# Diocesan Spelling Bee

## Stage 4 – Non elimination Round

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<tr>
<th>Word: <strong>casting</strong></th>
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<th>Pronunciation: (say <strong>kah</strong>-sting)</th>
<th>Sentence: The casting for the new film is being done entirely in Australia.</th>
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<td>Word: <strong>harmony</strong></td>
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<td>Pronunciation: (say <strong>hah</strong>-muh-nee)</td>
<td>Sentence: The choir sang in perfect harmony.</td>
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<td>Word: <strong>singe</strong></td>
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<td>Pronunciation: (say <strong>sinj</strong>)</td>
<td>Sentence: You’ll singe your hair if you get too close to that candle.</td>
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<td>Word: <strong>music</strong></td>
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<td>Pronunciation: (say <strong>myooh</strong>-zik)</td>
<td>Sentence: I like listening to music on the radio.</td>
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<td>Word: <strong>tumble</strong></td>
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<td>Pronunciation: (say <strong>tum</strong>-buhl)</td>
<td>Sentence: She saw him tumble off the wall and into the soft grass.</td>
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<td>(say may-nee-uh)</td>
<td>The whole family shared a mania for football.</td>
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<td>compost</td>
<td>(say kom-post)</td>
<td>We dug some compost into the ground before we planted our vegetable garden.</td>
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<td>fluent</td>
<td>(say flooh-uhnt)</td>
<td>She speaks fluent Portuguese after living in Rio de Janeiro for a year.</td>
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<tr>
<td>climate</td>
<td>(say kluy-muht)</td>
<td>The climate in Australia is generally quite warm and sunny.</td>
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<td>devoid</td>
<td>(say duh-void)</td>
<td>Before long, the new neighbour’s yard was completely devoid of trees.</td>
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<td>reindeer</td>
<td>(say rayn-dear)</td>
<td>The reindeer lives in the cold northern areas of the world.</td>
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<td>skipper</td>
<td>(say skip-uh)</td>
<td>The skipper of the cricket team gave the squad an encouraging talk at lunchtime.</td>
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<td>envoy</td>
<td>(say en-voy)</td>
<td>His role as envoy sent him to many foreign countries.</td>
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Word: gym
Pronunciation (say jim)
Sentence She goes to the gym every afternoon because she wants to keep fit.

Word: parcel
Pronunciation (say pah-suhl)
Sentence He was carrying a large brown parcel which he had picked up from the post office.

Word: embellish
Pronunciation (say em-bel-ish)
Sentence They used precious jewels to embellish the crown.

Word: turnstile
Pronunciation (say tern-stuhl)
Sentence Only one person at a time could go through the turnstile.

Word: essay
Pronunciation (say ess-ay)
Sentence We had to write a one-page essay about our favourite animal.

Word: jovial
Pronunciation (say joh-vee-uhl)
Sentence My uncle is always so jovial that everyone loves visiting him.

Word: capital
Pronunciation (say kap-uh-tuhl)
Sentence Nairobi is the capital of Kenya.

Word: career
Pronunciation (say kuh-rear)
Sentence My sister wants a career in television.

Word: editor
Pronunciation (say ed-uh-tuh)
Sentence Mum is the editor of a health magazine.
Word: janitor
Pronunciation (say jan-uh-tuh)
Sentence I had to get the school janitor to unlock the classroom for me.

Word: lizard
Pronunciation (say liz-uhd)
Sentence The lizard was lying in the sun to warm itself up for the day.

Word: court
Pronunciation (say kawt)
Sentence The case will go to court in October.

Word: sneeze
Pronunciation (say sneez)
Sentence Hiding quietly behind the chair, I had a terrible urge to sneeze.

Word: autumn
Pronunciation (say aw-tuhm)
Sentence The trees in the park near our house turn yellow and orange in autumn.

Word: giraffe
Pronunciation (say juh-rahf)
Sentence A giraffe has the largest heart of any land living animal.

Word: toothpaste
Pronunciation (say toohth-payst)
Sentence I like the taste of this new toothpaste.

Word: salami
Pronunciation (say suh-lah-mee)
Sentence It will be a simple picnic of bread and salami.

Word: thatch
Pronunciation (say thach)
Sentence In the past, thatch was often used as a roofing material.
Word: **cyclist**  
Pronunciation: (say *suy*-kluhst)  
Sentence: The cyclist rode his bike everywhere to stay healthy and reduce pollution.

Word: **legend**  
Pronunciation: (say *lej*-uhnd)  
Sentence: Many people know of the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

Word: **planet**  
Pronunciation: (say *plan*-uht)  
Sentence: Astronauts have landed on the moon but no-one has yet stood on another planet.

Word: **fever**  
Pronunciation: (say *fee*-vuh)  
Sentence: She had a fever for three days and had to stay at home.

