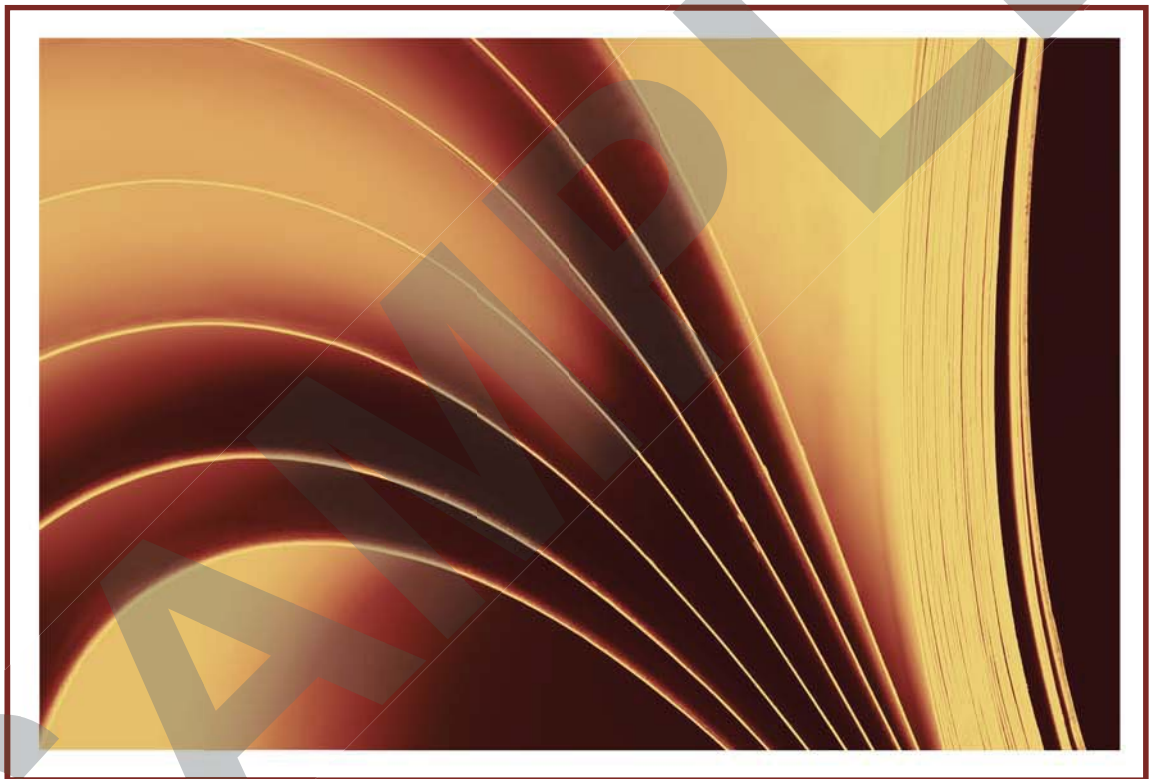




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## SPELLING COMPLEMENT

### 2018-2019 - DIFFICULTY SEQUENCE

**rivière** <ree.VYEHR>

n / single-stranded necklace of precious stones  
*While looking at the necklaces in the jewelry store, I saw a beautiful single-stranded sapphire ---.*  
*Note: Grave accent reqd on 1st 'e'*

**mauve** <MOHV>

n / color varying between purple and lilac  
*The woman's entire wardrobe was done in ---, from her violet dress to her plumed purple hat.*

**pelagic** <puh.LAJ.ik>

adj / relating to the open sea  
*With no means of locomotion, the Portuguese man-of-war is a floating --- organism causing painful stings.*

**rectrix** <REK.triks>

n / one of the stiff tail feathers of a bird that controls flight direction  
*We found a long, striped feather, and knew it had been a --- from a cuckoo by its pattern.*

**pulque** <POOL.kay> or <POOL.kee> <PUL.kay> <PUL.kee>

n / fermented drink made in Mexico  
*Alicia tasted the --- made from fermented maguey sold in the Mexican marketplace.*

**atemoya** <ah.tuh.MAWI.uh> or <at.uh.MAWI.uh>

n / green fruit with sweet, white flesh; tree producing such fruit  
*Lucinda's favorite exotic fruit is the heart-shaped ---.*

