	maladroit
bask	compute	descrey	mellifluous
beatify	conceal	desultory	mendacious
benefactor	conceive	dexterity	mendicant

benign	concentrate	didactic	meretricious
bent	concept	differentiate	metamorphosis
bequest	conclude	diffident	misogynist
berate	concur	diffuse	morosoph
bewilder	concurrent	dilatory	nonplussed
bias	consonant	discountenance	nubuck
bigot	constrain	disseminate	obdurate
bilge	constrict	dissent	obsequious
blatant	consult	dissonance	ominous
bogus	consume	distention	opaqueness
bolster	consummate	dolorous	panegyric
boorish	contentious	dolt	parsimony
brass	contiguous	earthenware	pathological
breach	contribute	ebullient	peccadillo
brief	controversy	efficacy	penurious
brittle	converge	effluvia	peregrination
brook	converse	effusive	perennial
burnish	cooperate	eloquence	perfidy
buttress	coordinate	embellish	phenomenology
cadge	corporate	embezzle	picaresque
calipers	craven	emphasis	piquant
canard	crease	empirical	poignant
candid	cursory	encapsulate	polytocous
candor	dainty	encomium	poseur
cant	daunt	endearing	preponderance
canvass	dearth	endemic	preternatural
capable	decorous	enduring	prodigious
capacity	decree	enigma	propitiatory
capitulate	deference	enunciate	ptyalagogue
captious	dimension	environment	pugnacious
cavil	disconcert	ephemeral	pulchritude
cease	discordant	epichoric	pultaceous
centurion	discredit	epistle	quotidian
challenge	discreet	epithet	raffish
channel	discrepancy	eponymous	recondite
chart	discriminate	equable	recreancy
chasten	discursive	eradicate	ribald
chastened	disdain	exorbitant	ruffian
chemical	distend	extempore	sagacious
churl	distraught	extenuate	salubrious
clarify	dormant	extrovert	sanguine

classic	eddy	facetious	sartorial
clause	eliminate	fawning	scurrilous
cleave	enervate	febrility	stentorian
cling	engender	fecund	stygian
clot	engrave	fimbrillate	substantiation
closure	engrossing	finical	superfluous
coagulate	enmity	flamboyant	susceptibility
coda	enormity	foible	tendentious
coherent	enormous	foment	totipotency
coincide	entangle	forbearance	unencumbered
colander	enthral	forestall	virulent
colleague	entice	fractious	
collusion	equilibrium	frieze	
combustion	equivalent	fulmination	
comely	equivocal	fulsome	
commodity	erratic	gawkishness	
communicate	essay	gnostic	
community	establish	gouge	
commuter	eulogy	gratuitous	
compile	evaluate	gregarious	
complement	excoriate	grievous	
complex	expatriate	hectoring	
compliance	expedient	hedonism	
concord	extinct	hermetic	
condone	extol	heterodox	
conduct	extricable	hew	
confer	facilitate	hierarchy	
confirm	fidget	hoi	
conflate	figurehead	homiletics	
conflict	finicky	hyperbole	
conform	flagrant	hypocrisy	
congeal	flak	iconoclast	
conjoin	flaunting	ideology	
connotation	fledged	impede	
consent	fledgling	impediment	
console	florid	imperative	
constant	forbear	imperious	
contact	forfeit	impiety	
contemporary	forgery	implacable	
contract	foward	implicate	
contradict	fulminate	implicit	

contrary	futile	implosion	
contrast	gambit	importune	
convene	garble	imprecation	
convert	garment	impromptu	
conviction	garrulity	impugned	
convince	germane	impute	
covert	glib	inane	
covetous	gloat	inasmuch	
cower	glut	incense	
coy	gnaw	incentive	
crass	gravitas	inchoate	
credulity	grouse	incidence	
credulous	grovel	incise	
criteria	guile	incite	
crush	hackneyed	incongruity	
cryptic	harbinger	incongruous	
culture	heed	incorporate	
currency	highbrow	incorrigibility	
debate	hoax	inculcate	
decade	hone	incumbents	
decline	hospitable	indelible	
decry	hubris	indifferent	
default	immigrate	indistinct	
defer	imminent	indulgent	
defiance	immutable	ineluctable	
definite	impassive	infrastructure	
demonstrate	impervious	insularity	
demur	impugn	insurrection	
denigrate	indulge	investigate	
denote	inept	inveterate	
deposition	ineptitude	invoke	
deprave	inevitable	involute	
depravity	inferno	irksome	
deprecate	infuriate	irresolute	
depress	ingenuous	itinerary	
deride	ingest	itinerate	
derision	inherent	lament	
derive	iniquity	langlauf	
deter	initial	largess	
deterrent	innervate	laudatory	
detraction	integrate	levee	

