

SPELLING & VOCABULARY COMPLEMENT



Texas UIL

High School 2021-22
Sequence: Alphabetical



UIL Spelling Complement™ Alphabetic Sequence

For

High School 2021-22

Written by Linda Tarrant

Edited by Beth Mader

Copyright © 2021 by Hexco Academic. All rights reserved. Reproduction or translation of any part of this work beyond that permitted by Section 107 or 108 of the 1976 *United States Copyright Act* without the permission of the copyright owner is unlawful. The purchaser of this product is responsible for adhering to this law which prohibits the sharing or reselling of copyrighted material with anyone. This precludes sharing with coaches or students from other schools via mail, fax, email, or simply “passing along.” Hexco materials may not be posted online. Exception/permission for photocopies granted by Hexco Academic is only applicable for *Practice Packets* which may be copied expressly for the purchaser’s group or classroom at the same physical location.

We are a small company that listens! If you have any questions or if there is an area that you would like fully explored, let us hear from you. We hope you enjoy this product and stay in contact with us throughout your academic journey.

~ President Hexco Inc., Linda Tarrant

HEXCO ACADEMIC

www.hexco.com

P.O. Box 199 • Hunt, Texas 78024

Phone: 830.367.3825 • Fax: 830.367.3824

Email: hexco@hexco.com

IF YOU LIKE THIS PRODUCT, WE ALSO RECOMMEND

UIL Spelling Practice Packets • UIL Spelling eMentor

Spelling Rules Book • Etyma eMentor & Etyma Notes

UIL Spelling Complement Alphabetic Sequence™

For the 2021-2022 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.

SPELLING COMPLEMENT

2021-2022 - ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE

abecedarian <ay.bee.see.DEHR.ee.uhn>

n, adj / one learning the basics of something, such as the alphabet

With her small hands clasping the old reader, the child looked to be a serious --- practicing her letters.

• **ablutions** <uh.BLOO.shuhns> or <a.BLOO.shuhns>

n / acts of cleansing as used in religious rites

The priest baptized converts with water to signify their total --- and resultant spiritual purification.

Ety: ME fr MFr fr L - *abluo/-ere* (cleanse/wash) fr *ab* (away from) + *luo/-ere* (wash)

abovementioned <uh.BUHV.men.shuhnd>

adj / previously noted

The article stated that the --- person was a general, but the text had not identified any individual before this notation.

abrachia <uh.BRAY.kee.uh>

n / state of being without arms at birth in people or animals

In animals, --- generally means that the animal has no front legs.

abrogate <AB.ruh.gayt>

v / annul, do away with

The judge said he would not --- the old law, although it was no longer enforced or followed.

• **abstemious** <ab.STEE.mee.uhs> or <uhb.STEE.mee.uhs>

adj / eating or drinking in moderation

The monk led an --- life, never overindulging in rich foods or excessive drinking.

Ety: L - *ab* (from/away) + *temetum/-i/temum/-i* (intoxicating drink)

acarid <AK.uh.rid>

n / one of the order that includes mites and spiders

The specimen was an --- with a white blotch on its back, and it was identified as a Lone Star tick.

• **acatalectic** <ay.kat.uhl.EK.tik>

adj, n / having the appropriate number of syllables, as in a line of verse

For his assignment, Kevin was to write an --- poem, but he failed because one line was one syllable short.

Ety: LL fr Gk - *a* (not) + *katalektikos* (incomplete) fr *katalegein* (leave off)

accessible <ak.SES.uh.buhl>

adj / capable of being easily reached

The video games at the mall are too --- to suit Mother; she wishes they were difficult for kids to locate.

accrual <uh.KROO.uhl>

N / something that has increased during a specified time period

Over the past six months, Jim's --- of interest on his savings earned him forty-six dollars.

acknowledgeable <ak.NAHL.ij.uh.buhl>

adj / capable of being admitted or avowed

I saw only one painting with an --- resemblance to nature; the rest seemed completely abstract and indistinct.

acrimonious <ak.ruh.MOH.nee.uhs>

adj / bitter, angry, harsh or biting in disposition

His --- behavior gave away his hostile feelings toward the stranger.

actuaries <AK.choo.ehr.eez>

n / people in an insurance company who calculate insurance premiums and risks

When Dan called the insurance agency, the secretary referred him to one of the --- to discuss premiums.

acupuncture <AK.yoo.pungk.chuhr>

n, v / Chinese practice of inserting needles at strategic spots to ease pain

As he inserted a needle, the Chinese doctor explained that --- would anesthetize the patient during surgery.

• **ad interim** <ad.IN.tuhr.uhm>

adj, adv / temporary; temporarily

The --- injunction temporarily prohibited the product's production, and it was in effect until the court date.

Ety: L - *ad* (to/for) + *interim* (meantime)

Adélie penguin <uh.DAY.lee.pen.guin>

<uh.day.lee.PENG.gwin> <uh.day.lee.PEN.gwin>

n / type of flightless bird of the Antarctic

The Antarctic continent coast is the only habitat for the ---, and their diet is primarily krill and fish.