Word: **blossom**  
Pronunciation: (say *bloss*-uhm)  
Sentence: The blossom of an orange tree smells really sweet.

Word: **glasses**  
Pronunciation: (say *glah*-suhz)  
Sentence: Dad needs to wear glasses when he is reading.

Word: **rissole**  
Pronunciation: (say *riss*-ohl)  
Sentence: I had a cold tuna rissole for lunch.

Word: **flora**  
Pronunciation: (say *flaw*-ruh)  
Sentence: The flora of Australia includes the wattle tree.

Word: **proudly**  
Pronunciation: (say *prowd*-lee)  
Sentence: She walked proudly out onto the stage to accept her award.
**Word:** wetlands
**Pronunciation:** (say wet-landz)
**Sentence:** Hundreds of birds arrived to make their homes in the wetlands.

**Word:** encounter
**Pronunciation:** (say en-kown-tuh)
**Sentence:** I had not expected to encounter an old friend such a long way from home.

**Word:** tuba
**Pronunciation:** (say tyooh-buh)
**Sentence:** Carol didn’t like carrying her tuba to and from band practice because it was so big and heavy.

**Word:** upload
**Pronunciation:** (say up-lohd)
**Sentence:** After you upload the material from your computer, the rest of the class will be able to use it.

**Word:** salad
**Pronunciation:** (say sal-uhd)
**Sentence:** A light salad is just the thing for lunch in summer.

**Word:** justice
**Pronunciation:** (say jus-tuhs)
**Sentence:** It is important to uphold justice in a society.

**Word:** peace
**Pronunciation:** (say pees)
**Sentence:** Everyone celebrated when the war ended and there was peace at last.

**Word:** binary
**Pronunciation:** (say buy-nuh-ree)
**Sentence:** A simple binary system is at the basis of how most modern computers work.
Word: landfill  
(Pronunciation: (say land-fil))  
Sentence: After collection, most household rubbish is put into the ground as landfill.

Word: computer  
(Pronunciation: (say kuhm-pyooh-tuh))  
Sentence: Our new computer allows us to access the internet very quickly.

Word: approval  
(Pronunciation: (say uh-prooh-vuhl))  
Sentence: I’ll have to get approval to leave early to catch the train.

Word: nuzzle  
(Pronunciation: (say nuz-uhl))  
Sentence: My dog always greets me with a bark and a nuzzle with his wet nose.

Word: triplet  
(Pronunciation: (say trip-let))  
Sentence: The last triplet was the smallest – a little boy.

Word: theory  
(Pronunciation: (say thear-ree))  
Sentence: They had to undertake a lot of research before their theory could be proved.

Word: bushfire  
(Pronunciation: (say boosh-fuy-uh))  
Sentence: Several houses were destroyed before the firefighters could control the bushfire.
### Stage 4 - Round 2

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<td>(say <strong>gaw</strong>-may)</td>
<td>George thinks of himself as a gourmet chef and likes to talk at length about food.</td>
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<td><strong>magnificent</strong></td>
<td>(say <strong>mag</strong>-<strong>nif</strong>-uh-suhnt)</td>
<td>We saw some magnificent architecture during our tour of Europe.</td>
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<td><strong>blaspheme</strong></td>
<td>(say <strong>blass</strong>-<strong>feem</strong>)</td>
<td>They chose their words carefully so that they did not blaspheme.</td>
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<td><strong>taxation</strong></td>
<td>(say <strong>tak</strong>-<strong>say</strong>-shuhn)</td>
<td>Revenue from taxation keeps the country going.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>imprudent</strong></td>
<td>(say <strong>im</strong>-<strong>prooh</strong>-duhnt)</td>
<td>It was imprudent of him to start his bushwalk without telling anyone where he was going.</td>
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<td><strong>mayor</strong></td>
<td>(say <strong>mair</strong>)</td>
<td>The mayor welcomed the visiting soccer team.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>decoy</strong></td>
<td>(say <strong>dee</strong>-koy)</td>
<td>The police used a sports car as a decoy to catch the car thieves.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>prospector</strong></td>
<td>(say <strong>pros</strong>-pek-tuh)</td>
<td>This business was started by a prospector who came to Australia during the goldrush.</td>
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Word: granary
Pronunciation (say gran-uh-ree)
Sentence All of the town’s barley grain is stored in the granary.

Word: inertia
Pronunciation (say in-er-shuh)
Sentence In our physics class we learn that inertia is the force that makes an object stay still until it is moved or keep moving until it is stopped.

Word: spectre
Pronunciation (say spek-tuh)
Sentence With the German annexation of Austria in 1938, the spectre of war loomed large over Europe.

Word: theorem
Pronunciation (say thear-ruhm)
Sentence Our maths teacher showed us two different ways to prove the theorem.

