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For the 2022-2023 UIL *WordPower* booklet of spelling and vocabulary words for high school contests

This work complements the UIL word list for high schools and serves as a time-saving dictionary substitute so that students can spend more time studying and less time looking up each word. *UIL Spelling Complement* also provides a researched sentence illustrating usage for each word.

A special circular symbol • precedes words selected for vocabulary study in the *UIL Word Power* booklet, and the etymology is included for each of these words. Simple abbreviations have been used to compact this data, such as *L = Latin, Gk = Greek, Fr = French, G = German, E = English, I = Italian* and others as used in the *American Heritage Dictionary*. Used in combination with these language indicators are the following: *O = Old, M = Middle, L = Late, V = Vulgar, H = High, and No = North*. Connecting words abbreviated are *fr = from, prob=probably, dim=diminutive, alter=alteration, and orig = origin*. These should all become self-evident.

Our pronunciations follow those found in the *American Heritage Dictionary - Fourth Edition*, unabridged, and up to four pronunciations are shown. Also included for each word are the part(s) of speech, definition, and a carefully written sentence with context clues illustrating the word in use. If alternate spellings are indicated in the *American Heritage*, they are listed with the first spelling.

Our unique pronunciation scheme is very similar to that now used by many major dictionaries and newspapers to provide a simple, "keyless" scheme for difficult words. Our scheme recognizes only the 14 primary vowel sounds below: (only the first one or two should require your referencing our key at the bottom of each page).

ii=sign	eh=care	uh=ago	ay=wade	ah=calm	aw=paw	a=cap
oh=home	oo=too	ow=how	i=hit	ee=heat	u=put	e=pet

Syllables are separated by periods. Those with primary emphasis are capitalized; those not emphasized are in lower case. Secondary emphasis is not indicated. Our simple system has been in use for 25+ years by schools using our UIL products and for over 35 years by schools using our line of companion products for the National Spelling Bee. This pronunciation scheme also forms the basis of our unique *eMentor* online spelling platform.

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- **a priori** <ah.pree.AWR.ee> or <ay.prii.AWR.ii>
adj / reasoning or deduction formed without examination or analysis
It would be --- for the jury to declare the accused guilty without hearing all the evidence.
Ety: L - a priori (from the prior)
- **abbé** <AB.ay> or <a.BAY>
n / one belonging to the clergy in France
The peculiar old man dressed in black gave the appearance of an ancient --- from a French monastic order.
Ety: Fr fr LL - abbas/-atis (abbot) Note: Acute accent reqd on 'e'
- **abelia (A)** <uh.BEE.lee.uh> or <uh.BEEL.yuh>
n / ornamental shrub with small pinkish or white blooms
Mona said the --- would have small pinkish and white blooms in the spring.
Note: Capitalized for genus
- **aberration** <ab.uh.RAY.shuhn>
n / deviation from the correct, moral or common path; temporary mental lapse
Miriam was so consumed with neatness that any ---, even so small as having pens out of order, would throw her.
Ety: L - aberro/-are/avi/-atus (go astray) fr ab (away) + erro/-are (wander)
- **abscond** <ab.SKAHND>
v / secretly depart or flee
The accountant planned to --- with the funds, but his plot was discovered before he could slip away.
- **absolution** <ab.suh.LOO.shuhn>
n / confession and pardoning of sins
Maria regularly went to confession to ask for --- for her transgressions.
Ety: ME fr OFr fr L - absolutio/-nis (acquittal) fr absolvo/-ere (release) fr ab(away fr) + solvo/-ere (loosen)
- **abyssopelagic** <uh.bi.SO.pi.LA.jik>
adj / relating to the deep area of the sea with little or no plant life or life
Few creatures are capable of living in --- depths of the ocean due to lack of light.
- **acanthoid** <uh.KAN.thawid>
adj / spiny
The balloon popped when it landed on the --- pads of the cactus plant.
- **acarpous** <ay.KAHR.puhs>
adj / having or producing no fruit
A gardener told Daniel that his pear tree was ---, so he cut it down knowing it would never produce fruit.
- **accommodative** <uh.KAHM.uh.day.tiv>
adj / helpful, obliging; providing a service for
My attorney's secretary was extremely ---, and she provided copies of everything I needed and a place to work.
- **accretionary** <uh.KREE.shuh.nehr.ee>
adj / tending to increase in size by external addition or fusing together
Recent aerial maps showed acreage increases due to the --- effect of the river depositing silt along its bank.
- **accrue** <uh.KROO.muht>
n / regular addition or growth
The --- of the interest on my savings account steadily increased my balance over the ten-year period.
- **acerbated** <AS.uhr.bayt.id>
v / irritated, aggravated
Ralph's curt response --- the situation, and Mr. Woo intervened to negotiate between the irritated students.
- **acetaminophen** <uh.see.tuh.MIN.uh.fuhn> or <as.uh.tuh.MIN.uh.fuhn>
n / chemical compound used to alleviate pain or fever
Jules preferred to use ibuprofen rather than --- when he had a headache.
- **acoustician** <ak.oo.STISH.uhn>
n / specialist who deals in the science related to reception of sound
The --- is very important at a music concert because he must be certain the quality of sound is perfect.
- **acrid** <AK.rid>
adj / bitter; caustic
The pickles had an --- taste, and Mrs. Simpson guessed she'd left some ingredient out of the mixture.
Ety: L - acer/acris/acre (sharp/acute/penetrating)
- **acrophobia** <ak.ruh.FOH.bee.uh>
n / dread fear of heights
Nan explained that she had --- and riding to the tenth floor in the glass elevator seemed terrifying to her.
- **actinouranium** <ak.tuh.noh.yoo.RAY.nee.uhm>
n / isotope of particular radioactive element
With a mass number of 235, --- is explosive in high concentrations and was used in the first atomic bomb.
- **ad infinitum** <ad.in.fuh.NII.tuhm>
adv, adj / without limit or end
Geometrical lines that do not intersect theoretically continue ---, and arrows on ends of lines indicate this.
- **adagios** <uh.DAHJ.ohz> or <uh.DAHJ.ee.ohz> <ah.DAH.zhohz> <uh.DAJ.ohz>
n / musical compositions having an easy graceful manner
--- mixed with quick movements in the piece and kept the composition balanced and graceful.
- **adipose tissue** <AD.i.pohs.tish.oo> or <ad.i.pohs.TISH.oo>
n / fatty cells collectively acting to perform a single purpose
Mrs. Grundy felt she had excessive ---, and she asked a plastic surgeon's advice on liposuction.
Ety: L - adeps/adipis (fatty tissue/lard) + ME - tissu (fine cloth) fr L - texo/-ere/-ui/textus (weave)

