Diocesan Spelling Bee

Stage 4 – Round 1

Word: boundary
   Pronunciation: (Say *bown*-duh-ree/ *bown*-dree)
   Sentence: *The sheep are at the boundary fence.*

Word: irrational
   Pronunciation: (Say *i-rash*-uh-nuhl)
   Sentence: *It seemed irrational to walk home in the dark.*

Word: lunar
   Pronunciation: (Say *loo*-nuh)
   Sentence: *Lunar cycles are determined by the moon.*

Word: summoned
   Pronunciation: (Say *sum*-uhn-d)
   Sentence: *The witness was summoned to give evidence in court.*

Word: knowledge
   Pronunciation: (Say *nol*-ij)
   Sentence: *His knowledge of Ancient Greece is extensive.*

Word: haphazard
   Pronunciation: (Say hap-**haz**-uhd)
   Sentence: *She has a haphazard approach to homework.*

Word: measured
   Pronunciation: (Say *mezh*-uhd)
   Sentence: *He estimated the distance then measured it.*

Word: optimist
   Pronunciation: (Say op-**tuh**-mist)
   Sentence: *Being an optimist helped him cope with the problem.*

Word: nutrition
   Pronunciation: (Say *nyoo*-trish-uhn)
   Sentence: *The study of nutrition focuses on developing healthy eating habits.*

Word: responsible
   Pronunciation: (Say ruh-**spon**-suh-buhl)
   Sentence: *A responsible citizen returned the wallet.*
Word  tentacles
Pronunciation  (Say ten-tuh-kuhlz)
Sentence  The tentacles of the octopus were visible.

Word  weird
Pronunciation  (Say weer-d)
Sentence  The gathering storm made the sky look really weird.

Word  upholsterer
Pronunciation  (Say up-hohl-stuh-ruh)
Sentence  The upholsterer repaired the hole in the chair.

Word  allergic
Pronunciation  (Say uh-ler-jik)
Sentence  Many people these days are allergic to nut products.

Word  carriage
Pronunciation  (Say ka-rij)
Sentence  The railway carriage was full of athletes.

Word  dessert
Pronunciation  (Say duh-zert)
Sentence  The dessert was the best part of the meal.

Word  extremely
Pronunciation  (Say ek-streem-lee)
Sentence  It was extremely hot: even for a country like Australia.

Word  bough
Pronunciation  (Say bow)
Sentence  The broken bough blocked the road.

Word  gnawed
Pronunciation  (Say naw-d)
Sentence  The patient mouse gnawed through the rope.

Word  frenzied
Pronunciation  (Say fren-zeed)
Sentence  He reported the frenzied attack by the dog.
Word vegetation
Pronunciation (Say vej-uh-tay-shuhn)
Sentence The vegetation was destroyed by the fire.

Word yearn
Pronunciation (Say yern)
Sentence I yearn for some peace and quiet!

Word slaughter
Pronunciation (Say slaw-tuh)
Sentence We usually slaughter animals for food.

Word queue
Pronunciation (kyoo)
Sentence I often choose the slowest queue at the supermarket.

Word thermonuclear
Pronunciation (Say ther-moh-nyoo-klee-uh)
Sentence Very high temperatures cause thermonuclear reactions.

Word reluctant
Pronunciation (Say ruh-luk-tuhnt/ree-luk-tuhnt)
Sentence He was reluctant to try out for that part in the play.

Word wearisome
Pronunciation (Say weer-ree-suhm)
Sentence The climb up the mountain proved wearisome for everyone.

Word abandoned
Pronunciation (Say uh-ban-duhnd)
Sentence The fossikers abandoned the empty mine.

Word zoology
Pronunciation (Say zoh-ol-uh-jee)
Sentence Zoology is the study of animals.

Word government
Pronunciation (Say guv-uhn-muhnt)
Sentence An elected government runs the nation.

Word coordinator
Pronunciation (Say koh-aw-duh-nayt-uh)
Sentence The coordinator ensured that the carnival ran smoothly.
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<td>His faulty brakes made him responsible for the crash.</td>
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<td>jettison</td>
<td>(Say jet-uh-suhn)</td>
<td>We had to jettison our gear from the aircraft to remain airborne.</td>
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<td>league</td>
<td>(Say lee-g)</td>
<td>They prefer the league football code to Aussie Rules.</td>
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<td>implicate</td>
<td>(Say-im-pluh-kayt)</td>
<td>My account of what happened may implicate you in the crime.</td>
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<td>hoarse</td>
<td>(Say haws)</td>
<td>She was hoarse from singing so many songs at the top of her voice.</td>
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<td>mysterious</td>
<td>(Say muh-steer-ree-uhs)</td>
<td>His tilted hat made him appear very mysterious.</td>
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<td>especially</td>
<td>(Say uh-spesh-uh-lee)</td>
<td>Their response to the request for assistance was especially generous.</td>
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<td>personalities</td>
<td>(Say per-suh-nal-uh-teez)</td>
<td>The personalities of the twins were completely different.</td>
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<td>principle</td>
<td>(Say prin-suh-puhl)</td>
<td>I refuse on the principle that it is breaking the law.</td>
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<td>auction</td>
<td>(Say ok-shuhn)</td>
<td>The auction was successful, with all articles being sold.</td>
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Word: crevice
Pronunciation: (Say krev-uhs)
Sentence: His foot was caught in the crevice of the rock.