Word: absentee
Pronunciation (say ab-suhn-tee)
Sentence He is a consistent absentee from the meetings.

Word: atmosphere
Pronunciation (say at-muhs-fear)
Sentence The burning of some fuels can result in the pollution of the atmosphere.

Word: pantomime
Pronunciation (say pan-tuh-muym)
Sentence The children put on a pantomime of the story Cinderella.

Word: heifer
Pronunciation (say hef-uh)
Sentence There was only one heifer in the herd of cows.
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<th>Pronunciation (say sen-uht)</th>
<th>Sentence The debate in the senate continued well into the night.</th>
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<td>Pronunciation (say proh-tuh-tuyp)</td>
<td>Sentence The prototype of this racing car is in a motor museum.</td>
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<td>Word: duplicity</td>
<td>Pronunciation (say dyooh-pliss-uh-tee)</td>
<td>Sentence Rupert’s duplicity was so well known that no-one trusted him.</td>
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<td>Word: lyrics</td>
<td>Pronunciation (say li-riks)</td>
<td>Sentence Can you remember the lyrics of that song we heard last night?</td>
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<td>Word: annual</td>
<td>Pronunciation (say an-yooh-uhl)</td>
<td>Sentence It was the annual surfing competition and I was determined to do better this year than last year.</td>
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<td>Word: allure</td>
<td>Pronunciation (say uh-looh-uh/uh-lyoor)</td>
<td>Sentence We couldn’t resist the allure of a morning at the beach.</td>
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<td>Word: fatuous</td>
<td>Pronunciation (say fa-choooh-uhhs)</td>
<td>Sentence We were told to think before we speak so that we wouldn’t make fatuous comments.</td>
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<td>Word: quokka</td>
<td>Pronunciation (say kwok-uh)</td>
<td>Sentence The quokka is only found on a small island off the western coast of Australia.</td>
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Word: **hammock**

Pronunciation: (say **ham**-uhk)

Sentence: Dad hung up a hammock between two trees so that we could lie in the sun and read books.

Word: **muscle**

Pronunciation: (say **mus**-uhl)

Sentence: He could feel the muscle in his arm flex when he lifted the weight.

Word: **gossamer**

Pronunciation: (say **gos**-uh-muh)

Sentence: We draped white gossamer over the Christmas tree.

Word: **callous**

Pronunciation: (say **kal**-uhs)

Sentence: Ignoring his cry for help was both callous and cruel.

Word: **discipline**

Pronunciation: (say **diss**-uh-pluhn)

Sentence: I took my dog to a training school to improve her discipline.

Word: **lantana**

Pronunciation: (say **lan**-tah-nuh)

Sentence: They spent the weekend removing lantana from bushland.

Word: **pronunciation**

Pronunciation: (say pruh-nun-see-**ay**-shunn)

Sentence: It takes practice to get the correct pronunciation of foreign words.

Word: **whorl**

Pronunciation: (say **werl**)

Sentence: The coconut slice has a whorl of icing on top.
Word: **partridge**

Pronunciation: (say **pah-trij**)

Sentence: The painting was of an English scene with a partridge perched on the branch of a tree.

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Word: **emanate**

Pronunciation: (say **em-uh-nayt**)

Sentence: A terrible smell began to emanate from the plastics factory as the fire took hold.

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Word: **schedule**

Pronunciation: (say **shej-oohl** or **skej-oohl**)

Sentence: The tour schedule showed that we would be in Belgium on Tuesday.

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Word: **voyage**

Pronunciation: (say **voy-ij**)

Sentence: At school we learned about the greatest sea voyage of all.

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Word: **eligible**

Pronunciation: (say **el-uh-juh-buhl**)

Sentence: Because his birthday fell in April, he was eligible for the older team.

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Word: **impromptu**

Pronunciation: (say **im-promp-tyooh**)

Sentence: At my friend’s birthday party, they asked me to give an impromptu performance on the piano, so I played my favourite Chopin etude.

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Word: **referendum**

Pronunciation: (say **ref-uh-ren-duhm**)

Sentence: A referendum was held to change the voting age from 21 to 18.
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<td>(say op-uh-choohn)</td>
<td>She waited for an opportune moment to interrupt the discussion.</td>
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<td>minimum</td>
<td>(say min-uh-muhm)</td>
<td>You need a minimum of ten test tubes to complete this experiment.</td>
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<td>operetta</td>
<td>(say op-uh-re-tuh)</td>
<td>Our music class was to perform an operetta at the end of term.</td>
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<td>versatile</td>
<td>(say ver-suh-tuyl)</td>
<td>She is versatile dancer, excelling at both jazz and classical ballet.</td>
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<td>banal</td>
<td>(say buh-nahl)</td>
<td>That new Australian drama was so banal that I couldn’t be bothered watching it.</td>
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<td>reconcile</td>
<td>(say rek-uhn-suyl)</td>
<td>The brothers finally managed to reconcile their differences.</td>
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<td>ecology</td>
<td>(say ee-kol-uh-jee)</td>
<td>The arctic regions have a very fragile ecology.</td>
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<td>calorie</td>
<td>(say kal-uh-ree)</td>
<td>Counting every calorie is a really boring way to diet.</td>
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Word: repudiate
Pronunciation (say ruh-\textit{pyooh}-dee-ayt)
Sentence She asked all members of her party to publicly repudiate racism.