Newtonian <noo.TOHN.ee.uhn> or <nyoo.TOHN.ee.uhn>
adj / relating to an English mathematician and philosopher and his doctrines
In physics, --- force is any force, like gravitation, that is subject to the inverse-square law.

Note: Always capitalized

nexus <NEK.suhs>
n / connected series, link, tie
The --- between the two topics was clarified in a subsequent paragraph explaining the common link.

Nicaragua <NIK.uh.rah.gwuh>
n / country of Central America
The --- coastline was discovered by Columbus in 1502, and it was settled by the Spanish in 1524.
Note: Always capitalized

niçoise olive <nee.SWAHZ.ol.iv> or <nee.swahz.OL.iv>
n / small oval fruit with a good flavor that is often grown in Italy
The small --- was rich in flavor and paired well with the sliced cheese and wine.
Note: Cedilla reqd on 'c'

nictitate <NIK.ti.tayt>
v / wink, blink one's eye winsomely
Dr. Head described how many muscles were used to ---, and Sue said winking didn't seem so complicated to her.

• **nihil obstat** <nii.hil.AHB.staht> or <nii.hil.AHB.stat>
<nee.hil.AHB.staht> <nee.hil.AHB.stat>
n / approval recognized as official
The museum accepted a painting by the wildlife artist, and she considered this --- as a crowning achievement.
Ety: L - nihil obstat (nothing hinders) fr nihil (nothing) + obsto/-are/-avi/-atus (hinder)

nilgai <NIL.gii>
n / type of antelope
The guide in India called the large antelope a "blue bull," but James knew the animal was really a --- .

nine-to-fiver <niin.tuh.FII.vuhr>
n / office worker that has regular daytime hours
An avowed ---, June acquiesced to work overtime in the computer department because the pay was double.

nolens volens <noh.lenz.VOH.lenz> or <NOH.lenz.voh.lenz>
adv / whether you want to or not
"If you break rules, you will face consequences ---," warned the headmaster, "and there are no exceptions."

nom de plume <nahm.duh.PLOOM>
n / pen name
"Tom Sawyer" was written by Samuel Clemens, who used the -- of Mark Twain.

nondeductible <nahn.di.DUHK.tuh.buhl>
adj / not eligible to be taken off one's income tax
Even though the contribution was ---, Dad felt their purpose was so admirable that he gave them a donation.

nondenominational <nahn.di.nahm.uh.NAY.shuh.nuhl>
adj / not restricted to a particular religion
The Bible study was ---, and attendees came from all of the various churches because the leader was so strong.

Normandy <NAWR.muhn.dee>
n / region of France that adjoins the English Channel
The World War II veteran visited the beaches of --- and recalled his storming the shores.
Note: Always capitalized

normothermia <nawr.moh.THUR.mee.uh>
n / condition in which the body temperature is within the standard range
Destruction of virus cells is often accelerated with elevated temperature and slowed during periods of --- .

North Saskatchewan <nawrth.sa.SKACH.uh.wahn>
n / river in south central Canada
The --- flows from Alberta through south central Canada.
Note: Always capitalized

• **nosology** <noh.SAHL.uh.jee> or <noh.ZAHL.uh.jee>
n / medical branch dealing with classifying diseases; classification of diseases
Perusing an old medical book on ---, Chad found diseases of veins, arteries, and glands in the same order.
Ety: Gk - nosos (disease) + logos (word)

• **novella** <noh.VEL.uh>
n / short written story usually having a moral message or satirical one
In the "Decameron" Boccaccio perfected the --- which has come down from Middle Ages as a long, short story.
Ety: It - novello (new) fr L - novellus/-a/-um (new) fr novus/-a/-um (new/fresh)

Novocain <NOH.vuh.kayn>
n / local anesthetic
The dentist shot --- into my gums before starting to drill my tooth out for the filling.
Note: Always capitalized

nuclearize <NOO.klee.uh.riiz> or <NYOO.klee.uh.riiz>
v / equip with atomic weapons
There is a frightening potential for the Middle East countries to --- and ultimately have a devastating war.

numinous <NOO.muuh.nuhs> or <NYOO.muuh.nuhs>
adj / sacred, spiritual; magical, mysterious
Candlelight cast a --- glow on the altar and seemed to give the entire chapel a reverent warmth.

nyctophobia <nik.tuh.FOH.bee.uh>
n / dread fear of darkness or nighttime
Nicole preferred to say she had --- than to appear childish by saying she was afraid of the dark.

• **nystagmus** <ni.STAG.muhs>
n / rapid movement of eyeballs
Johnny was knocked down during football practice and experienced --- and dizziness.
Ety: NL fr Gk - nystagmos (drowsiness)