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**For**  
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## SPELLING COMPLEMENT

### 2022-23 for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

- abduction** <ab.DUHK.shuhn>  
n / act of carrying away illegally  
*Two days after the child's ---, the Randalls got a call from the kidnappers asking for ransom.*
- ability** <uh.BIL.uht.ee>  
n / state of having the power to do something  
*Political leaders often have the --- to influence people's beliefs and feelings.*
- academy** <uh.KAD.uh.mee>  
n / high school; school for special instruction  
*Jim attends an --- of fine arts where he studies sculpting and courses about painting.*
- accountant** <uh.KOWNT.uhnt>  
n / person whose profession is keeping, inspecting and auditing financial records  
*Josh thought being an --- would be dry, but Nell thrived on working with numbers and financial records.*
- accurate** <AK.yuh.ruht>  
adj / correct; free from error  
*Engineers use computers during a space shuttle launch to be sure that all computations will be --- .*
- ache** <AYK>  
v, n / suffer continuous pain  
*After Susie ate all of the candy, her stomach began to --- .*
- actress** <AK.truhs>  
n / female performer of the theater arts  
*A born ---, the child rarely did anything that didn't involve taking center stage.*
- adobe** <uh.DOH.bee>  
n / brick or structure made of a mixture of clay and straw  
*In some Mexican villages all of the buildings are made of --- because the materials are readily available.*
- adult** <uh.DUHLT> or <AD.uhlt>  
adj, n / mature, developed  
*When fully grown, the --- peacock displays a distinguished set of colorful tail feathers.*
- adverb** <AD.vuhrb>  
n, adj / part of speech used to modify a verb or adjective  
*In the sentence, "I work diligently," the word "diligently" is an --- because it modifies "work."*
- affectionate** <uh.FEK.shnuht> or <uh.FEK.shuh.nuht>  
adj / kind, friendly; befriend  
*The --- child ran laughing to his mother and hugged her.*
- against** <uh.GENST> or <uh.GENTST> <uh.GINST> <uh.GAYNST>  
prep, conj / touching; counter to  
*When John was placed --- Tom, it became apparent who was taller.*
- airplane** <EHR.playn> or <EH.uhr.playn>  
n / flying machine  
*Because we flew in an ---, we arrived in California after only four hours.*
- alligator** <AL.uh.gayt.uhr>  
n / large, swamp-inhabiting reptile with a broad head and long tail; genus of same  
*If I say, "See you later, ---," you reply, "In a while, crocodile!"*
- allspice** <AWL.spiis>  
n / aromatic substance prepared from a berry and used in cooking  
*"What this apple filling needs is a dash of nutmeg and a pinch of ---," said Grandma Smith.*
- almost** <AWL.mohst>  
adv / very close to the total amount  
*Molly was so interested in the story that she --- read the whole book in one night.*
- aloha** <uh.LOH.uh> or <uh.LOH.hah> <ah.LOH.hah>  
interj / Hawaiian greeting or farewell meaning "love or kindness"  
*As we were stepping off the plane, we were greeted with a loud "---" from the Hawaiian natives.*
- although, altho** <awl.THHO>  
conj / despite the fact; supposing that  
*--- the weatherman had predicted rain, the sun was shining in the clear blue sky.*
- ambition** <am.BISH.uhn>  
n / strong desire for accomplishment  
*Isabel works very hard in school because she has the --- to become a doctor.*
- animated** <AN.uh.mayt.uhd>  
adj, v / full of activity or spirit, lively  
*The maid's --- response showed both vivacity and independence.*
- annual** <AN.yuhl> or <AN.yuh.wuhl>  
adj, n / yearly; recurrent each year; something that lasts one year  
*This year the seniors are planning to hold their --- spring dance at one of the big hotels downtown.*

**nonstick** <NAHN.stik> or <nahn.STIK>  
adj / allowing food particles to be easily removed after cooking

*Jerod used a --- skillet to scramble eggs, and the dried egg was easily wiped out before he washed it.*