Word: origami
Pronunciation: (Say o-ruh-gah-mee)
Sentence: Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding.

Word: depot
Pronunciation: (Say dep-oh)
Sentence: When not in use, buses are kept at the depot.

Word: mucus
Pronunciation: (Say myoo-kuhs)
Sentence: Mucus is often an unpleasant side-effect of a cold or sore throat.

Word: hygiene
Pronunciation: (Say huy-jeen)
Sentence: Good hygiene is an important ingredient in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Word: brethren
Pronunciation: (Say breath-ruhn)
Sentence: Brethren usually refers to male members of a religious order.

Word: jeopardy
Pronunciation: (Say jep-uh-dee)
Sentence: Being in jeopardy means you are in severe danger.

Word: pedestal
Pronunciation: (Say ped-uh-stuhl)
Sentence: Many singers are put on a pedestal by their fans.
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Stage 4 – Round 2

Word: stationery
Pronunciation: (Say stay-shun-air-ee)
Sentence: That letter is written on fancy stationery.

Word: futile
Pronunciation: (Say fyoo-tuyl)
Sentence: Swimming against the tide is a futile exercise.

Word: gauge
Pronunciation: (Say gay-j)
Sentence: After that downpour our rain gauge is now full.

Word: persuade
Pronunciation: (Say puh-swayd)
Sentence: I hope I can persuade you to join me for lunch.

Word: obedience
Pronunciation: (Say oh-bee-dee-uhns)
Sentence: Obedience can be difficult when you’re two years old!

Word: tsunami
Pronunciation: (Say soo-nah-mee)
Sentence: A tsunami is a destructive force of nature caused by underwater earthquakes.

Word: delicious
Pronunciation: (Say duh-lish-uhs)
Sentence: My birthday dinner was delicious.

Word: archaeology
Pronunciation: (Say ah-kee-ol-uh-gee)
Sentence: Archaeology provides a concrete window connecting us to our past.

Word: interrogate
Pronunciation: (Say in-tair-ruh-gayt)
Sentence: Some soldiers need the skills to interrogate to obtain information.

Word: waive
Pronunciation: (Say wayv)
Sentence: I waive my right to contest this will.
Word: zephyr
Pronunciation: Say zef-uh
Sentence: The zephyr provided a welcome relief from the heatwave.

Word: unnecessary
Pronunciation: Say un-nes-uh-seh-ree
Sentence: Speeding is always unnecessary.

Word: annihilate
Pronunciation: Say un-nuy-uh-layt
Sentence: A nuclear explosion could totally annihilate a city.

Word: wrought
Pronunciation: Say rawt
Sentence: When iron is wrought it is beaten or shaped by hammering.

Word: lieutenant
Pronunciation: Say lef-ten-uhnt
Sentence: The lieutenant commanded his troops with great skill.

Word: humanitarian
Pronunciation: Say hyoo-man-uh-tair-ree-uhn
Sentence: The humanitarian devoted his life to helping people in developing countries.

Word: haemoglobin
Pronunciation: Say hee-muh-gloh-buhn
Sentence: Your haemoglobin carries the oxygen in your red blood cells.

Word: versatile
Pronunciation: Say ver-suhtuyl
Sentence: Being versatile means you are skilled at adapting to different situations.

Word: kaleidoscope
Pronunciation: Say kuh-luy-duh-skohp
Sentence: Hen you shake it A kaleidoscope produces reflected patterns.