Word: delicacy
Pronunciation (say \textit{del}-uh-kuh-see)
Sentence Caviar is considered a delicacy by many.

Word: quadrant
Pronunciation (say \textit{kwod}-ruhnt)
Sentence We had to fill in each quadrant of the circle with a different colour.

(50 words)
Word: **probability**  
**Pronunciation:** (say prob-uh-*bil*-uh-tee)  
**Sentence:** The data showed that the probability of another earthquake was high.

Word: **sociology**  
**Pronunciation:** (say soh-see-*ol*-uh-je)  
**Sentence:** He wanted to study sociology or psychology at university.

Word: **omnivorous**  
**Pronunciation:** (say om-*niv*-uh-ruhs)  
**Sentence:** We had to list the animals as herbivorous, carnivorous or omnivorous according to what they eat.

Word: **mastiff**  
**Pronunciation:** (say mass-*tif*)  
**Sentence:** Our mastiff has just graduated to level three in his dog training class.

Word: **credulous**  
**Pronunciation:** (say kred-juh-luhs)  
**Sentence:** You’d have to be pretty credulous to believe that the moon is made of cheese.

Word: **manufacture**  
**Pronunciation:** (say man-yuh-*fak*-chuh)  
**Sentence:** A company has been formed to manufacture the new hearing aids.

Word: **inflammation**  
**Pronunciation:** (say in-fluh-*may*-shuhn)  
**Sentence:** The inflammation around his knee prevented him from surfing for a month.
Word: burnish
Pronunciation (say ber-nish)
Sentence We had to burnish the silverware every few months so that it didn’t tarnish.

Word: ingenious
Pronunciation (say in-je-nee-uhs)
Sentence He has made an ingenious device to trap fish.

Word: antenna
Pronunciation (say an-ten-uh)
Sentence I had to adjust the antenna on the radio to receive a good signal.

Word: asparagus
Pronunciation (say auh-spa-ruh-guhs)
Sentence Steamed asparagus is tasty with butter and pepper.

Word: appliance
Pronunciation (say uh-pluy-uhns)
Sentence The best appliance in the kitchen is the dishwasher.

Word: plaintiff
Pronunciation (say playn-tuhf or playn-tif)
Sentence The plaintiff has bought the case against her landlord.

Word: apologetic
Pronunciation (say uh-pol-uh-jet-ik)
Sentence He was apologetic about the way he had behaved at the party.

Word: cathedral
Pronunciation (say kuh-thee-druhl)
Sentence We awoke to the sound of bells coming from the cathedral and the flutter of pigeons in the square.
Word: refrigerator
Pronunciation: (say ruh-frïj-uh-ray-tuh)
Sentence: I hope there is some strawberry yoghurt in the refrigerator.

Word: unveiling
Pronunciation: (say un-vayl-ing)
Sentence: The unveiling of the statue in front of the town hall was an occasion of great dignity.

Word: neurology
Pronunciation: (say nyoooh-rol-uh-jee)
Sentence: A specialist in neurology explained the possible reasons for her headaches.

Word: admonish
Pronunciation: (say uhd-mon-ish)
Sentence: I had to admonish the people in front of me for talking during the film.

Word: intravenous
Pronunciation: (say in-truh-vee-nuhs)
Sentence: The patient is being given an intravenous antibiotic.

Word: sanitary
Pronunciation: (say san-uh-tree)
Sentence: All procedures at the hospital must be sanitary, or germs will quickly spread.

Word: community
Pronunciation: (say kuh-myoooh-nuh-tee)
Sentence: He is a well-known member of our local community.

Word: stupendous
Pronunciation: (say styooh-pen-duhs)
Sentence: Everyone agreed that it was a stupendous party.
Word: **copyright**  
Pronunciation: (say kop-ee-ruyt)  
Sentence: Copyright is essential for authors to protect their work.

Word: **pulmonary**  
Pronunciation: (say pul-muhn-ree or pull-muhn-ree)  
Sentence: The pulmonary artery takes blood from the lungs to the body.

Word: **magenta**  
Pronunciation: (say muh-jen-tuh)  
Sentence: Rachel really stood out at the dance in her magenta dress.

Word: **conductivity**  
Pronunciation: (say kon-duktiv-uh-tee)  
Sentence: Copper is commonly used for electrical wiring because it has a high conductivity.