Note: Acute accent req'd on 1st 'e'

adhesion <ad.HEE.zhuhn>

n / action of sticking together of substances

The super glue provided the --- necessary to mend the broken pieces of the vase.

adjuvant <AJ.uh.vuhnt>

n / additional ingredient which aids action of a primary ingredient

Father prefers a brand of paint with an --- that causes the paint to dry quickly.

admonitory <ad.MAHN.i.tawr.ee>

adj / tending to scold, warn or criticize

The teacher gave Jake an --- warning to quit talking in class or to expect disciplinary action.

adrenocortical <uh.dree.noh.KAWR.ti.kuhl>

adj / derived from the glands that produce steroid hormones

--- hormones are involved in regulation of protein, carbohydrate, and electrolyte metabolism.

afebrile <ay.FEB.ruhl> or <ay.FEEB.ruhl>

adj / not feverish

Jo felt ill, but she was --- and couldn't be sent home from school unless she ran a temperature.

- **amentaceous** <am.uhn.TAY.shuhs> or <ay.muhn.TAY.shuhs>
adj / producing catkins on a tree, such as a willow or birch; resembling such flower
Willow and oak trees are noted by botanists for their --- features.
Ety: NL fr L - *amentum* / -i (thong/strap)
- amercement** <uh.MUHRS.muht>
n / court's discretionary infliction of penalty
William Jennings Bryan protested that the court's --- of \$100 on John Scopes was too small a penalty to pay.
- amnioscopy** <am.nee.AHS.kuh.pee>
n / visual examination of the fetus and the sac that surrounds it
After performing an ---, the obstetrician reported no visibly obvious problems with the fetus or its sac.
- amoretto** <am.uh.RET.oh>
n / cupid, cherub
The faded painting depicted a loving couple with a chubby --- perched above as if proclaiming their devotion.
- ampersand** <AM.puhr.sand>
n / character sign "&" used in place of the word "and"
Squeezing her headline into the allocated space, Julie had to use an --- in lieu of "and" to make it fit.
- ampicillin** <am.pi.SIL.in>
n / type of penicillin for treating infection
Eric's doctor prescribed --- to treat his ear infection.
- **anadiplosis** <an.uh.duh.PLOH.sis>
n / repetition of a prominent word in the last clause to emphasize it
"The boy will one day be president, be president, I say," is an example of ---.
Ety: LL fr Gk - *anadiplosis* (repetition) fr *anadiplos* (reduplicate) fr *ana* (up) + *diplos* (double)
- anchovies** <AN.choh.veez> or <an.CHOH.veez>
n / small, herring-like fishes used in foods, especially appetizers
"We don't want any --- on our pizza because those fish taste gross," the children squealed.
- ancien régime** <ahn.SYAN.ray.zheem> or <ahn.syan.ray.ZHEEM>
n / any outmoded governing system; outdated French system of politics and society
The aged marquis seemed quite of the ---, and he frankly held to his outmoded ideas of ruling.
Note: Acute accent reqd on 2nd 'e'
- Andromache** <an.DRAHM.uh.kee>
n / in Greek mythology, the wife of Hector
In the ancient story of the fall of Troy, the Greeks captured ---, Hector's devoted wife.
- **anemophilous** <an.uh.MAHF.uh.luhs>
n / referring to wind-pollination
Dandelions depend on wind to scatter their --- seeds which are light and feathery and can travel long distances.
Ety: Gk - *anemos* (wind) + *philos* (loving)
- Anglophobia** <ang.gluh.FOH.bee.uh>
n / hatred of the English or England
Comments in the Irish newspapers smarted of --- after the Brits had routed them in the season rugby clincher.
Note: Always capitalized
- animosity** <an.uh.MAHS.i.tee>
n / enmity, intense antagonism, extreme unfriendliness
Ever since Hal had dumped a pail of mud on Kendra, she held a deep feeling of --- towards him.
- anisetto** <an.i.SET> or <an.i.ZET>
n / sweet, licorice-flavored liqueur
Though the liquid was clear, the bartender instantly recognized it as --- when he smelled the licorice aroma.
- **anneal** <uh.NEEL>
v / heat and then cool to temper and make less brittle
The manufacturer would --- the clay pieces by subjecting to slow cooling after heating to prevent cracking.
Ety: ME fr OE - *onælan* (set fire to)
- ansate cross** <AN.sayt.kraws> or <AN.sayt.krahs>
<an.sayt.KRAWS> <an.sayt.KRAHS>
n / ankh, type of cross with a loop above the horizontal member
On her trip to England, Jill purchased a pendant that was an ---, a symbol of eternity.
- anserine** <AN.suh.rin> or <AN.suh.rin>
adj / stupid, silly; relating to a goose
Michael's --- behavior belied his serious side and earned him the reputation of being "silly as a goose."
- antechoir** <AN.ti.kwiir>
n / area in a church used for the clergy or singing group
During morning mass, the new converts sat in the --- so the priest could publicly bless them.
- antemeridian** <an.tee.muh.RID.ee.uhn>
adj / relating to time before noon
In the --- hours, we were cool and relaxed, but, with the afternoon sun came a heated and busy day.
- anthelion** <ant.HEE.lee.uhn> or <an.THEE.lee.uhn>
n / luminous ring sometimes seen in the sky opposite the sun
The astronomer pointed to the --- opposite the sun on the parhelic circle and said it was called a "mock sun."
- antiaircraft** <an.tee.EHR.kraft> or <an.tii.EHR.kraft>
adj, n / designed to defend against an attack by weapons from planes
Technology of the --- missile enabled the device to fix on its target and follow the plane to explode it.

