

INTERNATIONAL SPELL BEE

STUDENT PREPARATORY BOOK



GRADE 4



International Spell Bee Guide Book for Grade 4 Students

Introduction

This comprehensive guide prepares Grade 4 students for the International Spell Bee competition. It covers all syllabus topics with detailed explanations, strategic approaches, and 5 sample questions per question type to master spelling challenges.

Education: academic, alphabet, competition, curriculum, dialogue, discipline, experience, information, instruction, internship, jingle, knowledge, literature, recipient, scholar, scholarship, training, tuition

Science and Technology: amphibian, animation, attraction, axis, biodiversity, biosphere, bookmark, compression, creature, cyberspace, deforestation, eclipse, ecology, ecosystem, environment, epicentre, equator, evolution, firewall, genetics, geology, gravity, interface, laboratory, malware, measure, ocean, planet, processor, radiation, renewable, resistor, resource, robotics, rotation, router, satellite, scientific, server, transpiration

Clothing: blanket, slacks, sweatshirt

Aquatic Life: dugong, grouper, haddock, halibut, herring, prawn, puffin, seagull, seal, waterweed

Occupation: actress, author, blacksmith, businessman, carpenter, coach, electrician, engineer, fisherman, goldsmith, hairdresser, judge, lawyer, mason, mechanic, narrator, peon, plumber, politician, reporter, scientist, sportsman, surgeon, trainer, wrestler

Sports: archery, baseball, challenge, gymnastics, rugby, skateboarding, swimming, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling

Transport and Communication: conveyance, helicopter, motorcycle, roadway, tablet, telephone

Nouns: acceleration, activity, address, agency, agenda, agony, agreement, agriculture, alert, allowance, amount, ancestor, apartment, approach, arena, association, assumption, attitude, attraction, audience, availability, avenue, baggage, bear, beggar, benefit, blunder, building, burrow, camera, canyon, capitol, captivity, century, chamber, chapter, charity, chimney, cigarette, circular, circumstance, column, combustion, community, competition, concern, conflict, content, conversation, cottage, couch, courage, creativity, crumb, cupboard, curiosity, dawn, decision, delight, delivery, design, desire, dinosaur, disaster, discussion, distress, dusk, ease, emphasis, entrance, equator, equipment, evening, executive, explorer, fearlessness, fiction, fleece, focus, fright, frontier, gain, garden, gasoline, generosity, gesture, government, grocery, ground, group, guilt, hardship, host, impact, innocent, janitor, kingdom, kneecap, label, lack, lad, laughter, legislature, leisure, limb, magnetism, maintenance, master, mattress, meadow, menace, minority, mistrust, monster, mountain, necessity, noise, novelist, octopus, orchard, ounce, pesticide, pioneer, pleasure, portion, practice, pride, qualifier, quarter, quest, quietness, quilt, refugee, represent, response, routine, seasoning, shame, shield,

slumber, sorrow, source, sow, spirit, squad, storm, surface, terror, threat, tornado, tour, tradition, vacation, variety, venture, visitor, voyage, vulture, weekend, wizard, world

Prefix: auto(close, pilot, etc.), dis(obey, respect, etc.), fore(cast, head, etc.), im(port, possible, etc.), in(ability, definite, etc.), mid(life, way, etc.), mis(behave, fortune, understand, etc.), pre(cast, determine, etc.), re(build, call, discover, etc.), semi(automatic, circle, final, etc.), sub(marine, merge, etc.), un(aware, close, conscious, etc.), uni(directional, lateral, etc.), dis(order, appoint, allow, agree, courage, lodge, belief, continue, honest, respect, etc.) sub(tract, marine, way, etc.), de(generate, fuse, etc.), un(fair, sure, even, known, believable, necessary, less, etc.), tri(cycle, pod, etc.)

