

Student Preparatory Book

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International Spell Bee Guide Book for Grade 3 Students

Introduction

This comprehensive guide helps Grade 3 students prepare for the International Spell Bee competition. It includes detailed word lists categorized by syllabus topics, question types with examples, and practice exercises to enhance spelling and vocabulary skills.

Syllabus Breakdown with Sample Questions

1. Environment

Words: creature, forest, habitat, herd, insect, plateau, pollution, radish, region, stream, structure, thunder, turnip, vegetable

Sample Questions:

1. Which is correctly spelled?
 - a) Habbitat
 - b) Habitat
 - c) Habitatt
 - d) Habitit
 - ☒ **b) Habitat**
2. What is the home of wild animals called?
 - a) Forest
 - b) Desert
 - c) Ocean
 - d) Mountain
 - ☒ **a) Forest**

3. Fill in the missing letters: P_LL_U_ION
- a) O, T
 - b) O, S
 - c) A, T
 - d) U, T
- ☒ a) O, T (POLLUTION)
4. Choose the correct spelling:
- a) Vegetable
 - b) Vegetable
 - c) Veggetable
 - d) Vegtabl
- ☒ b) Vegetable
5. What grows underground as a root vegetable?
- a) Radish
 - b) Turnip
 - c) Both a & b
 - d) None
- ☒ c) Both a & b
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2. Transport & Communication

Words: adapter, cruise, desktop, dumper, ferry, helicopter, journey, keyboard, laptop, mobile, monitor, railway, ship, steamer, vehicle

Sample Questions:

1. Which vehicle flies with rotating blades?
- a) Ferry
 - b) Helicopter
 - c) Steamer
 - d) Dumper
- ☒ b) Helicopter
2. Correct spelling of a computer screen?
- a) Moniter
 - b) Monitor
 - c) Monittor

d) Monnitor

☒ **b) Monitor**

3. What carries passengers across water?

a) Cruise

b) Ferry

c) Railway

d) Adapter

☒ **b) Ferry**

4. Scrambled word: NEJYOUR → ?

a) Journey

b) Joyneru

c) Jernyou

d) Jounrey

☒ **a) Journey**

5. Which is NOT a communication device?

a) Keyboard

b) Laptop

c) Dumper

d) Mobile

☒ **c) Dumper**

3. Body

Words: activity, muscle, waist

Sample Questions:

1. Which body part helps you bend?

a) Muscle

b) Waist

c) Bone

d) Skin

☒ **b) Waist**

2. Correct spelling?

a) Mussle

b) Muscel

c) Muscle

d) Mucle

☒ c) Muscle

4. Sports

Words: badminton, baseball, basketball, bowling, boxing, cricket, hockey, karate, tennis

Sample Questions:

1. Which sport uses a shuttlecock?

a) Tennis

b) Badminton

c) Cricket

d) Baseball

☒ b) Badminton

2. Correct spelling?

a) Karete

b) Karate

c) Karatte

d) Karrate

☒ b) Karate

5. Emotions/Requests/Apology/Greetings

Words: angry, contempt, contentment, crying, disgust, excitement, fear, happiness, joy, sadness, surprise, trust

Sample Questions:

1. Synonym for "joy"?

a) Sadness

b) Happiness

c) Fear

d) Anger

☒ b) Happiness

2. Antonym of "trust"?

- a) Love
- b) Distrust
- c) Respect
- d) Care

☒ b) Distrust

6. Prefix & Suffix

Prefix Examples: coexist, dislike, enlarge, inactive, nonsense, preview, rediscover, subtitle, television, triangle, unhappy

Suffix Examples: breakage, covered, married, cheerful, bravely

Sample Questions:

1. Add prefix to "happy":

- a) Unhappy
- b) Dishappy
- c) Inhappy
- d) Nonhappy

☒ a) Unhappy

2. Add suffix to "play":

- a) Played
- b) Playful
- c) Both a & b
- d) Player

☒ c) Both a & b

7. Compound & Silent Letter Words

Compound Words: sunflower, keyboard, toothpaste

Silent Letter Words: knee, doubt, whistle

Sample Questions:

1. Silent letter in "knee"?

- a) K
- b) N
- c) E
- d) None

☒ a) K

2. Combine "sun" + "flower":

- a) Sunflor
- b) Sunflower
- c) Sunflwer
- d) Sunflar

☒ b) Sunflower

3. Which is NOT compound?

- a) Toothpaste
- b) Sunlight
- c) Banana
- d) Blackboard

☒ c) Banana

Silent Letters:

4. Silent letter in "knock":

- a) K
- b) N
- c) O
- d) C

☒ a) K

5. Which word has silent 'b'?

- a) Debt

- b) Knife
- c) Hour
- d) Know
- ☒ a) Debt

6. Silent letter in "whistle":

- a) W
 - b) H
 - c) T
 - d) E
 - ☒ c) T
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8. Plurals & Evil Words

Plural Rules: cities (city), boxes (box), leaves (leaf)

Evil Words: rhythm, straight, treasure

Sample Questions:

1. Plural of "city"?
 - a) Citys
 - b) Cities
 - c) Citis
 - d) Citiez
 - ☒ b) Cities
2. Correct spelling?
 - a) Rythm
 - b) Rhythm
 - c) Rhythem
 - d) Rithum
 - ☒ b) Rhythm

Quantity

fortnight, hundred, plenty, thousand, twelve, various

1. How many days are in a fortnight?
 - a) 7
 - b) 14
 - c) 30
 - d) 10
 - ☒ b) 14
2. Which word means "a large amount"?
 - a) Hundred
 - b) Plenty
 - c) Twelve
 - d) Various
 - ☒ b) Plenty
3. Complete the sequence: ten, hundred, _____, million
 - a) Fifty
 - b) Thousand
 - c) Various
 - d) Dozen
 - ☒ b) Thousand
4. What is the correct spelling?
 - a) Twelv
 - b) Twelf
 - c) Twelve
 - d) Twelbe
 - ☒ c) Twelve
5. Which word describes different types?
 - a) Hundred

- b) Various
- c) Plenty
- d) Fortnight
- ☒ b) Various

Masculine and Feminine

actor-actress, author-authoress, brother-sister, bull-cow, father-mother, gander-geese, gentleman-lady, god-goddess, grandfather-grandmother, hunter-huntress, husband-wife, king-queen, landlord-landlady, lion-lioness, peacock-peahen, prince-princess, son-daughter, tiger-tigress, uncle-aunt, waiter-waitress

1. What is the feminine of "prince"?
 - a) Princess
 - b) Queen
 - c) Duchess
 - d) Lady
 - ☒ a) Princess
2. The pair "bull-cow" is to animals as "_____" is to humans:
 - a) Actor-actress
 - b) King-queen
 - c) Father-mother
 - d) All of these
 - ☒ d) All of these
3. What is the masculine of "peahen"?
 - a) Peacock
 - b) Goose
 - c) Gander
 - d) Lion
 - ☒ a) Peacock
4. Which pair is incorrect?
 - a) Uncle-aunt

b) Son-daughter

c) Tiger-tigress

d) Waiter-waitor

☒ d) Waiter-waitor

5. The feminine of "god" is:

a) Goddess

b) Lady

c) Queen

d) Priestess

☒ a) Goddess

Adjectives

active, actual, afraid, ancient, angry, annoyed, annual, attractive, average, bold, boring, brilliant, bushy, certain, childish, clever, comfortable, continuous, courage, coward, creeping, creeping, curly, decorative, delicate, destructive, difficult, disgusted, distant, domestic, elegant, energetic, enormous, entire, expert, fairness, fatal, fierce, foolish, fortunate, funny, funny, gloomy, gradual, gross, harmful, harsh, heavy, heavy, important, impossible, intelligent, interesting, lean, lively, loose, lovely, loyal, magnificent, magnificent, married, merry, mighty, mischievous, nice, opposite, personal, playful, plump, precious, pretty, primary, quick, rare, realistic, responsible, retro, ribbed, sensitive, separate, shiny, silent, silly, slippery, sorry, square, stale, stormy, suitable, suitable, swift, thick, thirsty, thirsty, tired, toothless, unable, unhappy, whole, worried, worst, wrong, young