autecology <aw.ti.KAHL.uh.jee>

n / interrelations between a species and its environment

In biology, Ella wanted to learn about ---, so she did a research project on squirrels and their habitats.

• **autochthonous** <aw.TAHK.thuh.nuhs>

adj / originating or formed where something is found
--- peat is amassed by successive generations of plants in constant, but stagnant water.

Ety: Fr fr Gk - autos (same one) + Gk - chthon (earth)

Averroës, Averrhoës <uh.VEHR.oh.eez> or <av.uh.ROH.eez>

n / Spanish-Arab physician and philosopher remembered for his analysis of Aristotle

Despite the fact that he was a Moslem, --- was an influence among medieval Christian religious thinkers.

Note: Diaeresis reqd on the last 'e' in both spellings; Always capitalized

• **axilla** <ak.SIL.uh>

n / armpit or other body part that is hollowed out

The boil was located on Ms. Webb's left ---, and lowering her arm was quite painful.

Ety: L - axilla/-ae (armpit)

axolotl <AK.suh.laht.uhl>

n / type of salamander

Although the --- has gills and lives in water as a larva, it develops lungs to live on land as a salamander.

• **azimuth** <AZ.uh.muht>

n / arc of the heavens measured from the horizon to the highest point

If a circle is imagined from the zenith through any star to the nadir, it is known as the --- of the star.

Ety: ME fr ML fr Arab - as-samt (direction/way)

Babinski reflex <buh.BIN.skee.ree.fleks> or

<buh.bin.skee.REE.fleks>

n / turning of the big toe up instead of down when the sole of the foot is tickled

The --- is normal in infants but is suggestive of central nervous system problem in older children or adults.

Babylonian <bab.uh.LOH.nee.uhn>

adj, n / relating to an ancient country of southern Mesopotamia; luxurious

Viewing the --- ruins, Saul realized how lavish the palaces must have been for so early a civilization.

Note: Always capitalized

bacillary <BAS.uh.lehr.ee> or <buh.SIL.uh.ree>

adj / having the shape of a rod

The nerve endings on the retina of the eye are cone and --- shaped.

Bahrain, Bahrein <bah.RAYN>

n / country made up of islands near Saudi Arabia

Located in the Persian Gulf, --- was the first Arabian country to strike oil in the 1930s.

Note: Always capitalized

bailiwick <BAY.luh.wik>

n / jurisdiction, area or field of authority

The sheriff's jurisdiction covered the county, and he kept crime down throughout this ---.

bain-marie <ban.muh.REE>

n / pan containing water in which other pans are set for cooking or heating food

When water in the --- was boiling, Alex set the saucepan in the water to cook the sauce.

Note: Plural bains-marie for plural pronounced the same

balletomane <ba.LET.uh.mayn>

n / enthusiast for artistic dance

Being a devotee to the art, the --- was first in line to buy tickets to Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake."

• **ballonet** <bal.uh.NAY>

n / inflatable gasbags used in nonrigid airships to control shape and buoyancy

Chester quizzed the expert about how a --- could affect a hot air balloon's shape and buoyancy.

Ety: Fr - ballon (balloon)

• **balsamic** <bawl.SAM.ik>

adj / healing, soothing; relating to aromatic substance flowing from certain trees

The --- ointment had a soothing effect of Jill's sunburn that seemed to cool her feverish skin.

Ety: L - balsamum/-i (balsam tree) fr Gk fr Sem

bandoneon <ban.DOH.nee.ahn>

n / small type of accordion popular in Latin America

The small --- had buttons for both treble and bass notes, and each button produced a single note, not a chord.

bandwidth <BAND.width> or <BAND.with>

n / difference between top and bottom frequencies of a particular range

Chad called the radio station to find out the upper and lower range of the --- they used in broadcasting.

barbette <bahr.BET>

n / mound within a fort used for firing guns over a parapet

Defenders of the castle were stationed behind the --- and sent volley after volley against the attackers.

barcarole, barcarolle <BAHR.kuh.rohl>

n / boat song that has a rowing beat; music that is like this boat song

Joe proposed to Sue on a romantic gondola ride in Venice with the gondolier's --- wafting across the water.

bargello <bahr.ZHEL.oh>

n / stitch used in needlepoint to produce a zigzag pattern

Aunt Jane used --- to make a decorative geometric pattern for the footstool covering.