Word: indestructible
Pronunciation: Say in-duh-struhtuh-buhl
Sentence: Everyone thought the Titanic was an indestructible ship.
Word **ubiquitous**
Pronunciation (Say yoo-bik-qwah-tuhs)
Sentence *The ubiquitous weather patterns are a puzzle to us all.*

Word **litigious**
Pronunciation (Say luh-tij-uhs)
Sentence *Our litigious world keeps lawyers in business.*

Word **beige**
Pronunciation (Say bayzh)
Sentence *That beige outfit goes well with your dark hair.*

Word **guaranteed**
Pronunciation (Say ga-ruhn-teed)
Sentence *The quality of this product is guaranteed.*

Word **incandescent**
Pronunciation (Say in-kan-des-nt)
Sentence *The incandescent light seemed to warm the room.*

Word **draught**
Pronunciation (Say drahft)
Sentence *The draught coming through the window rattled the blinds.*

Word **camouflage**
Pronunciation (Say kam-uh-flahzh)
Sentence *Many animals have the ability to camouflage themselves for protection.*

Word **brusque**
Pronunciation (Say bruusk)
Sentence *He has a brusque manner which can make others feel uncomfortable.*

Word **indecipherable**
Pronunciation (Say in-duh-suy-fuh-ruh-buhl)
Sentence *The writing on this script is indecipherable.*

Word **debris**
Pronunciation (Say deb-ree)
Sentence *The debris from the storm ensured long hours for rescue workers.*
Word: facilities  
Pronunciation: (Say fuh-sil-uh-tees)  
Sentence: The new facilities will assist students’ learning.

Word: wraith  
Pronunciation: (Say rayth)  
Sentence: The wraith frightened the living beings in the room.

Word: gynaecology  
Pronunciation: (Say guy-nuh-kol-uh-gee)  
Sentence: Gynaecology deals with the physiological functions of and diseases in women.

Word: euphoric  
Pronunciation: (Say yoo-faw-rik)  
Sentence: He was euphoric after his amazing win.

Word: complementary  
Pronunciation: (Say kom-pluh-men-tee-ree)  
Sentence: They were very complementary about the facilities and the menu.

Word: accelerating  
Pronunciation: (Say ak-ser-ray-ting)  
Sentence: A car is usually accelerating automatically when going down a hill.

Word: luminescent  
Pronunciation: (Say loo-muh-nes-uhnt)  
Sentence: The moon was eerily luminescent in the dark night sky.

Word: misconstrue  
Pronunciation: (Say mis-kuhn-stroo)  
Sentence: It is easy to misconstrue some text messages.

Word: mediocre  
Pronunciation: (Say mee-dee-oh-kuh)  
Sentence: That was fairly mediocre for a birthday cake.

Word: opaque  
Pronunciation: (Say oh-payk)  
Sentence: That gem is too opaque to be a diamond.
Word  **psychic**  
Pronunciation (Say  **suy**-kik)  
Sentence  *The psychic seemed to read my mind.*

Word  **explanatory**  
Pronunciation (Say  **ek**-**splan**-uh-tuh-ree)  
Sentence  *The attached explanatory note helped to clarify what needed to be done.*

Word  **desiccate**  
Pronunciation (Say  **des**-uh-kayt)  
Sentence  *You desiccate coconut by removing all the moisture.*

Word  **manoeuvre**  
Pronunciation (Say  **muh**-**noo**-vuh)  
Sentence  *With great skill, the troops successfully completed the manoeuvre.*

Word  **obsession**  
Pronunciation (Say  **uhb**-**sesh**-uhn)  
Sentence  *Keeping fit can become an obsession for some people.*

Word  **noticeable**  
Pronunciation (Say  **noh**-tuhs-uh-buhl)  
Sentence  *His swollen nose was not as noticeable as he thought.*

Word  **prevalence**  
Pronunciation (Say  **prev**-uh-luhns)  
Sentence  *Recent bushfires have impacted on the prevalence of native animals.*

Word  **ghoul**  
Pronunciation (Say  **gool**)  
Sentence  *A ghoul is said to have a morbid interest in death.*

Word  **mandible**  
Pronunciation (Say  **man**-duh-buhl)  
Sentence  *The lower jaw in mammals and fish is referred to as the mandible.*

Word  **purist**  
Pronunciation (Say  **pyoo**-ruhst)  
Sentence  *A purist adheres strictly and often excessively to tradition.*
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Stage 4 – Round 3

Word: dependency
Pronunciation: (Say duh-pend-uhn-see)
Sentence: He regretted his financial dependency on his parents.

Word: fluorescent
Pronunciation: (Say floor-res-uhnt)
Sentence: Where would we be without the fluorescent light?

Word: aisle
Pronunciation: (uyl)
Sentence: Sit in the aisle if you can’t see in your seat.

Word: consequently
Pronunciation: (Say kon-suh-kwuhnt-lee)
Sentence: He was caught and consequently, due to his actions, was imprisoned.

Word: embarrassed
Pronunciation: (Say em-ba-ruhst)
Sentence: She was too embarrassed to admit she spilt the coffee.