Word: **basilica**  
Pronunciation: (say buh-sil-ik-uh)  
Sentence: In Roman times, the basilica was used as a meeting place.

Word: **civilian**  
Pronunciation: (say suh-vil-yuhn)  
Sentence: He was now a civilian after twenty years in the air force.

Word: **brutality**  
Pronunciation: (say brooh-tal-uh-tee)  
Sentence: The brutality of the attack was shocking.

Word: **aviator**  
Pronunciation: (say ay-vee-ay-tuh)  
Sentence: He was an aviator in the Second World War.

Word: **rhythm**  
Pronunciation: (say rith-uhtm)  
Sentence: The crowd started clapping to the rhythm of the music.
Word: elliptical
Pronunciation (say uh-lip-tik-uhl or e-lip-tik-uhl)
Sentence The earth revolves around the sun in an elliptical orbit.

Word: malign
Pronunciation (say muh-luyn)
Sentence He tried to malign her by saying she was a thief and a liar.

Word: carpentry
Pronunciation (say kah-puhn-tree)
Sentence Susie hoped to do an apprenticeship in carpentry.

Word: poignant
Pronunciation (say poyn-yuhnt)
Sentence The photo was a poignant reminder of home.

Word: valet
Pronunciation (say val-ay)
Sentence Not having a valet, I have to hang up my own clothes and even clean my own shoes.

Word: organism
Pronunciation (say aw-guh-niz-uhm)
Sentence She saw the tiny organism under the microscope.

Word: audience
Pronunciation (say aw-dee-uhns)
Sentence The audience was very surprised to see him suddenly burst onto the stage.

Word: monologue
Pronunciation (say mon-uh-log)
Sentence The hardest part of this role is the long monologue at the end of the first act.
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<td>(say in-skrooh-tuh-buhl)</td>
<td>His expression was inscrutable – we couldn’t tell what he was thinking.</td>
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<td>mirage</td>
<td>(say muh-rahz)</td>
<td>Driving through the outback, we thought we were approaching a huge lake, but it was only a mirage.</td>
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<td>tempura</td>
<td>(say tem-pooh-ruh)</td>
<td>We always have vegetable tempura at our local Japanese restaurant.</td>
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<tr>
<td>itinerant</td>
<td>(say uy-tin-uh-ruhnt)</td>
<td>My uncle saw a lot of the country when we worked as an itinerant labourer.</td>
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Word: **freighter**

Pronunciation: (say **fray-tuh**)

Sentence: He worked as a cook on a freighter sailing between China and Australia.

Word: **corps**

Pronunciation: (say **kaw**)

Sentence: My brother has joined the cadet corps at his school.

Word: **luxuriate**

Pronunciation: (say lug-**zhouh-ree-ayt**)

Sentence: After a long day at work I like to luxuriate in a hot bath.

Word: **stethoscope**

Pronunciation: (say **steth-uh-skohp**)

Sentence: The doctor placed the stethoscope on my back and listened while I took a deep breath.

Word: **ocarina**

Pronunciation: (say **ok-uh-ree-nuh**)

Sentence: The ocarina is not a very difficult instrument to learn.

Word: **opinionated**

Pronunciation: (say **uh-p**-**in- yuhn-ay-tuhd**)

Sentence: He’s an opinionated broadcaster, never paying much attention to anyone else’s point of view.

Word: **ethanol**

Pronunciation: (say **eth-uh-nol** or **ee-thuh-nol**)

Sentence: Ethanol can be blended with other fuels for use in vehicles.

Word: **emancipist**

Pronunciation: (say **uh-man-suh-puhst**)

Sentence: The convict became an emancipist after he was pardoned by the governor.
Word: **commissioner**

Pronunciation: (say **kuh-mish-uh-nuh**)  
Sentence: The commissioner of the sports league awarded the team’s trophy.

Word: **adage**

Pronunciation: (say **ad-ij**)  
Sentence: ‘It’s the thought that counts’ is an old adage.

Word: **aquarium**

Pronunciation: (say **uh-kwair-ree-uhtm**)  
Sentence: Eleni kept some very interesting Mexican walking fish in her aquarium.

Word: **xylophone**

Pronunciation: (say **zuy-luh-fohn**)  
Sentence: He already knew how to play the piano, so he learned the xylophone very quickly.

Word: **critique**

Pronunciation: (say **kruh-teek**)  
Sentence: The newspaper featured a critique of the new film.

Word: **consequential**

Pronunciation: (say **kon-suh-kwen-shuhl**)  
Sentence: A consequential effect of the new shopping centre was that it generated more jobs.

Word: **cabaret**

Pronunciation: (say **kab-uh-ray**)  
Sentence: They ate dinner while enjoying the cabaret.