1. Which adjective describes someone brave?

a) Coward

b) Courageous

c) Fearful

d) Angry

☒ b) Courageous

2. Choose the adjective meaning "very big":
- a) Tiny
 - b) Enormous
 - c) Heavy
 - d) Swift
 - ☒ b) Enormous
3. What is the opposite of "delicate"?
- a) Strong
 - b) Fragile
 - c) Hard
 - d) Both a & c
 - ☒ d) Both a & c
4. Which adjective fits: "The ___ kitten played with yarn"?
- a) Stormy
 - b) Playful
 - c) Silent
 - d) Fatal
 - ☒ b) Playful
5. Correct spelling:
- a) Magnificent
 - b) Magnifisent
 - c) Magnificent
 - d) Magnifficent
 - ☒ a) Magnificent

Adverbs

angrily, beautifully, carefully, cheerfully, completely, correctly, definitely, entirely, extremely, fearfully, happily, heavily, lazily, lifelessly, opposite, perhaps, proudly, silently, smoothly, suddenly, surely, totally

1. How does a cheetah run?
 - a) Swiftly
 - b) Lazily
 - c) Heavily
 - d) Silently
 - ☒ a) Swiftly
2. Complete: She sang ____ (with beauty)
 - a) Beautifully
 - b) Angrily
 - c) Suddenly
 - d) Proudly
 - ☒ a) Beautifully
3. Which adverb means "with fear"?
 - a) Happily
 - b) Fearfully
 - c) Cheerfully
 - d) Silently
 - ☒ b) Fearfully
4. The opposite of "correctly":
 - a) Wrongly
 - b) Totally
 - c) Smoothly
 - d) Proudly
 - ☒ a) Wrongly
5. Scrambled adverb: YLAPRHSP → ?
 - a) Sharply
 - b) Perhaps
 - c) Happily
 - d) Proudly
 - ☒ b) Perhaps

Verbs

absorb, accuse, ache, acquire, admire, admit, adopt, advise, afford, amuse, annoy, appeal, appear, approach, arrange, attract, avoid, believe, belong, blame, blink, bore, borrow, bother, bounce, burrow, calculate, capture, carve, celebrate, chase, climb, cling, collect, confess, confuse, congratulate, consider, consist, contain, convince, crawl, damage, decay, decide, defend, digest, disappear, discuss, disdain, divide, drive, enable, enlarge, escape, examine, excite, execute, expand, explode, explore, finish, flare, forgive, frighten, frown, frustrate, glide, grasp, guess, happen, harm, haul, hurt, identify, imitate, improve, intend, laugh, launch, leave, listen, locate, lose, mumble, observe, perform, plunder, pounce, predict, prevent, quarrel, raised, recall, receive, rely, require, reside, reverse, revive, scatter, scold, scream, scrub, separate, shake, shrink, sleep, smile, spoil, squat, squeeze, stretch, struggle, suppose, throw, torture, touch, treat, twist, unite, untie, wander, whisper, wink, wonder, wriggle

1. What do you do with food?

a) Digest

b) Expand

c) Explode

d) Wander

☒ a) Digest

2. Past tense of "cling":

a) Clinged

b) Clang

c) Clung

d) Clingd

☒ c) Clung

3. Which verb means "to make larger"?

a) Enlarge

b) Shrink

c) Bother

d) Capture

☒ a) Enlarge

4. Synonym for "grasp":

a) Hold

b) Throw

c) Lose

d) Wander

☒ a) Hold

5. Correct spelling:

a) Seperate

b) Separate

c) Sepperate

d) Seperrate

☒ b) Separate

Synonyms & Antonyms

Synonyms:

accuse-blame, advantage-benefit, alike-same, ancient-old, annoy-irritate, ask-enquire, bliss- ecstasy, buy-purchase, childish-silly, courage- bravery, garbage-trash, gigantic-huge, glitter-shiny, harsh-cruel, interesting-exciting, junk-rubbish, loyal-faithful, perfect-ideal, precious-valuable, quarrel-fight, rich-wealthy, smelly-stinking, tiny-small,