• **dragée** <drah.ZHAY>

n / candy with medicine in the center  
*My French grandmother told of taking a --- with cod liver oil in it daily when she was a child.*  
*Ety: Fr fr MFr fr L - tragematae (sweetmeats) fr Gk - trogein (eat fruit) Note: Acute accent reqd on 1st 'e'*

**woomera, woomerah** <WUM.uhr.uh>

n / hooked stick used by aborigines as a weapon  
*Besides the unusual aboriginal art I bought in Australia, I also brought back this spear called a ---.*

• **oneiric** <oh.NII.rik>

adj / suggesting dreams; dreamy  
*Arnim admitted that his --- story line had indeed come from one of his fantastic dreams.*  
*Ety: Gk - oneiros (dream)*

**menorah** <muh.NAWR.uh>

n / branched candelabrum used in Jewish worship  
*A 7-branched candelabrum called a --- is used in the Jewish worship service and represents 7 days of creation.*

• **golem** <GOH.luhm>

n / blockhead, robot or Jewish figurine  
*In Saul's eyes, Carter had no mind of his own, being just a --- reciting propaganda as his own thoughts.*  
*Ety: Yid fr Heb - golem (something shapeless)*

**vendue** <VEN.doo> or <VEN.dyoo> <ven.DYOO> <ven.DOO>

n / auction, public sale of items to the highest bidder  
*The --- was arranged, and the auctioneer disposed of every item in the massive Victorian house in only 2 days.*

**Miesian** <MEE.see.uhn>

adj / relating to a German-born American architect or his work  
*The Seagram Building in New York has typical --- style with its steel and glass structural design.*  
*Note: Always capitalized*

**kalimba** <kuh.LIM.buh>

n / African instrument made from a wooden box with bars to pluck to make tones  
*When Karen came back from her trip to Africa, she brought a --- to Sally who loved stringed instruments.*

• **Vouvray** <voo.VRAY>

n / dry white wine from a particular area of France  
*Mrs. Arnold preferred a white wine with a fruity taste to the dry --- they were served.*  
*Ety: Fr geog name - Vouvray (village in Loire area of France where it is produced) Note: Always capitalized*

• **Romaic** <roh.MAY.ik>

adj, n / relating to modern Greek  
*Over time, Greece shifted from a pagan, Hellenic culture to a ---, or modern Greek, culture.*  
*Ety: Gk fr L geog name - Roma/-ae (Rome) Note: Always capitalized*

**asocial** <ay.SOH.shuhl>

adj / withdrawn from association with others; not willing to conform to normalcy  
*The child's --- behavior worried his mom, and she consulted a psychologist to work with the withdrawn youth.*

**tankard** <TANG.kuhrd>

n / tall, one-handled mug made of silver or pewter  
*Mr. Carson poured the ale into a tall --- and reminisced about other mugs or beer in English pubs long ago.*

**yoicks** <YAWIKS>

interj / hunting cry used to prompt the dogs to chase the fox  
*One of the hunters spotted the fox and yelled, "---!" to rouse the dogs into pursuit.*  
*Note: Also hoicks only <HAWIKS>*

**quetzal** <ket.SAHL>

n / Central American bird with bright feathers; kind of Guatemalan money  
*The resplendent bronze-green and red foliage of the --- was reserved for imperial use by the Aztecs.*

**soupçon** <soop.SAWN> or <SOOP.sahn>

n / trace, a small amount  
*A --- of envy crept into the actor's voice when he congratulated his cohort on getting the coveted part.*  
*Note: Cedilla reqd on 'c'*