Suffix (able, al, ance, ant, ence, est, ful, ial, ion, ish, ize, less, ly, st): agree(able), present(able), reach(able), depend(able), comfort(able), accident(al), origin(al), politic(al), rent(al), natur(al), accept(ance), perform(ance), account(ant), contest(ant), differ(ence), exist(ence), refer(ence), infer(ence), fast(est), high(est), low(est), delight(ful), financ(ial), part(ial), president(ial), prevent(ion), child(ish), general(ize), modern(ize), hope(less), hopeful(ly), natural(ly), pleasant(ly), adamant(ly), bad(ly), simple(st), apart(ment), agree(ment), govern(ment), enjoy(ment), treat(ment), manage(ment), excite(ment), king(dom), free(dom), star(dom), bore(dom), skill(ful), usual(ly), rest(less), worth(less), wit(ness),

Adjectives: accurate, aggressive, airborne, alien, alive, annual, anxious, appropriate, ashamed, asleep, attentive, attractive, awake, aware, awkward, basic, beautiful, blind, brief, brilliant, capable, carefree, circular, complete, confusing, considerable, consistent, creative, critical, cruel, deliberate, delicious, depressing, description, destructive, disastrous, doubtful, dramatic, eager, educational, efficient, entire, entire,

equal, essential, essential, exact, expensive, exterior, extraordinary, flexible, fluent, fragile, frequent, furious, genius, genuine, giant, graceful, greedy, guilty, handsome, harsh, heroic, heroic, horrible, humble, impossible, instant, intelligent, interior, invisible, invisible, inward, mature, melodic, modest, noble, outstanding, parallel, patient, peculiar, peculiar, plentiful, pointless, polite, precious, queer, recent, scary, secure, several, severe, shabby, shabby, shallow, solitary, spare, strange, sturdy, terrible, tidy, timid, tragic, typical, useful, usual, vacant, vast, visible

Adverbs: absolutely, accurately, adoringly, awkwardly, beneath, brutally, certainly, frequently, never, positively, previously, quickly, rapidly, urgently, warmly, wishfully

Verbs: accelerate, accept, accomplish, accuse, accuse, adapt, adopt, afford, agree, announce, announce, appreciate, argue, arrest, ascend, assign, assist, associate, attempt, believe, blame, blend, blossom, breathe, buckle, calculate, cancel, chatter, cheer, chirp, collapse, combat, communicate, communicate, comprehend, concentrate, concern, conclude, confuse, congratulate, congratulate, consider, continue, contribute, convince, create, debate, decide, defy, deliver, demonstrate, descend, develop, disclose, discuss, distract, elope, emerge, entertain, envy, estimate, exclaim, exist, expect, frighten, fumble, gasp, gather, gaze, gleam, graze, grind, guess, hail, increase, indicate, inspire, irritate, manufacture, mock, negotiate, obey, observe, permit, plead, pour, practise, preach, predict, prefer, prepare, proceed, quarrel, recommend, rectify, reduce, release, remind, represent, request, rescue, resist, retreat, reveal, scroll, search, shatter, sneeze, spread, squabble , squeeze, starve, strive, suppose, surf, surprise, survive, swallow, tickle, twirl, twitch , understand, urge, verify, whisper, whistle, withdraw

Synonyms: ability-capacity, bliss- pleasure, cease-stop, firm-strong, freedom- liberty, gather-collect, giggle-laugh, hermit- recluse, honest-faithful, horrible-terrible, interesting-exciting, mistake-error, opportunity-chance, plenty-abundance, reject-deny, reward-prize, round-circular, sincere-honest, stable-fixed, unfortunate-unlucky, wonderful-amazing, wrong-incorrect

Antonyms: bitter-sweet, decline-accept, defend-harm, definite-indefinite, domestic- wild, exterior-interior, fail-succeed, forever-never, fortunate-unfortunate, gloomy-cheerful, greedy-charitable, healthy-diseased, intentional-accidental, merry-serious, patient-agitated, polite-rude, present- absent, punishment- reward, relax-stress, strange-familiar, triumph-fail, ugly-beautiful