Word: **larynx**

Pronunciation: (say **la-rinks**)  
Sentence: She had an infection in her larynx and couldn’t speak at all.
Word: calculus
Pronunciation (say kal-kyuh-luhs)
Sentence Calculus is a branch of maths which is used a lot in science and engineering.

Word: kookaburra
Pronunciation (say kook-uh-bu-ruh/kuu-kuh-bu-ruh)
Sentence The kookaburra flew down and grabbed the worm in its beak.

Word: millionaire
Pronunciation (say mil-yuh-nair)
Sentence Tom’s mother believes his singing talent will make him a millionaire.

Word: ducat
Pronunciation (say duk-uht)
Sentence The archaeologist uncovered a ducat near the ruins of an old French village.

Word: humorous
Pronunciation (say hyooh-muh-ruhs)
Sentence We thought it was humorous when my little brother said that a caterpillar was a worm in a fur coat.

Word: salmonella
Pronunciation (say sal-muh-nel-uh)
Sentence Tests found the presence of salmonella in the food which had caused the food poisoning.

Word: frequency
Pronunciation (say free-kwuhn-see)
Sentence What is the frequency of your favourite radio station?

Word: ochre
Pronunciation (say oh-kuh)
Sentence Ochre is often used in Indigenous artworks.
Word: **complementary**

Pronunciation (say kom-pluh-*men*-tuh-ree or kom-pluh-*men*-tree)

Sentence The two flavours were complementary, forming a delicious combination.

Word: **adjective**

Pronunciation (say *aj*-uhk-tiv)

Sentence The word ‘cold’ is an adjective in the phrase ‘a cold wind’.

Word: **monolith**

Pronunciation (say mon-*uh*-lith)

Sentence Uluru in the centre of Australia is the largest monolith in the world.

Word: **continuous**

Pronunciation (say kuhn-*tin*-yooh-uhs)

Sentence We listened to the continuous roar of the surf.

Word: **aggrieved**

Pronunciation (say uh-*greeved*)

Sentence I was aggrieved that I had not received an invitation to the party.

Word: **corella**

Pronunciation (say kuh-*rel*-uh)

Sentence My grandmother’s pet corella used to sit on her shoulder.

Word: **azure**

Pronunciation (say ay-zhuh- or az-yoo-uhs)

Sentence The sky was a lovely azure colour.

Word: **ancestry**

Pronunciation (say an-*sess*-tree)

Sentence Nick traced his family ancestry back to the first fleet.

Word: **heirloom**

Pronunciation (say air-loom)

Sentence The antique pendant is a family heirloom.
Word: brevity  
Pronunciation (say brev-uh-tee)  
Sentence The brevity of the lecturer surprised and pleased us.

Word: decimate  
Pronunciation (say dess-uh-mayt)  
Sentence Europeans arriving in the New World carried diseases that would decimate the local indigenous people.

Word: linguist  
Pronunciation (say ling-guhst)  
Sentence He is a linguist and is compiling a dictionary of an Aboriginal language of western Queensland.

Word: hemisphere  
Pronunciation (say hem-uhs-fear)  
Sentence When it’s summer in the northern hemisphere it’s winter in the southern hemisphere.

Word: sagacious  
Pronunciation (say suh-gay-shuhs)  
Sentence A farmer, as well as knowing all the elements of agriculture, should be a sagacious businessperson.

Word: coronation  
Pronunciation (say kor-uh-nay-shuhn)  
Sentence The press were eager to get as many photos at the coronation of the Prince as possible.

Word: anonymous  
Pronunciation (say uh-non-uh-muhs)  
Sentence The poem in the school magazine was anonymous, but we could guess who wrote it.

Word: dermatitis  
Pronunciation (say der-muh-tuy-tuhs)  
Sentence Her dermatitis was so bad she had to wear gloves all the time.
Word: **constituent**

Pronunciation: (say kon-*stich*-yooh-uhnt)

Sentence: As a constituent, my signature counted on the petition.

Word: **competence**

Pronunciation: (say kom-*puh*-tuhs)

Sentence: The surgeon’s competence was known throughout the world.

Word: **resilient**

Pronunciation: (say ruh-*zil*-ee-uhnt)

Sentence: He showed how resilient he was by returning to work a few days after the accident

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Word: unconstitutional
Pronunciation: (say un-kon-stuh-tyooh-shuhn-uhl)
Sentence: The High Court found that the law passed by the state was unconstitutional.

Word: analyst
Pronunciation: (say an-uh-luhst)
Sentence: We had to engage a computer analyst to sort our network problems.

Word: acquisitive
Pronunciation: (say uh-kwiz-uh-tiv)
Sentence: She is an acquisitive person whose main interest in life is shopping.

Word: amalgamate
Pronunciation: (say uh-mal-guh-mayt)
Sentence: The two companies decided to amalgamate and move to a new location.