- **prefatory** <PREF.uh.tawr.ee>  
adj / prior to or preparing for the main matter of business  
*Before we get down to the main business at hand, we would like to take care of any --- matters.*  
Ety: L - praefor/-ari (mention beforehand/say)
- **pedantic** <puh.DAN.tik>  
adj / without practical knowledge due to narrow concerns for book learning; pedestrian  
*The scholarly young man always made the Dean's list, but his work often showed a narrow and --- outlook.*
- **synthesis** <sin.i.ZEE.sis>  
n / fusion of two syllables into one by uniting two adjacent vowels  
*The grammarian explained that the pronunciation of the double "e" in "eleemosynary" as one letter is ---.*
- **piacular** <pii.AK.yuh.luhr>  
adj / making atonement for a transgression; wicked  
*The primitive religion used --- sacrifices to appease the gods for any sins or sacrileges.*  
Ety: L - piaculum/-i (sacrificial rite) fr pio/-are (atone for/cleanse)
- **kyphosis** <kii.FOH.sis>  
n / abnormal backward curvature of the spine  
*The orthopedist treated the patient for ---.*  
Ety: Gk - kuphos (bent)
- **acetylene** <uh.SET.uhl.een> or <uh.SET.uhl.uhn>  
n / colorless hydrocarbon gas used as a fuel  
*The welder used --- and oxygen in his cutting torch to cut through the heavy metal door.*
- **vallation** <va.LAY.shuhn>  
n / earthwork wall built for defense  
*The troops moved in at night, quickly building a --- to protect themselves for the attack at dawn.*
- **ligneous** <LIG.nee.uhs>  
adj / woody, having a woody appearance  
*Tropical forests have more --- than herbaceous plants because the many trees crowd the shrubby undergrowth.*  
Ety: L - ligneus/-a/-um (wooden) fr lignum/-i (wood/timber)
- **Salzburg** <SAWLZ.burg> or <SAHLZ.burg> <ZAHLTZ.burk>  
n / Austrian city that is near the border of Germany  
*Originally a Celtic settlement, --- is now a prime music center and resort that attracts tourists.*  
Note: Always capitalized
- **ravigote** <ra.vee.GAWT>  
n / French green sauce  
*Made with spinach, vinegar, and herbs, --- is a rich complement to many French dishes.*
- **rufescent** <roo.FES.uhnt>  
adj / reddish, having a bronze or reddish color  
*The art teacher pointed to the --- tones of the painting that gave the entire picture a reddish-bronze cast.*  
Ety: L - rufesco/-ere (become red) fr rufus/-a/-um (reddish)
- **underling** <UHN.duhr.ling>  
n / one who is of a lower rank or is subordinate to another  
*The CEO of the company asked the office manager to have an --- run errands for him every Wednesday afternoon.*  
Ety: ME fr OE
- **judgmatic** <juhj.MAT.ik>  
adj / wise, discreet  
*The vice-principal handled problems in a --- manner, and all felt his discipline measures were even-handed.*
- **Eucharist** <YOO.kuh.rist>  
n / Holy Communion; ceremony in Christian churches where wine and bread are consumed  
*During the --- ceremony, the church congregation consumed bread and wine symbolic of the Lord's Supper.*  
Note: Always capitalized
- **decedent** <di.SEED.uhnt>  
n / person who is dead  
*Reading my uncle's will, the attorney kept referring to Uncle Al as the ---, and it seemed so impersonal.*
- **abidance** <uh.BII.duhns>  
n / continuance; compliance  
*After causing trouble at school, the principal said Jon's --- by the rules was required to avoid suspension.*  
Ety: ME fr OE - bidan (wait)
- **Kathmandu, Katmandu** <kat.man.DOO> or <kaht.mahn.DOO>  
n / capital city of Nepal  
*Founded circa 723, the --- city of Gurkha was the capital in 1768 and remained so until the late 18th century.*  
Note: Always capitalized
- **timocracy** <tii.MAHK.ruh.see>  
n / political system which glorifies either wealth or love of honor  
*Plato's view of --- placed a premium on honor and glory, but Aristotle's view held wealth as more important.*  
Ety: MFr fr ML fr Gk - timokratia (polity based on honor/wealth) fr time (value/honor) + Gk - kratos (power)
- **obliquely** <oh.BLEEK.lee> or <uh.BLEEK.lee>  
adv / in a devious, dishonest or misleading manner; indirectly or evasively  
*The politician --- answered the questions, and his manner served to deliberately mislead the voters.*
- **vexatious** <vek.SAY.shuhs>  
adj / disturbing, distressing  
*Johnny's mother thought the new puppy was only --- and problematical, but Johnny loved the little rascal.*
- **oxymoron** <ahk.see.MAWR.ahn>  
n / combination of words that have conflicting meanings  
*A phrase, such as "cruel kindness," is an --- with the two words having contradictory meanings.*