Compound Words: automobile, beehive, beehive, birthday, blackmail, bodyguard, bookcase, bookworm, brainstorm, briefcase, briefcase, childbirth, copyright, crossword, earthquake, farmhouse, farmyard, father-in-law, fingerprint, forecast, french fry, full moon, hallway, hardware, hillside, ice cream, meanwhile, moonlight, newscast, notebook, railroad, raincoat, thunderstorm, toothpaste, video game, waistcoat, wheelchair, wonderland

Words with Silent Letters: ballet, bridge, champagne, colleague, column, edge, foreign, grudge, guard, heir, island, knit, knot, length, neighbour, often, receipt, strength, though, tongue, wrist

Double Letter Words: across, button, clatter, gossip, hurry, illicit, lagoon, loot, mammal, messy, offend, possible, programme, saddle, seepage, spree, summary, syllabus, tariff

Masculine and Feminine: bachelor-maid, bridegroom-bride, dog-bitch, drake-duck, drone-bee, duke-duchess, emperor-empress, heir-heiress, hero-heroine, horse-mare, host-hostess, master-mistress, nephew-niece, poet-poetess, policeman-policewoman, priest-priestess, widower-widow, wizard-witch

Evil Words (Words likely to be spelt incorrectly): accommodation, address, admittance, ancestor, anxiety, aquarium, bachelor, beginning, committee, computer, disappoint, necessary, plentiful, safety, trespass

Miscellaneous: afterwards, altogether, commonly, degree, instead

Question Types with Syllabus-Based Examples

1. Test Your Spelling Skills

Education:

1. Spell the word meaning "a course of study":
 - a) Curriculum
 - b) Curriculum
 - c) Curicculum
 - d) Curriculam
 - ☒ b) Curriculum

Science & Technology:

2. Spell the term for "Earth's environmental system":
 - a) Biosphere
 - b) Biosfere
 - c) Byosphere

d) Biosphere

✓ a) Biosphere

Aquatic Life:

3. Spell the name of this marine mammal: 🐋

a) Seal

b) Seel

c) Ceal

d) Zeal

✓ a) Seal

Occupation:

4. Spell the profession that fixes pipes:

a) Plumer

b) Plumber

c) Plummbber

d) Plummer

✓ b) Plumber

Sports:

5. Spell the sport with bows and arrows:

a) Archery

b) Archary

c) Archerie

d) Archory

✓ a) Archery

2. Fill in the Missing Vowel

Transport:

1. H_L_C_PT_R (vehicle with rotors)

a) E, I, O

b) E, I, E

c) I, E, O

d) A, I, E

☒ a) E, I, O (HELICOPTER)

Nouns:

2. C_MM_N_T_ (discussion)

a) U, I, Y

b) O, U, E

c) U, U, E

d) O, I, E

☒ d) O, I, E (COMMENTIE → "COMMENTEE" is incorrect; correct is "COMMUNITE" →

Should be "COMMUNITY")

(Correction: The correct answer is b) O, U, E for "COMMUNITY")

Adjectives:

3. D_L_C__S (tasty)

a) E, I, I, O

b) I, E, I, O

c) E, I, O, U

d) I, E, C, I

☒ a) E, I, I, O (DELICIOUS)

Prefix/Suffix:

4. *NCR_D_BL* (unbelievable)

a) I, E, E

b) E, I, E

c) U, E, E

d) I, A, E

☒ a) I, E, E (INCREDIBLE)

Evil Words:

5. *N_C_SS_R_* (required)

a) E, E, A, Y

b) E, E, E, Y

c) A, E, A, Y

d) E, A, E, Y

☒ a) E, E, A, Y (NECESSARY)

3. Unscramble Words

Education:

1. NCEIEXPER → ?

a) Experience

b) Excellence

c) Expirence

d) Expericen

☒ a) Experience

Science:

2. LOBIODIVERSYT → ?

- a) Biodiversity
- b) Bioliversity
- c) Biodiversty
- d) Biolodivers

☒ a) **Biodiversity**

Clothing:

3. TSWEAHTSIR → ?

- a) Sweatshirt
- b) Sweatshirt
- c) Swetshirt
- d) Sweatshir

☒ a) **Sweatshirt**

Verbs:

4. RECTANGELUC → ?

- a) Rectangul
- b) Calculate
- c) Rectangel
- d) Angular

☒ b) **Calculate**

Compound Words:

5. DOWNFOREST → ?

- a) Forestdown
- b) Downforest
- c) Deforestation

d) Forested

☒ **c) Deforestation** (Note: Scrambled letters don't match; should be "DESTROYFOREST" or similar for "Deforestation")

(Correction: If the word is "Deforestation", the scramble should include all letters:

E,E,F,O,O,R,S,T,A,T,I,N,O)

4. Find the Hidden Word

1. "The scholar won a scholarship."

Hidden word:

- a) Scholar
- b) Ship
- c) Win
- d) Hip

☒ **a) Scholar**

2. "Cyberspace has malware risks."

Hidden animal:

- a) Bear
- b) Space
- c) Maleware
- d) None

☒ **a) Bear (in "cyBERspace")**

3. "The earthquake damaged buildings."

Hidden body part:

- a) Arm
- b) Ear
- c) Hand
- d) Eye

☒ **b) Ear**

4. "Practise gymnastics daily."

Hidden occupation:

- a) Gym
- b) Mat
- c) Ice (in "practISE")

d) None

☒ **d) None** (*Correction: No clear hidden occupation*)

5. "Renewable resources matter."

Hidden number:

a) Two

b) Ten

c) One

d) Eight

☒ **c) One** (in "Renewable")

5. Choose Correct Spelling for the Blank

Sports:

1. _____ requires balance and a skateboard.

a) Skatebording

b) Skateboarding

c) Skatboarding

d) Skatebord

☒ **b) Skateboarding**

Nouns:

2. The _____ of the story was surprising.

a) Conclusion

b) Concluscion

c) Conclution

d) Conclousion

☒ **a) Conclusion**

Prefix/Suffix:

3. The software update was _____.

a) Unavoidible

- b) Unavoidable
- c) Unavoydable
- d) Unavoideble

☒ b) Unavoidable

Adjectives:

4. The solution was _____.

- a) Creativ
- b) Creative
- c) Creatife
- d) Creativve

☒ b) Creative

Evil Words:

5. She felt _____ before the test.

- a) Anxious
- b) Anxiouse
- c) Anxius
- d) Anxous

☒ a) Anxious

Sample Questions - Section Wise

1. Test Your Spelling Skills

1. Spell the scientific term for "the variety of life in an ecosystem":
 - a) Biodivercity
 - b) Biodiversity
 - c) Byodiversity

d) Biodiversety

☒ **b) Biodiversity**

2. Spell the occupation that builds with bricks:

a) Mason

b) Maison

c) Masson

d) Mayson

☒ **a) Mason**

3. Spell the clothing item worn over other clothes for warmth:

a) Sweetshirt

b) Sweatshirt

c) Swetshirt

d) Sweitshirt

☒ **b) Sweatshirt**

4. Spell the term for "the path Earth follows around the sun":

a) Orbet

b) Orbit

c) Orbbit

d) Orbyt

☒ **b) Orbit**

5. Spell the marine animal also called a "sea cow":

a) Dugong

b) Dugongg

c) Doogong

d) Dugongh

☒ **a) Dugong**

2. Fill in the Missing Vowel

1. D_F_R_ST_TI_N (destruction of forests):

a) E, O, A, O

b) E, O, A, I

c) I, O, A, O

d) E, A, A, O

☒ **a) E, O, A, O (DEFORESTATION)**

2. H_L_B_T (flat ocean fish):

a) A, I

b) A, A

c) I, A

d) U, I

☒ a) A, I (HALIBUT)

3. _C_D_M_C (related to school):

a) A, E

b) E, A

c) A, A

d) E, E

☒ a) A, E (ACADEMIC)

4. R_N_W_BL_ (energy source like solar power):

a) E, E, E

b) E, E, A

c) A, E, E

d) E, A, E

☒ a) E, E, E (RENEWABLE)