Word: changeable
Pronunciation: (Say chayng-uhbl)
Sentence: The weather is so changeable it’s hard to choose what to wear each day.

Word: racquet
Pronunciation: (Say rak-uht)
Sentence: That tennis racquet is very expensive.

Word: skulduggery
Pronunciation: (Say skul-dug-uh-ree)
Sentence: What sort of skulduggery has led to this difficult situation?

Word: scintillate
Pronunciation: (Say sin-tuh-layt)
Sentence: Clever chatter, with a twinkle in the eye, is conversation that will scintillate.

Word: ricochet
Pronunciation: (Say rik-uh-shay)
Sentence: A rebounding bullet is said to ricochet.
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<td>(Say in-tree-ing)</td>
<td>A secret not shared is always intriguing.</td>
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<td><strong>hallucinate</strong></td>
<td>(Say huh- loos-suh-nate)</td>
<td>Extreme dehydration and heat may cause one to hallucinate.</td>
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<td><strong>misogyny</strong></td>
<td>(Say mush-soj-uh-nee)</td>
<td>Misogyny is a hatred of women.</td>
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<td><strong>privileged</strong></td>
<td>(Say priv-uh- lijd)</td>
<td>Those chosen to represent their school should feel privileged.</td>
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<td><strong>definitely</strong></td>
<td>(Say def-uh-nuht-lee)</td>
<td>They are definitely coming to your party.</td>
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<td><strong>effervescent</strong></td>
<td>(Say ef-uh-ves-uhnt)</td>
<td>She has a bubbly, effervescent personality.</td>
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<td><strong>blasé</strong></td>
<td>(Say blah-zay)</td>
<td>You are very blasé about your poor English mark.</td>
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<td><strong>plateau</strong></td>
<td>(Say plat -oh)</td>
<td>We were relieved when our climb finally led us to the plateau.</td>
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<td><strong>notoriety</strong></td>
<td>(Say noh-tuh-ry-uh-tee)</td>
<td>The notoriety of the criminal preceded him.</td>
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<td><strong>oscillate</strong></td>
<td>(Say o-sil-ayt)</td>
<td>Oscillate means to cause to swing to and fro.</td>
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The mathematician could complete complex algorithms with ease.

The miniature house was a perfect replica of the big one!

You need to be precise when you explain directions.

His magic trick was beyond imaginable.

Vertebrates have a backbone or spinal column.

Gastric, or diarrhoea can be very uncomfortable.

Leisure, also known as free time, is usually considered invaluable.

The eclipse proved to be a wondrous event.

The lion is dominant in the animal kingdom.

Liars sometimes just exaggerate the truth.

The adrenaline was pumping as she crossed the finish line in front.
Word  baulk  
Pronunciation  (Say bawk)  
Sentence  His baulk at the third dive cost him a place in the final.

Word  reign  
Pronunciation  (ray-n)  
Sentence  The reign of Queen Elizabeth has been long and full of pageantry.

Word  sovereign  
Pronunciation  (Say sov-ruhn)  
Sentence  Our sovereign is the supreme ruler or monarch.

Word  recognisable  
Pronunciation  (Say-rek-uhg-nyuz-uhbuhl)  
Sentence  That wig renders you barely recognisable.

Word  unconscious  
Pronunciation  (Say un-kon-shuhs)  
Sentence  It’s important to be unconscious prior to having an operation.

Word  intricate  
Pronunciation  (Say in-truh-kuht)  
Sentence  The pattern on the screen was extremely intricate.

Word  longevity  
Pronunciation  (Say lon-jev-uh-tee)  
Sentence  Longevity is the privilege of the aged.

Word  minions  
Pronunciation  (Say min-yuhns)  
Sentence  They ordered their minions to clean the table after the banquet.

Word  psychiatrist  
Pronunciation  (Say suy-kuy-uh-truhst)  
Sentence  Most patients bond with their psychiatrist.

Word  microcosm  
Pronunciation  (Say muy-kruh-koz-uhm)  
Sentence  Our planet is a mere microcosm of the universe.
Word  naivety  
Pronunciation  (Say nuy- eev-uh-tee)  
Sentence  His naivety was obvious in the sophisticated crowd.

Word  obnoxious  
Pronunciation  (Say uhb-nok-shuhs)  
Sentence  The obnoxious individual managed to offend everyone in the room.

Word  didgeridoo  
Pronunciation  (Say dij-uh-reedoo)  
Sentence  The didgeridoo produces a low-pitched complex sound when played properly.

Word  guillotine  
Pronunciation  (Say gil-uh-teen)  
Sentence  In medieval times, a guillotine was used to cut off head: more recently it is used to cut paper.

