8th Grade Spelling Activities

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| Practice Makes ~~Perfect~~ Permanent | For this exercise, COPY each word on the spelling list 3 (three) times. Write legibly! |
| Use It or Loose It | Use each word in the list in a complete sentence. BE CAREFUL! You MUST know the definition and use it correctly in the sentence! Use a DICTIONARY to help you with this activity! |
| CEMENT with SYNONYMS | For each spelling word, use a THESAURUS to find three (3) **synonyms** and one (1) **antonym**. |
| As you A B ‘see-it’ | Write your words in a list in alphabetical order... or mix-it-up by writing them in alpha order BACKWARDS! |
| Don’t Be Puzzled! | Create a Word Search OR Criss Cross Puzzle using the Discovery Website with your spelling words and complete the puzzles.http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asphttp://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/CrissCrossSetupForm.asp |
| Story Maker | Write a short story that uses NO LESS THAN 15 of your 20 words properly in complete sentences and dialogue.  |

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Spelling List 1 – Practice Makes Permanent

completely completely completely

believe believe believe

weirdest weirdest weirdest

beige beige beige

through through through

thirtieth thirtieth thirtieth

experiment experiment experiment

perfume perfume perfume

decision decision decision

politely politely politely

fierce fierce fierce

sleigh sleigh sleigh

lieutenant lieutenant lieutenant

maneuver maneuver maneuver

recruit recruit recruit

biscuit biscuit biscuit

gauge gauge gauge

preserve preserve preserve

unyielding unyielding unyielding

precipitation precipitation precipitation

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Spelling List 1 – Use It or Lose It

1. He cleaned up his room completely.
2. Shelly will always believe in Santa Claus.
3. The restaurant served the weirdest food he have ever eaten.
4. The wall color was a dark beige.
5. Alice walked through the Looking Glass in the story.
6. Sam was happy to celebrate his thirtieth birthday.
7. The experiment was ruined after the baking soda was burned.
8. She put on too much perfume!
9. Doing her homework early was the right decision.
10. He bowed politely when he met the king.
11. The lion at the zoo was fierce and scary!
12. In the winter, the sleigh will glide over the snow.
13. The lieutenant was happy to be home from Afghanistan.
14. The car made a risky maneuver and won the race.
15. The new recruit had to do well in order to stay in the Army.
16. The dog liked his biscuit.
17. He had to gauge the tire pressure before the trip.
18. We must preserve the environment and recycle our paper.
19. Mike has an unyielding sense of honesty.
20. There is a lot of precipitation in the air today.

Spelling List 1 – Red Vowels

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I completely believe the weirdest story I was

 told today about a beige car that went through a red light for the thirtieth time in one week. The driver did it as an experiment and made this decision to see if she could politely convince the police officer not give her a ticket. But, the fierce Lieutenant would not listen to the driver’s tricky maneuver or accept a buttery biscuit as a bribe and charged her with reckless driving. From the officer’s gauge of the situation, it would be necessary to preserve the driver in jail for five days and he vowed to be unyielding with the punishment.

Unused Words

perfume

sleigh

biscuit

precipitation

Spelling List 1 – Story Maker



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Word | Synonym | Synonym | Synonym | Antonym |
| completely | absolutely | altogether | thoroughly | incompletely |
| believe | affirm | think | trust | distrust |
| weirdest | curious | think | trust | distrust |
| beige | cream | neutral | tan | colorful |
| through | opened | straight | free | indirect |
| thirtieth | Define: the number between 29th and 31st |
| experiment | investigate | test | analyze | certainty |
| perfume | aroma | fragrance | smell | stink |
| decision | choice | conclusion | resolution | indecision |
| politely | cordially | kindly | happily | unpleasantly |
| fierce | violent | angry | brutal | calm |
| sleigh | Define: snow sled |
| lieutenant | assistant | helper | second in command ------ |
| maneuver | move | tactic | action | stillness |
| recruit | beginner | initiate | learner | expert |
| biscuit | cracker | cookie | pretzel | ------- |
| gauge | measure | check out | determine | estimate |
| preserve | conserve | protect | sustain | destroy |
| unyielding | determined | obstinate | relentless | flexible |
| precipitation | rain | storm | snow | drought |

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Spelling List 1 – Cement with Synoyms