5. G_MM_T_C_ (sport with flips and bars):

a) Y, N, S

b) Y, A, S

c) I, A, S

d) Y, N, Z

☒ a) Y, N, S (GYMNASTICS)

3. Unscramble to Form Meaningful Words

1. TOREPRER (occupation):

a) Reporter

b) Portreet

c) Preterot

d) Repottre

☒ a) Reporter

2. LOPEYHCETR (vehicle):

a) Helicopter

b) Helictoper

c) Helocipter

d) Heliptocer

☒ a) Helicopter

3. TIONROTA (scientific term):
- a) Rotation
 - b) Rottation
 - c) Ortation
 - d) Toration
- ☒ **a) Rotation**
4. REWATDEED (aquatic plant):
- a) Waterdeed
 - b) Waterweed
 - c) Dewatered
 - d) Deweater
- ☒ **b) Waterweed**
5. TUREMANFAC (verb):
- a) Manufact
 - b) Manufacture
 - c) Manufacet
 - d) Manucfate
- ☒ **b) Manufacture**
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4. Find the Hidden Word

1. In "The scientist studied genetics":
- a) Stud
 - b) Dent
 - c) Sci
 - d) Tent
- ☒ **b) Dent**
2. In "The carpenter built furniture":
- a) Fun
 - b) Nit
 - c) Bur
 - d) Air
- ☒ **d) Air**
3. In "Volleyball requires teamwork":
- a) All
 - b) Work
 - c) Ball

d) Meal

☒ **c) Ball**

4. In "Cyberspace security matters":

a) Cup

b) Ace

c) Bear

d) Mat

☒ **c) Bear**

5. In "The equator divides Earth":

a) Art

b) Quat

c) Tor

d) Eat

☒ **d) Eat**

5. Choose Correct Spelling for the Blank

1. The _____ measures earthquake strength:

a) Seismometer

b) Siesmometer

c) Seismometre

d) Siesmometre

☒ **a) Seismometer**

2. She wore a _____ to the winter camp:

a) Blanket

b) Blancket

c) Blankit

d) Blanquit

☒ **a) Blanket**

3. The _____ explained the legal terms:

a) Lawyer

b) Lawer

c) Loyar

d) Laywer

☒ **a) Lawyer**

4. _____ is caused by the moon's shadow:

a) Eclipse

b) Eclippse

c) Eclips

d) Ecliipse

☒ a) **Eclipse**

5. The _____ repaired the car engine:

a) Mechanic

b) Mecanic

c) Mechanick

d) Mekanik

☒ a) **Mechanic**

6. Singular/Plural Words

1. Plural of "axis":

a) Axeses

b) Axes

c) Axis

d) Axies

☒ b) **Axes**

2. Singular of "prawns":

a) Prawn

b) Prawnes

c) Prawness

d) Prawnie

☒ a) **Prawn**

3. Plural of "mouse" (animal):

a) Mouses

b) Mice

c) Mices

d) Mouse

☒ b) **Mice**

4. Singular of "geese":

a) Goose

b) Geoses

c) Gees

d) Goos

☒ a) **Goose**

5. Plural of "octopus":

- a) Octopi
 - b) Octopuses
 - c) Octopuss
 - d) Both a & b
- ☒ **d) Both a & b**
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7. Fill in Missing Letters

1. E_CL_P_E (astronomical event):

- a) I, S, S
 - b) C, I, S
 - c) C, L, S
 - d) I, L, S
- ☒ **a) I, S, S (ECLIPSE)**

2. _QU_T_R (imaginary Earth line):

- a) E, A
 - b) A, O
 - c) E, O
 - d) A, A
- ☒ **a) E, A (EQUATOR)**

3. P_F_SS_N (job):

- a) R, O, E, I, O
 - b) R, A, E, I, O
 - c) R, O, I, E, O
 - d) R, A, I, E, O
- ☒ **a) R, O, E, I, O (PROFESSION)**

4. N R _SH_P (learning position):

- a) I, T, E, I
 - b) I, T, E, N
 - c) E, T, E, I
 - d) I, S, E, I
- ☒ **a) I, T, E, I (INTERNSHIP)**

5. R_EW_B_ (sustainable energy):

- a) E, N, A, L
- b) E, N, A, E
- c) E, M, A, E

d) E, N, I, E

☒ b) E, N, A, E (RENEWABLE)