Word  fascinating  
Pronunciation  (Say fas-uh-nayt-ting)  
Sentence  The study of human life is a fascinating subject.

Word  colloquial  
Pronunciation  (Say kuh-loh-kwee-uhl)  
Sentence  To foreigners, our colloquial language is a source of amusement.

Word  accidentally  
Pronunciation  (Say ak-suh-den-tuhl-lee)  
Sentence  I accidentally took your pen.

Word  colossal  
Pronunciation  (Say kuh-los-uhl)  
Sentence  You put a colossal effort into your last assessment task.

Word  scimitar  
Pronunciation  (Say sim-uh-tuh)  
Sentence  A scimitar is a curved oriental sword.
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Stage 4 – Round 4

Word | excel
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say ek-sel)
Sentence | We aim to give every student the opportunity to excel.

Word | fundamental
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say fun-duh-men-tuhl)
Sentence | The Constitution ensures our fundamental rights.

Word | kilowatt
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say kil-uh-wot)
Sentence | Ten 100-watt light bulbs use one kilowatt of electrical power.

Word | incurable
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say in-kyoo-ruh-buhl)
Sentence | The disease was incurable.

Word | gyroscope
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say juy-ruh-skohp)
Sentence | A rapidly spinning gyroscope is at the heart of the gyrocompass.

Word | foreclosure
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say faw-kloh-zuh)
Sentence | Look into all your options and rights if you face foreclosure.

Word | inertia
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say in-er-shuh)
Sentence | He blamed government inertia for the holdup.

Word | hypnotise
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say hip-nuh-tuyz)
Sentence | The therapist wanted to hypnotise the patient.

Word | hideous
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say hid-ee-uhs)
Sentence | I look hideous in that picture.

Word | cathedral
---|---
Pronunciation | (Say kuh-thee-druhl)
Sentence | The wedding was held at the cathedral.
Word: auxiliary
Pronunciation: (Say og-zil-yuh-ree)
Sentence: The ladies auxiliary catered for the luncheon.

Word: deceitful
Pronunciation: (Say duh-seet-fhul)
Sentence: The accused is a deceitful, dishonest man.

Word: engross
Pronunciation: (Say en-grohs)
Sentence: The iPad has the power to engross all students.

Word: denominator
Pronunciation: (Say duh-nom-uh-nay-tuh)
Sentence: The denominator is the bottom number of a fraction.

Word: rehearse
Pronunciation: (Say ruh-hers)
Sentence: The band had to rehearse for the concert.

Word: monarchy
Pronunciation: (Say mon-uhk-ee)
Sentence: The British monarchy is led by Queen Elizabeth.

Word: pancreas
Pronunciation: (Say pang-kree-uhs)
Sentence: The operation on his pancreas was successful.

Word: prosperous
Pronunciation: (Say pros-puh-ruhs)
Sentence: The town was prosperous after the rain.

Word: radii
Pronunciation: (Say ray-dee-i)
Sentence: The radii were difficult to calculate.

Word: officiate
Pronunciation: (Say uh-fish-ee-ayt)
Sentence: He was asked to officiate the grand final.
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<td>(Say sal-yuh-tay-shun)</td>
<td>He was greeted with the traditional salutation.</td>
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<td>territorial</td>
<td>(Say te-ruh-taw-ree-uhl)</td>
<td>The army gained a territorial advantage.</td>
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<td>slaughter</td>
<td>(Say slaw-tuh)</td>
<td>We usually slaughter animals for food.</td>
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<td>zucchini</td>
<td>(zoo-kee-nee)</td>
<td>My least favourite vegetable is zucchini.</td>
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<td>souvenir</td>
<td>(Say soo-vuh-neer)</td>
<td>We found a fantastic souvenir stall in Paris.</td>
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<td>thoroughly</td>
<td>(Say thu-ruh-lee)</td>
<td>He was thoroughly drenched from the rain.</td>
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<td>snivel</td>
<td>(Say sniv-uhl)</td>
<td>The child continued to snivel throughout the ceremony.</td>
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<td>rogue</td>
<td>(Say rohg)</td>
<td>The rogue stole from the elderly.</td>
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<td>malice</td>
<td>(Say mal-uhs)</td>
<td>She showed malice towards others.</td>
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<td>porous</td>
<td>(Say paw-ruhs)</td>
<td>A sponge is porous.</td>
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<td>notary</td>
<td>(Say noh-tuh-ree)</td>
<td>The solicitor had to fulfil his duties as a notary.</td>
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Word mileage
Pronunciation (Say muyl-ehg)
Sentence His car had great mileage.