deviance	intelligent	levity	
devote	interdict	liberality	
disabuse	interval	limpid	
disaffect	intervene	lithe	
Disallow	inundate	maligner	
discerning	involve	manacle	
discomfit	jibe	manipulate	
disencumber	knit	matriculation	
disinter	laud	maunder	
disjointed	lethargic	maximize	
dislodge	lien	mettle	
dismal	loll	minimize	
dismiss	lumber	misanthrope	
disparate	luminary	moderation	
disparity	maintain	mollify	
displace	malign	morose	
dispose	maligner	mundane	
distill	militate	nascent	
distinct	minatory	natty	
distort	miser	negligent	
distract	monitor	neologism	
diverge	morbid	oblivious	
divergence	nostrum	obloquy	
diverse	obviate	occluded	
divest	occlude	occult	
domain	orthian	odium	
domestic	ossify	officious	
dominate	overweening	oscillation	
dote	palate	ossified	
drawl	paragon	ostentation	
droll	parenthesis	ostracism	
drone	pariah	pedantic	
dross	permeable	pedestrian	
dubious	perpetrate	penchant	
dud	personable	penitent	
dupe	perspicacity	perigee	
duplicity	pertain	perilous	
dwarf	pervasive	perjury	
dynamic	pith	pernicious	
dynamo	plead	petrified	
eclectic	plethora	petrous	

edible	plod	phenomenon	
edifying	pluck	philistine	
egress	plumb	piety	
elaborate	plunge	pillory	
element	poncho	pithy	
elicit	ponderous	pivotal	
emerge	precept	plaintive	
emote	preclude	plangent	
erode	precursor	plasticity	
ethic	predilection	platitude	
evasive	predominate	pragmatic	
evince	preen	prate	
exact	presage	preamble	
expedite	presumption	precarious	
expiate	prevalent	precipitate	
expiation	pristine	procrastination	
exploit	privation	promethean	
exposition	probity	propagation	
expound	prodigal	propitiate	
expurgate	profane	propitious	
extort	profligate	quandary	
extract	profuse	quay	
extralegal	proliferate	quixotic	
facile	prolific	ramify	
falter	proscribe	rapacious	
fawn	protracted	rarefied	
federal	provident	redolent	
feint	provisional	redoubtable	
ferment	provoke	regale	
ferocity	prudence	regicide	
ferret	pundit	rejuvenation	
fervid	pungency	reluctance	
fetid	pungent	reprobate	
fetter	purvey	reprove	
feud	putrefy	requite	
finite	pyre	rescind	
fleet	qualm	resilience	
flexible	quell	resolution	
flinch	quibble	restive	
flop	rabble	reticent	
fluster	rampart	reverent	

foil	rarefy	salutary	
forage	rebus	scurvy	
ford	recitals	secrete	
foster	recluse	sedulous	
fragile	reconcile	seiné	
fragrant	recreant	sequence	
frantic	rectitude	sere	
fringe	recuperate	servile	
frugal	refractory	severance	
gauntlet	repulsive	sinuous	
gist	rotund	solder	
gorge	runic	somatic	
grave	sanction	sophisticated	
graze	satiate	sophomoric	
gullible	savant	soporific	
gust	savor	sporadic	
guy	scorch	spurious	
hack	scribble	stanch	
hallow	serrated	stigmatize	
having	shrewd	stipulate	
hollow	sidereal	stolid	
holster	simper	strident	
hoodwink	sluggard	sumptuous	
husk	slur	tangential	
invest	smolder	tautology	
irate	sodden	teetotal	
ire	soggy	temperance	
lavish	soot	tonicity	
legacy	spectrum	transgression	
legislate	sponge	transitory	
levy	spurn	travesty	
limp	steeply	trepidation	
list	stingy	truculent	
locate	stupefy	turbid	
lope	sublime	turbulence	
lull	submerge	ubiquitous	
lurk	suborn	uncouth	
major	substantiate	unfeigned	
maul	subsume	untenable	
mediate	succor	vacillate	
medical	suffocate	vacuous	

middling	sullied	vanquish	
migrate	summarily	veneer	
molt	supine	veneration	
muffler	suppliant	veracious	
negate	supplicant	verbose	
nexus	suppress	verdant	
nice	surcharge	vernacular	
notice	surfeit	vigilance	
novel	sycophant	viscous	
obtain	synopsis	vivacious	
odor	tacit	whimsical	
orient	tadpole	witloof	
overhaul	tamp	zwingier	
parry	tarnished		
patron	taut		
pest	tawdry		
pinch	temerity		
pine	tenacity		
plea	tenuous		
premature	tepid		
prize	testiness		
prone	tetchy		
pry	thwart		
pucker	toady		
quack	tonic		
rail	topple		
rational	torpid		
rave	torpor		
rebuff	torque		
recant	tout		
redeem	tractable		
refine	transgress		
refute	trite		
relapse	tumid		
render	turgid		
renovate	turpitude		
renowned	turquoise		
rent	ulterior		
repel	unpleasant		
repine	unscathed		
replete	untoward		

reproach	urbane		
revere	valiant		
riddle	valorous		
rift	venerate		
roll	vestige		
sage	vex		
sash	vigilant		
sawdust	vigorous		
scent	vilify		
sever	visceral		
shallow	vitiate		
shard	vitriolic		
shrill	voluble		
shunt	waffle		
sidestep	waft		
skiff	warranted		
skit	welter		
slate	wend		
snare	writ		
snub	zealot		
soar			
spear			
splice			
squat			
steep			
stigma			
sting			
stint			
stray			
stride			
strut			
table			
talon			
taunt			
thrift			
timid			
trickle			
underbid			
undermine			
unearth			
vain			

veer			
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weigh			
wince			
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yarn			