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|----|-------|----|-------|-----|-------|-----|--------|
| 1 | lad | 36 | admit | 71 | magic | 106 | burst |
| 2 | law | 37 | adopt | 72 | model | 107 | fangs |
| 3 | log | 38 | alarm | 73 | moral | 108 | beaded |
| 4 | lump | 39 | angry | 74 | movie | 109 | burial |
| 5 | arch | 40 | blank | 75 | music | 110 | clench |
| 6 | bear | 41 | blind | 76 | novel | 111 | coffin |
| 7 | bond | 42 | brave | 77 | odour | 112 | corpse |
| 8 | bulk | 43 | bully | 78 | pause | 113 | mutism |
| 9 | dull | 44 | catch | 79 | peace | 114 | really |
| 10 | exit | 45 | chart | 80 | poets | 115 | shabby |
| 11 | fade | 46 | chest | 81 | proud | 116 | slogan |
| 12 | fair | 47 | choir | 82 | puppy | 117 | sphere |
| 13 | fare | 48 | choke | 83 | queue | 118 | trials |
| 14 | fate | 49 | cliff | 84 | radio | 119 | prisms |
| 15 | film | 50 | cover | 85 | rhyme | 120 | abroad |
| 16 | firm | 51 | crawl | 86 | rough | 121 | absent |
| 17 | mall | 52 | crept | 87 | scary | 122 | afford |
| 18 | mean | 53 | crowd | 88 | shift | 123 | agenda |
| 19 | menu | 54 | cruel | 89 | shout | 124 | banned |
| 20 | mint | 55 | cycle | 90 | snack | 125 | behave |
| 21 | pity | 56 | drain | 91 | spare | 126 | bought |
| 22 | quit | 57 | drama | 92 | spear | 127 | branch |
| 23 | raft | 58 | drift | 93 | split | 128 | breeze |
| 24 | roam | 59 | drill | 94 | staff | 129 | bright |
| 25 | shed | 60 | dwarf | 95 | steam | 130 | brutal |
| 26 | sign | 61 | empty | 96 | study | 131 | builds |
| 27 | slab | 62 | equal | 97 | swift | 132 | carpet |
| 28 | weep | 63 | exile | 98 | sword | 133 | casino |
| 29 | were | 64 | fetch | 99 | tired | 134 | charge |
| 30 | wise | 65 | flash | 100 | tough | 135 | chores |
| 31 | wish | 66 | frame | 101 | truly | 136 | church |
| 32 | wolf | 67 | grind | 102 | tutor | 137 | comedy |
| 33 | work | 68 | heavy | 103 | venue | 138 | decent |
| 34 | yoga | 69 | jumbo | 104 | vomit | 139 | decide |
| 35 | email | 70 | loyal | 105 | wharf | 140 | defend |



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| 141 | dragon | 176 | raised | 211 | fragile | 246 | speaker |
| 142 | easily | 177 | recall | 212 | furious | 247 | station |
| 143 | erased | 178 | recent | 213 | gesture | 248 | strange |
| 144 | expect | 179 | remind | 214 | glanced | 249 | studied |
| 145 | famous | 180 | riddle | 215 | hearing | 250 | success |
| 146 | finest | 181 | sacred | 216 | hobbies | 251 | tablets |
| 147 | fooled | 182 | saddle | 217 | ignored | 252 | teacher |
| 148 | forbid | 183 | safety | 218 | jealous | 253 | through |
| 149 | fridge | 184 | script | 219 | jogging | 254 | tickets |
| 150 | gentle | 185 | secret | 220 | justice | 255 | tremble |
| 151 | global | 186 | seldom | 221 | literal | 256 | unknown |
| 152 | hanger | 187 | settle | 222 | massage | 257 | usually |
| 153 | heroic | 188 | shield | 223 | minutes | 258 | vaguely |
| 154 | hiking | 189 | sinner | 224 | naughty | 259 | viewers |
| 155 | honest | 190 | slaves | 225 | notable | 260 | visible |
| 156 | ignore | 191 | smudge | 226 | obvious | 261 | wealthy |
| 157 | judged | 192 | social | 227 | opinion | 262 | whistle |
| 158 | locate | 193 | source | 228 | perform | 263 | yelling |
| 159 | market | 194 | starve | 229 | pleased | 264 | yoghurt |
| 160 | medium | 195 | sticky | 230 | predict | 265 | re-read |
| 161 | mobile | 196 | strike | 231 | prolong | 266 | misery |
| 162 | motion | 197 | stroll | 232 | propose | 267 | rights |
| 163 | mugged | 198 | tailor | 233 | protest | 268 | trophy |