Word precedent
Pronunciation (Say pree-suh-dent)
Sentence The case was won on a past precedent.

Word refrigerator
Pronunciation (Say ree-frij-uh-rayt-or)
Sentence The refrigerator struggled to keep the food cold.

Word pallet
Pronunciation (Say pal-uht)
Sentence The pallet of goods fell from the truck.

Word rancid
Pronunciation (Say ran-suhd)
Sentence The smell in the kitchen was rancid.

Word nobly
Pronunciation (Say noh-buh-lee)
Sentence The grandmother sat nobly at the head of the table.

Word inoculate
Pronunciation (Say i-nok-yoo-layt)
Sentence The doctor had to inoculate against the virus.

Word levee
Pronunciation (Say lev-ee)
Sentence The levee broke its bank and flooded the town.

Word extraordinary
Pronunciation (Say ek-staw-duh-nuh-ree)
Sentence The view at the top of the mountain was extraordinary.

Word livable (or liveable)
Pronunciation (Say liv-a-bhul)
Sentence The house was very liveable.
Word: harass
Pronunciation: (Say ha-ruhs)
Sentence: He would constantly harass his brother.

Word: dialogue
Pronunciation: (Say duy-uh-log)
Sentence: The dialogue between the actors was enthralling.

Word: condense
Pronunciation: (Say kuhn-dens)
Sentence: She had to condense her essay to comply with the word limit.

Word: aerial
Pronunciation: (Say air-ree-uhl)
Sentence: The aerial blew off in the storm.

Word: hereditary
Pronunciation: (Say huh-red-uh-tuh-ree)
Sentence: Many of our characteristics are hereditary.

Word: languish
Pronunciation: (Say lang-gwish)
Sentence: He was left to languish at his misfortune.

Word: innocuous
Pronunciation: (Say i-nok-yoo-uhs)
Sentence: The rash on her leg was innocuous.

Word: hybrid
Pronunciation: (Say huy-brid)
Sentence: The hybrid car is the way of the future.

Word: isthmus
Pronunciation: (Say isth-muhs)
Sentence: An isthmus is a narrow piece of land connecting two larger bodies of land. (50)
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**Stage 4 – Round 5**

**Word** glamorous  
**Pronunciation** (Say glam-uh-ous)  
**Sentence** The model was glamorous.

**Word** persuade  
**Pronunciation** (Say puh-swayd)  
**Sentence** The students tried to persuade the teacher not to give any homework.

**Word** procrastinate  
**Pronunciation** (Say proh-kras-tuh-nayt)  
**Sentence** The boy was prone to procrastinate over answers.

**Word** voracious  
**Pronunciation** (Say vuh-ray shuhs)  
**Sentence** The man had a voracious appetite.

**Word** lucrative  
**Pronunciation** (Say loo-kruh-tiv)  
**Sentence** The football player signed a lucrative deal.

**Word** amnesty  
**Pronunciation** (Say am-nuh-stee)  
**Sentence** Amnesty was granted to the political prisoners.

**Word** unsanitary  
**Pronunciation** (Say un-san-uh-tuh-ree)  
**Sentence** The toilets were in an unsanitary condition.

**Word** embargo  
**Pronunciation** (Say em-bah-goh)  
**Sentence** The embargo meant that the ship could not dock.

**Word** vessel  
**Pronunciation** (Say ves-uhl)  
**Sentence** The vessel sank during the storm.

**Word** benevolent  
**Pronunciation** (Say buh-nev-uh-luhnt)  
**Sentence** A large donation was made to the benevolent society.
Word: crypt
Pronunciation: (Say kript)
Sentence: The crypt beneath the church was his final resting place.

Word: meticulous
Pronunciation: (Say muh-tik-yuh-juhs)
Sentence: The beadwork on the dress was meticulous.

Word: meant
Pronunciation: (Say ment)
Sentence: It was meant to be this way.

Word: occurred
Pronunciation: (Say uh-kerd)
Sentence: The accident occurred at the intersection.

Word: credentials
Pronunciation: (Say kruh-den-shuhls)
Sentence: The woman’s credentials meant she did not qualify for the job.

Word: aquatic
Pronunciation: (Say uh-kwot-ik)
Sentence: They went to the aquatic centre for a swim.

Word: curriculum
Pronunciation: (Say kuh-rik-yuh-juhm)
Sentence: The Australian Curriculum is mandatory for all students.

Word: inane
Pronunciation: (Say in-ayn)
Sentence: The girls inane chatter was driving their father mad!

Word: inaugural
Pronunciation: (Say in-aw-gyuh-ruhl)
Sentence: The president gave his inaugural speech.