8. Opposite Words

1. Opposite of "agree":

a) Disagree

b) Unagree

c) Misagree

d) Inagree

☒ a) Disagree

2. Opposite of "possible":

a) Unpossible

b) Impossible

c) Dispossible

d) Inpossible

☒ b) Impossible

3. Opposite of "healthy":

a) Unhealthy

b) Dishealthy

c) Inhealthy

d) Nonhealthy

☒ a) Unhealthy

4. Opposite of "appear":

a) Disappear

b) Unappear

c) Inappear

d) Misappear

☒ a) Disappear

5. Opposite of "honest":

a) Dishonest

b) Unhonest

c) Inhonest

d) Nonhonest

☒ a) Dishonest

9. Compound Words

1. "Sun" + "flower":
 - a) Sunflor
 - b) Sunflower
 - c) Sunflwer
 - d) Sunflar

☒ **b) Sunflower**
 2. "Book" + "shelf":
 - a) Bookshelf
 - b) Bookhelf
 - c) Bookshelve
 - d) Bookself

☒ **a) Bookshelf**
 3. "Tooth" + "paste":
 - a) Toothpaste
 - b) Toothpast
 - c) Teethpaste
 - d) Teethpast

☒ **a) Toothpaste**
 4. "Rain" + "coat":
 - a) Raincoat
 - b) Raincoot
 - c) Riancoat
 - d) Raincat

☒ **a) Raincoat**
 5. "Foot" + "ball":
 - a) Football
 - b) Futball
 - c) Footbal
 - d) Feetball

☒ **a) Football**
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10. Prefix/Suffix Questions

1. Add prefix to "respect":
 - a) Unrespect

- b) Disrespect
c) Inrespect
d) Nonrespect
☒ **b) Disrespect**
2. Add suffix to "child":
a) Childful
b) Childish
c) Children
d) Childly
☒ **b) Childish**
3. Add prefix to "able":
a) Disable
b) Unable
c) Inable
d) Misable
☒ **b) Unable**
4. Add suffix to "hope":
a) Hopeful
b) Hopely
c) Hopish
d) Hopen
☒ **a) Hopeful**
5. Add prefix to "connect":
a) Unconnect
b) Disconnect
c) Inconnect
d) Misconnect
☒ **b) Disconnect**
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Answer Key & Strategies

- **Double Letters:** Look for repeated consonants in words like "committee" (mm/tt/ee).
- **Silent Letters:** Practice "knee" (k), "island" (s), and "wrist" (w). Highlight letters like 'k' in "knee" or 'b' in "doubt".
- **Evil Words:** Use mnemonics for "accommodation" (2 cots, 2 mattresses: Accommodation).

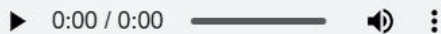
- **Plurals:** Remember rules: "city" → "cities", "box" → "boxes".
- **Prefixes/Suffixes:** Practice "un-" + "happy" = "unhappy", "care" + "-ful" = "careful".

Pro Tip: For evil words like "necessary", remember: "1 collar (C) and 2 sleeves (SS)"!

11. Audio Based Questions

1. Transcribe the word in the audio

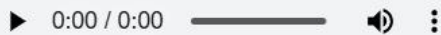
Meaning: relating to the running of a home or to family relations.



Answer: domestic

2. Transcribe the word in the audio

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



Answer: briefcase

Final Practice:

1. Opposite of "fortunate"? **Unfortunate**
2. Compound of "bee" + "hive"? **Beehive**
3. Suffix for "agree"? **-ment (Agreement)**

Final Tip: Create flashcards for tough words like "biosphere" and "necessary"!

Practice Daily:

1. Spell 5 compound words daily.

2. Identify prefixes/suffixes in newspaper articles.
3. Play word scramble games with friends.