Word: probability
Pronunciation: (say prob-uh-bil-uh-tee)
Sentence: The data showed that the probability of another earthquake was high.

Word: saxophone
Pronunciation: (say sak-suh-fohn)
Sentence: Lisa is my favourite Simpson’s character because she plays the saxophone.

Word: lucerne
Pronunciation: (say looh-suhn)
Sentence: The cows love to be let into the paddock to graze on lucerne.
Word: circumstantial
Pronunciation (say ser-kuhm-\textit{stan}-shul)
Sentence All the evidence against the accused woman was circumstantial and she was not convicted.

Word: inflammation
Pronunciation (say in-fluh-\textit{may}-shuhn)
Sentence The inflammation around his knee prevented him from surfing for a month.

Word: exquisite
Pronunciation (say eks-kwiz-uht)
Sentence This plant produces exquisite golden flowers.

Word: capricious
Pronunciation (say kuh-\textit{prish}-uhhs)
Sentence She is so capricious, it’s hard to know what she’ll do next!

Word: antenna
Pronunciation (say an-\textit{ten}-uh)
Sentence I had to adjust the antenna on the radio to receive a good signal.

Word: glockenspiel
Pronunciation (say glok-uhhn-speel or glok-uhhn-shpeel)
Sentence He enjoyed playing the glockenspiel in the band.

Word: appliance
Pronunciation (say uh-\textit{pluy}-auhns)
Sentence The best appliance in the kitchen is the dishwasher.

Word: extravagance
Pronunciation (say uk-\textit{strav}-uhhn-s or ek-\textit{strav}-uhhn-s)
Sentence Buying an outfit that she only planned to wear once was an extravagance.
Word: **intravenous**  
**Pronunciation** (say in-truh-vee-nuhs)  
**Sentence** The patient is being given an intravenous antibiotic.

Word: **kikuyu**  
**Pronunciation** (say kuy-kooh-yooh)  
**Sentence** Many people sow kikuyu to make lawns in their gardens.

Word: **gerrymander**  
**Pronunciation** (say je-ree-man-duh)  
**Sentence** The electoral backlash overcame the gerrymander which had kept the party in power for a decade.

Word: **sanitary**  
**Pronunciation** (say san-uh-tree)  
**Sentence** All procedure at the hospital must be sanitary, or germs will quickly spread.

Word: **insinuate**  
**Pronunciation** (say in-sin-yooh-aht)  
**Sentence** He always seems to insinuate things, rather than being straightforward.

Word: **illiterate**  
**Pronunciation** (say i-lit-uh-ruht)  
**Sentence** Illiterate people face many hardships in everyday life.

Word: **inaugural**  
**Pronunciation** (say in-aw-gyuh-ruhl)  
**Sentence** The president’s inaugural speech was a great success.

Word: **aubergine**  
**Pronunciation** (say oh-buh-zheen or oh-buh-jeen)  
**Sentence** An aubergine is also known as an eggplant.
Word: **anthropologist**  (say an-thruh-pol-uh-juhst)  
Sentence: He wants to become an anthropologist, so he can travel the world and see the different ways people live.

Word: **lassitude**  (say las-uh-tyoohd)
Sentence: A feeling of lassitude overwhelmed him after the meal and he nodded off.

Word: **organism**  (say aw-guh-niz-uhm)
Sentence: She saw the tiny organism under the microscope.

Word: **authoritarian**  (say aw-tho-ruh-tair-ree-uhn)
Sentence: The people were overjoyed when the authoritarian government was overthrown in the elections.

Word: **timbre**  (say tim-buh or tam-buh)
Sentence: His voice has a rich, warm timbre which is perfect for this particular role.

Word: **symptom**  (say simp-tuhm)
Sentence: A high temperature is a symptom of the flu.

Word: **extortionate**  (say uhk-staw-shuhn-uht)
Sentence: The price of limes was extortionate because they were out of season.

Word: **oleander**  (say ol-ee-an-duh)
Sentence: The oleander is a pretty plant, but it is poisonous.
Word: **orthodox**
Pronunciation (say *aw*-thuh-doks)
Sentence He has very orthodox ideas, so he won’t shock anyone when he gives his speech.

Word: **decoupage**
Pronunciation (say day-kooh-*pahz*)
Sentence We had to collect lots of colourful paper to cut up for our decoupage.

Word: **opulently**
Pronunciation (say op-yuh-luhnt-lee)
Sentence The king dressed opulently in velvet robes and jewelled crowns.

Word: **redoubtable**
Pronunciation (say ruh-dow-tuh-buhl)
Sentence The new player was a redoubtable opponent.

Word: **statistics**
Pronunciation (say stuh-*tis*-tiks)
Sentence Statistics show that more boys are born than girls.

Word: **promenade**
Pronunciation (say prom-uh-*nahd* or prom-uh-*nayd*)
Sentence Hundreds of people were enjoying a late afternoon stroll along the promenade.