1. Another word for "wealthy":

a) Poor

b) Rich

c) Happy

d) Angry

☒ b) Rich

2. "Gigantic" means:

- a) Small
- b) Huge
- c) Tiny
- d) Weak
- ☒ b) Huge

Antonyms:

accuse-defend, artificial – natural, attractive – repulsive, bother-calm, broad – narrow, care- neglect, cheap- expensive, confess-deny, dawn-dusk, delicate-hard, flutter-steady, foolish-wise, fresh- stale, funny-boring, glory- shame, interesting-boring, kind-cruel, mighty-delicate, misery-happiness, prevent-allow, save- spend, scold-praise, spend-save, store- discard, tiny-big, upset-joyful,

3. Opposite of "natural":

- a) Real
- b) Artificial
- c) True
- d) Pure
- ☒ b) Artificial

4. "Prevent" is to "allow" as:

- a) Start to begin
- b) Stop to go
- c) Save to spend
- d) Both b & c
- ☒ d) Both b & c

5. Antonym pair:
- a) Buy-purchase
 - b) Give-take
 - c) Happy-joyful
 - d) Big-large
 - ☒ b) Give-take

Double Letter Words & Nouns

Double Letters:

1. Which word has double 'o'?
- a) Book
 - b) Beetle
 - c) Street
 - d) Valley
 - ☒ a) Book
2. Correct spelling:
- a) Cabbage
 - b) Cabage
 - c) Cabbge
 - d) Cabagge
 - ☒ a) Cabbage

Nouns:

3. A place for books:
- a) Laboratory
 - b) Library
 - c) Kitchen

d) Stadium

☒ b) Library

4. What you wear on your head:

a) Necktie

b) Hat

c) Belt

d) Shoes

☒ b) Hat

5. Plural of "tooth":

a) Tooth

b) Teeth

c) Tooths

d) Teeths

☒ b) Teeth

Miscellaneous

1. Correct spelling:

a) Aginst

b) Against

c) Agenst

d) Agianst

☒ b) Against

2. Opposite of "together":

a) Apart

b) Always

c) Almost

d) Somewhere

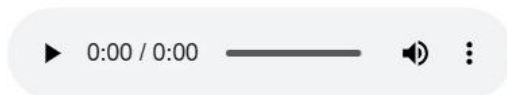
☒ a) Apart

3. Which means "not either"?
- a) Neither
 - b) Hundred
 - c) Still
 - d) Until
 - ☒ a) Neither
4. Complete: "Wait ___ I come back"
- a) Until
 - b) Still
 - c) Almost
 - d) Really
 - ☒ a) Until
5. Synonym for "almost":
- a) Nearly
 - b) Exactly
 - c) Never
 - d) Quickly
 - ☒ a) Nearly
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15. Audio Based Questions

1. Transcribe the word in the audio

Meaning: relating to the running of a home or to family relations.



Answer: domestic

2. Transcribe the word in the audio

Meaning: a leather or plastic rectangular container with a handle for carrying books and documents.

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Answer: briefcase

Question Types & Strategies

1. **Spelling from Images:** Practice with flashcards.
2. **Antonyms/Synonyms:** Create word pairs (happy/joy, big/small).
3. **Missing Letters:** Break words into syllables (HAB-I-TAT).
4. **Scrambled Words:** Look for prefixes/suffixes first.

Pro Tip: Use mnemonics! E.g., "Rhythm Has Your Two Hips Moving" for "RHYTHM."