| 164 | nought | 199 | tossed | 234 | provide | 269 | acrylic |
| 165 | orchid | 200 | trials | 235 | purpose | 270 | address |
| 166 | origin | 201 | turned | 236 | puzzled | 271 | angelic |
| 167 | pieces | 202 | urgent | 237 | ranking | 272 | angrily |
| 168 | podium | 203 | victim | 238 | recover | 273 | ashamed |
| 169 | poetry | 204 | wonder | 239 | respect | 274 | blinked |
| 170 | polite | 205 | explode | 240 | revenge | 275 | bygones |
| 171 | pounce | 206 | extinct | 241 | routine | 276 | cavemen |
| 172 | prefer | 207 | fiction | 242 | savoury | 277 | ethical |
| 173 | purple | 208 | finally | 243 | setting | 278 | extract |
| 174 | pursue | 209 | foolish | 244 | silence | 279 | gleeful |
| 175 | racket | 210 | foreign | 245 | slipped | 280 | gnarled |



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| 281 | mariner | 316 | cunning | 351 | heatwave | 386 | argument |
| 282 | puddles | 317 | curious | 352 | horribly | 387 | arrogant |
| 283 | quarrel | 318 | discuss | 353 | humorous | 388 | blessing |
| 284 | racquet | 319 | drought | 354 | improper | 389 | boundary |
| 285 | refugee | 320 | dumping | 355 | labelled | 390 | bustling |
| 286 | rewrite | 321 | educate | 356 | memorial | 391 | collapse |
| 287 | sisters | 322 | elected | 357 | motorist | 392 | complain |
| 288 | sustain | 323 | envious | 358 | obliging | 393 | conflict |
| 289 | walkway | 324 | episode | 359 | official | 394 | convince |
| 290 | watered | 325 | equator | 360 | peculiar | 395 | criminal |
| 291 | achieve | 326 | examine | 361 | poaching | 396 | crutches |
| 292 | acronym | 327 | experts | 362 | proverbs | 397 | declared |
| 293 | adopted | 328 | trotting | 363 | radicals | 398 | demanded |
| 294 | analyse | 329 | amicable | 364 | receives | 399 | develops |
| 295 | ancient | 330 | animated | 365 | restrain | 400 | disabled |
| 296 | anxious | 331 | annoying | 366 | shoelace | 401 | domestic |
| 297 | awkward | 332 | assembly | 367 | softener | 402 | drenched |
| 298 | because | 333 | audience | 368 | syllable | 403 | dwelling |
| 299 | benefit | 334 | bagpipes | 369 | towering | 404 | elegance |
| 300 | bicycle | 335 | brightly | 370 | unjumble | 405 | earaches |
| 301 | blossom | 336 | canoeing | 371 | valuable | 406 | entrance |
| 302 | borders | 337 | cheerful | 372 | workshop | 407 | estimate |
| 303 | capture | 338 | colonial | 373 | wretched | 408 | exchange |
| 304 | charity | 339 | debating | 374 | yummiest | 409 | exercise |
| 305 | cheated | 340 | dialogue | 375 | Egyptian | 410 | familiar |
| 306 | citizen | 341 | dismally | 376 | addition | 411 | festival |
| 307 | collage | 342 | ecstatic | 377 | division | 412 | fraction |
| 308 | compete | 343 | ellipsis | 378 | polygons | 413 | friction |
| 309 | concern | 344 | emitters | 379 | symmetry | 414 | frighten |
| 310 | concert | 345 | flexible | 380 | twelfths | 415 | generous |
| 311 | confuse | 346 | feverish | 381 | activist | 416 | guidance |
| 312 | cookies | 347 | forecast | 382 | actually | 417 | innocent |
| 313 | correct | 348 | generous | 383 | allergic | 418 | insecure |
| 314 | country | 349 | goalless | 384 | allocate | 419 | isolated |
| 315 | courage | 350 | goalpost | 385 | approach | 420 | luxuries |



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| 421 | merchant | 456 | tomorrow | 491 | continued | 526 | reflexive |
| 422 | metallic | 457 | cemetery | 492 | courtroom | 527 | scenarios |
| 423 | mistakes | 458 | persuade | 493 | crossword | 528 | scratched |
| 424 | motivate | 459 | clatter | 494 | dangerous | 529 | secretary |