**noodle** <NOOD.uhl>  
n / improvise on a musical instrument; elongated pasta; simpleton;  
*When Rick sat down to --- at the piano, everyone in the room stopped talking to listen.*

**northward** <NAWRTH.wuhrd>  
adv, adj / away from the south  
*The pioneers travelled --- from Galveston and finally reached the Red River.*

**notify** <NOHT.uh.fii>  
v / report  
*The sheriff's deputies will try to --- everyone living below the dam that it has begun to leak.*

**novel** <NAHV.uhl>  
n, adj / fictitious story usually in book form; new and unknown  
*On Saturday, the writer will autograph copies of his latest ---, a fantasy set in the days of King Arthur.*

**November** <noh.VEM.buhr>  
n / eleventh month of the year  
*Thanksgiving is always celebrated in ---, on the third Thursday of the eleventh month.~~Always capitalized*

**nudging** <NUHJ.ing> or <NUHJ.eeng>  
v / gently pushing  
*The large puppy was guilty of --- the smaller pups away so he could nurse.*

**numb** <NUHM>  
adj, v / devoid of sensation  
*In Jack London's "To Build a Fire," we learn that the cold can do more than make one's hands and feet --- .*

**numerous** <NOOM.ruhs> or <NYOOM.ruhs>  
<NOOM.uh.ruhs> <NYOOM.uh.ruhs>  
adj / existing in great numbers, many; rhythmical  
*We thought the meal was over, but Aunt Betty appeared with --- pies and cakes for dessert from the kitchen.*

**nunnery** <NUHN.ree> or <NUHN.uh.ree>  
n / convent housing women belonging to a religious order  
*Anita entered a --- at a young age and eventually took her final vows to remain in the religious order.*

**nursery** <NUHRS.ree> or <NUHRS.uh.ree>  
n / room designed for children; place where plants are grown  
*The young prince spent most of the day in his ---, playing with his toys and reading books.*

**nutrition** <noo.TRISH.uhn> or <nyoo.TRISH.uhn>  
n / body processes of taking in food and utilizing it for nourishment  
*By studying --- in her health class, Amy learned the value of balanced meals for a young adult.*

**oarsman** <OHRZ.muhn> or <AWRZ.muhn>  
<OH.uhrz.muhn> <AW.uhrz.muhn>  
n / rower, one skilled in rowing  
*Bob was the strongest --- in the crew, and he always rowed at the rear of the boat.*

**oath** <OHTH>  
n / vow, swear word  
*The knight gave his solemn --- that he would dedicate his life to the pursuit of the Holy Grail.*

**oboe** <OH.boh>  
n / woodwind instrument  
*George played an --- in the school band because he enjoyed the penetrating tone of the double-reed instrument.*

**obsess** <uhb.SES> or <ahb.SES>  
v / haunt one's mind, preoccupy  
*The elderly lady seemed to --- on death, and all her conversations centered on her preoccupation.*

**obvious** <AHB.vee.uhs>  
adj / easily apparent  
*When Hank tripped on the steps leading to the stage, his embarrassment was very --- .*

**ocean** <OH.shuhn>  
n / salt water collectively that cover 2/3rds of the earth  
*The Atlantic is the --- the Mayflower sailed across on her way to America from Europe.*

**offense, offence** <uh.FENS> or <uh.FENTS>  
<AH.fens> <AH.fents>  
n / misdeed, infraction of the law; act of attacking; ability to score  
*The officer warned, "This is your first ---, and I'm not giving you a ticket; but if you speed again, I will."*

**offering** <AWF.ring> or <AHF.uhr.ing>  
<AWF.uh.ring> <AHF.ring>  
n, v / contribution to support religious institution; presenting, tendering  
*When Sally put her entire allowance in the --- at Sunday services, she asked a little prayer for her sick mom.*