Word: consensus
Pronunciation: (Say kuhn-sen-suhs)
Sentence: The board came to a consensus about the matter.
Word: affinity
Pronunciation: (Say uh-fin-uh-tee)
Sentence: *There is a strong affinity between them.*

Word: bugle
Pronunciation: (Say byoo-guhl)
Sentence: *He played the Last Post on the bugle.*

Word: nasal
Pronunciation: (Say nay-zuhl)
Sentence: *His nasal cavity was crushed by the punch.*

Word: primal
Pronunciation: (Say pruy-muhl)
Sentence: *The behaviour of the pack was primal.*

Word: trajectory
Pronunciation: (Say truh-jek-tuh-ree)
Sentence: The comet’s trajectory caused great concern.

Word: susceptible
Pronunciation: (Say suh-sep-tuh-buhl)
Sentence: *After the operation, he was very susceptible to infection.*

Word: vivisection
Pronunciation: (Say viv-uh-sek-shuhn)
Sentence: *The scientist performed a vivisection on a live rat.*

Word: perfidy
Pronunciation: (Say per-fuh-dee)
Sentence: *Perfidy is a breach of faith.*

Word: escalator
Pronunciation: (Say es-kuh-layt-or)
Sentence: The escalator moves the shoppers effortlessly between the floors.

Word: mercenary
Pronunciation: (Say mer-suh-uh-ree)
Sentence: The mercenary collect his reward.

Word: cameos
Pronunciation: (Say kam-ee-ohs)
Sentence: *Various actors provided cameos throughout the movie.*
Word  fibrous  
Pronunciation  (Say fuy-bruhs)  
Sentence  The rose bush had a very fibrous root structure.

Word  surmise  
Pronunciation  (Say suh-muyz)  
Sentence  The police had to surmise the truth of the matter.

Word  propeller  
Pronunciation  (Say pruh-pel-uh)  
Sentence  The propeller on the aircraft stalled.

Word  phenomenon  
Pronunciation  (Say fuh-nom-uh-nuhm)  
Sentence  The scientists could not agree on the cause of the phenomenon.

Word  meticulous  
Pronunciation  (Say muh-tik-yuh-luhs)  
Sentence  The accountant was meticulous in his calculations.

Word  venom  
Pronunciation  (Say ven-uhm)  
Sentence  Brown snake venom is deadly.

Word  omitted  
Pronunciation  (Say oh-mit-ud)  
Sentence  Their names were omitted from the list.

Word  potpourri  
Pronunciation  (Say poh-poor-ree)  
Sentence  The potpourri had a spicy aroma.

Word  unduly  
Pronunciation  (Say un-dyoo-lee)  
Sentence  He was unduly scrutinised.

Word  freight  
Pronunciation  (Say frayt)  
Sentence  The freight train crashed at the level crossing.
Word  deterrent  
Pronunciation (Say duh-te-ruhnt)  
Sentence  The consequences were not enough of a deterrent to the criminal.

Word  comparatively  
Pronunciation (Say kuhm-pa-ruh-tiv-lee)  
Sentence  The footballer was comparatively unscathed after the scrum collapsed.

Word  simultaneous  
Pronunciation (Say sim-uhl-tay-nee-uhs)  
Sentence  The class could not comprehend the simultaneous equation.

Word  piccolo  
Pronunciation (Say pik-uh-loh)  
Sentence  The piccolo gave a shrill sound.

Word  tarantula  
Pronunciation (Say tuh-ran-chuh-luh)  
Sentence  The tarantula is a most hideous spider.

Word  spurn  
Pronunciation (Say sp-urn)  
Sentence  She had to spurn the attention of the young man.

Word  sieve  
Pronunciation (Say siv)  
Sentence  The sieve was needed to sift the flour.

Word  nausea  
Pronunciation (Say naw-zee-uh)  
Sentence  Her nausea was overwhelming.

Word  asphalt  
Pronunciation (Say ash-felt)  
Sentence  They had to lay fresh asphalt on the road. (50)
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Word: trait
Pronunciation: (Say trayt)
Sentence: Height is a welcome trait if you’re interested in basketball.

Word: veneer
Pronunciation: (Say vuh-neer)
Sentence: The thin veneer of kindness failed to mask his growing anger.

Word: posse
Pronunciation: (Say pos-ee)
Sentence: In Western style movies, the posse is the group deputised to apprehend the villain.

Word: quaff
Pronunciation: (Say kwof)
Sentence: Shearers often quaff a schooner of beer at the end of a long day.

Word: rancid
Pronunciation: (Say ran-suhd)
Sentence: The rancid butter made the sandwich taste disgusting.