Word: **contagious**
Pronunciation (say kuhn-*tay*-juhs)
Sentence Measles is contagious, but most people in Australia are vaccinated against it.

Word: **humanitarian**
Pronunciation (say hyooh-man-uh-*tair*-ree-uhn)
Sentence She works with a charity providing humanitarian aid in Africa.
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<td>(say huy-drain-juh)</td>
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<td>(say kah-tuh-lij/kaht-lij)</td>
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<td>(say puy-roh-tek-nik)</td>
<td>The fantastic pyrotechnic display lit up the sky on New Year’s Eve.</td>
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<td>(say uh-kaw-dee-uhn)</td>
<td>He entertained everybody by playing his accordion.</td>
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<td>nomenclature</td>
<td>(say nuh-men-kluh-chuh or noh-muhn-klay-chuh)</td>
<td>You have to know the nomenclature of botany to fully understand the plants that are being described.</td>
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<td>The knight’s chivalrous actions won him the love of the princess.</td>
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Word: **echelon**

Pronunciation (say **esh**-uh-lon)

Sentence The upper echelon of the administration selected the site for the new stadium.

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Word: **troubadour**

Pronunciation (say **trooh**-buh-daw)

Sentence The troubadour sang a beautiful ballad about his lost love.

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Word: **pertinacious**

Pronunciation (say per-tuh-**nay**-shuhs)

Sentence Some pertinacious bargain hunters will travel kilometres to save a few dollars.

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Word: **charlatan**

Pronunciation (say **shah**-luh-tuhn)

Sentence The charlatan promised these pills would cure my allergy, but it is as bad as ever.

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Word: **fluorescence**

Pronunciation (say **flooh**-res-uhns or **fluh**-res-uhns)

Sentence Scientists in Antarctica measure fluorescence to detect stress in plants caused by pollutants.

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Word: **eczema**

Pronunciation (say **ek**-suh-muh or **eks**-muh)

Sentence I always get eczema on my knees during winter.

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Word: **rotisserie**

Pronunciation (say roh-tiss-uh-ree)

Sentence The piece of lamb was roasted on a rotisserie in the backyard.

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Word: **wurlitzer**

Pronunciation (say wer-lit-suh)

Sentence The wurlitzer has a lot of sound effects which can reproduce the sounds of an orchestra.
Word: charisma
Pronunciation: (say kuh-riz-muh)
Sentence: He had such charisma that everybody voted for him.

Word: chihuahua
Pronunciation: (say chuh-wow-wuh or chuh-wah-wuh)
Sentence: My friend carries his pet chihuahua in his backpack.

Word: protectorate
Pronunciation: (say pruh-tek-tuh-ruht)
Sentence: Zimbabwe was once a protectorate of Britain.

Word: pizzicato
Pronunciation: (say pit-suh-kah-toh)
Sentence: During the pizzicato section, the violinist plucked the strings with her fingers.

Word: catechesis
Pronunciation: (say kat-uh-kee-suhs)
Sentence: Catechesis is a type of religious instruction that is often given to people before they are confirmed or baptised.

Word: battalion
Pronunciation: (say buh-tal-yuhn)
Sentence: An Australian battalion was the first to enter the town.

Word: ecotourism
Pronunciation: (say ee-koh-toouh-riz-uhm)
Sentence: Ecotourism has become quite a popular industry, now that more people are concerned about their effect on the environment.

Word: abominable
Pronunciation: (say uh-bom-uh-nuh-buhl)
Sentence: Selling people into slavery is an abominable thing.
Word: stratosphere  
Pronunciation  (say strat-uhs-fear)  
Sentence  Only a few specialised aircraft are designed to fly in the stratosphere.

Word: caucus  
Pronunciation  (say kaw-kuhs)  
Sentence  The first federal Labour caucus met in Melbourne in 1901.

Word: saturnine  
Pronunciation  (say sat-uh-nyun)  
Sentence  There was not the trace of a smile on his saturnine face.

Word: angophora  
Pronunciation  (say ang-gof-uh-ruh)  
Sentence  The huge angophora in the playground is covered in white blossoms all summer.

Word: appropriation  
Pronunciation  (say uh-proh-pree-ay-shuhn)  
Sentence  There was an appropriation of funds for setting up more schools in disadvantaged areas.

Word: accommodate  
Pronunciation  (say uh-kom-uh-dayt)  
Sentence  The caravan will accommodate four people.

Word: saboteur  
Pronunciation  (say sab-uh-ter)  
Sentence  A saboteur from the enemy side had damaged some of the army’s equipment.

Word: quarantine  
Pronunciation  (say kwo-ruhn-teen)  
Sentence  Animals coming into Australia have to be kept in quarantine to prevent the spread of diseases.
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