Word: luau
Pronunciation: (Say loo-ow)
Sentence: A luau is an Hawaiian feast.

Word: jacuzzi
Pronunciation: (Say juh-koo-zee)
Sentence: The water jets of the Jacuzzi eased our aching muscles.

Word: isle
Pronunciation: (Say uyl)
Sentence: An isle is a small island like our own Apple isle.

Word: melee
Pronunciation: (Say mel-ay)
Sentence: The melee at Recess led to several lunchtime detentions.

Word: larynx
Pronunciation: (Say la-ringks)
Sentence: Her swollen larynx made talking difficult.
Word: applique
Pronunciation: (Say ap-luh-kay)
Sentence: The **applique**, **which was** sewn onto her skirt, looked amazing.

Word: beret
Pronunciation: (Say bear-ray)
Sentence: Is the **beret** part of a French artist’s uniform?

Word: eczema
Pronunciation: (Say ek-suhs-muh)
Sentence: **Eczema** is just a big itch waiting for a scratch.

Word: harlequin
Pronunciation: (Say hah-luh-kwuhn)
Sentence: The **harlequin** is usually the mute colourful character in a pantomime.

Word: gnash
Pronunciation: (Say nash)
Sentence: The grizzly bear decided to hungrily **gnash** his sharp teeth.

Word: idyll
Pronunciation: (Say id-uhl)
Sentence: The **idyll** in poetry is usually a peaceful romantic rural setting.

Word: onyx
Pronunciation: (Say on-iks)
Sentence: **Onyx** is a semi-precious type of coloured, marble-like stone.

Word: nickelodeon
Pronunciation: (Say nikel-ode-ee-uhn)
Sentence: A coin-operated jukebox was called a **nickelodeon**.

Word: rescind
Pronunciation: (Say ruh-sind)
Sentence: When a judge chooses to **rescind** a motion, it means he cancels it.

Word: sauerkraut
Pronunciation: (Say sowuh-krowt)
Sentence: The German’s love of **sauerkraut**—pickled cabbage—is a mystery to us all.

Word: scourge
Pronunciation: (Say skerj)
Sentence: Pirates were often referred to as “the **scourge** of the Seven Seas”. 
Word  sleight
Pronunciation  (Say sluyt)
Sentence  *Sleight* of hand is a magician’s greatest skill!

Word  tableau
Pronunciation  (Say tab-low)
Sentence  The Christmas nativity is a common *tableau*.

Word  tout
Pronunciation  (towt)
Sentence  To *tout* wares to unsuspecting tourists, is a common practice in Bali.

Word  rouge
Pronunciation  (Say roozh)
Sentence  *Rouge* is a red cosmetic, used for colouring the cheeks.

Word  poinsettia
Pronunciation  (Say poin-set-ee-uh)
Sentence  The large red fronds make the *poinsettia* a popular Christmas plant.

Word  obsolescent
Pronunciation  (Say ob-suh-les-uhnt)
Sentence  Our technological age has made the humble typewriter *obsolescent*.

Word  marquee
Pronunciation  (Say mah-kee)
Sentence  The *marquee* was positioned perfectly for the outdoor wedding reception.

Word  legionnaire
Pronunciation  (Say lee-juh-nair)
Sentence  A *legionnaire* belongs to the French foreign army.

Word  decaffeinate
Pronunciation  (Say dee-kaf-uh-nayt)
Sentence  To *decaffeinate* coffee seems to take away its ‘coffee-ness’.

Word  facsimile
Pronunciation  (Say fak-sim-uh-lee)
Sentence  She had a facsimile of the transcript.

Word  belligerence
Pronunciation  (Say buh-lig-er-uh-ns)
Sentence  It was a blatant act of *belligerence*. 
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Word: exquisite
Pronunciation: (Say eks-kwiz-it)
Sentence: Exquisite lace adorned the antique bridal gown.

Word: hydraulic
Pronunciation: (Say huy-dro-lik)
Sentence: Firefighters removed a casualty using hydraulic equipment.

Word: motif
Pronunciation: (Say moh-tuhf/moh-tee)
Sentence: There is a motif on my collar.

Word: palette
Pronunciation: (Say pal-uht)
Sentence: Choose a colour from the palette.

Word: periphery
Pronunciation: (Say puh-rif-uh-ree)
Sentence: Most of the housing is on the southern periphery of the city.

Word: surety
Pronunciation: (Say shaw-ruh-tee)
Sentence: It is worth buying quality goods, for the added surety that is provided.

Word: trichotomy
Pronunciation: (Say tri-coht-ohm-ee)
Sentence: A trichotomy is a system based on three parts.