| 425 | multiply | 460 | excited | 495 | delighted | 530 | spaghetti |
| 426 | muttered | 461 | preserves | 496 | depressed | 531 | specially |
| 427 | opinions | 462 | programme | 497 | essential | 532 | submarine |
| 428 | orbiting | 463 | publicity | 498 | exhausted | 533 | suitcases |
| 429 | passport | 464 | questions | 499 | expresses | 534 | traumatic |
| 430 | password | 465 | reluctant | 500 | fantastic | 535 | trumpeted |
| 431 | patience | 466 | revolting | 501 | favourite | 536 | undressed |
| 432 | personal | 467 | sarcastic | 502 | feathered | 537 | vigilance |
| 433 | petition | 468 | satisfied | 503 | focussing | 538 | fractions |
| 434 | pleading | 469 | scrambled | 504 | gruelling | 539 | geometric |
| 435 | politics | 470 | shipwreck | 505 | hairbrush | 540 | measuring |
| 436 | pressure | 471 | situation | 506 | impending | 541 | abandoned |
| 437 | property | 472 | spotlight | 507 | influence | 542 | abundance |
| 438 | reindeer | 473 | structure | 508 | landmarks | 543 | advantage |
| 439 | research | 474 | surrender | 509 | lightning | 544 | affection |
| 440 | revision | 475 | timetable | 510 | metaphors | 545 | ancestors |
| 441 | sabotage | 476 | treatment | 511 | moonlight | 546 | announced |
| 442 | sandwich | 477 | wonderful | 512 | musicians | 547 | anonymous |
| 443 | sausages | 478 | worldwide | 513 | mysteries | 548 | auditions |
| 444 | schedule | 479 | art forms | 514 | narrative | 549 | automatic |
| 445 | sessions | 480 | give-away/giveaway | 515 | necessary | 550 | awareness |
| 446 | shackles | 481 | tuck-shop/tuckshop | 516 | nervously | 551 | beautiful |
| 447 | shearing | 482 | pie chart | 517 | nightmare | 552 | blackmail |
| 448 | skeleton | 483 | agreement | 518 | numerical | 553 | brilliant |
| 449 | snatched | 484 | apologies | 519 | obstacles | 554 | challenge |
| 450 | startled | 485 | applicant | 520 | processor | 555 | confident |
| 451 | sunlight | 486 | assonance | 521 | quarterly | 556 | convicted |
| 452 | talented | 487 | caretaker | 522 | quotation | 557 | destroyed |
| 453 | tapestry | 488 | clutching | 523 | radiation | 558 | determine |
| 454 | terrific | 489 | committee | 524 | realistic | 559 | dietician |
| 455 | toddlers | 490 | community | 525 | recycling | 560 | different |



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|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 561 | difficult | 596 | devilishly | 631 | wheelchair | 666 | front-page |
| 562 | dishonest | 597 | dictionary | 632 | converting | 667 | semi-colon /semicolon |
| 563 | displayed | 598 | disastrous | 633 | atmosphere | 668 | Snow White |
| 564 | efficient | 599 | discipline | 634 | calculator | 669 | well-known |
| 565 | encourage | 600 | emphasised | 635 | characters | 670 | contributed |
| 566 | excluding | 601 | enthusiasm | 636 | commercial | 671 | grandmother |
| 567 | gratitude | 602 | evaluation | 637 | constantly | 672 | progressive |
| 568 | graveyard | 603 | fascinated | 638 | continents | 673 | well-chosen |
| 569 | groceries | 604 | heartbreak | 639 | criticised | 674 | litter-free |
| 570 | hilarious | 605 | impatience | 640 | determined | 675 | middle-aged |
| 571 | identical | 606 | impressive | 641 | distracted | 676 | radio drama |
| 572 | important | 607 | indigenous | 642 | endangered | 677 | second-hand |
| 573 | incentive | 608 | informally | 643 | expression | 678 | Google maps |
| 574 | interview | 609 | initiating | 644 | 2-D shapes | 679 | adventurous |
| 575 | irritated | 610 | jellybeans | 645 | figurative | 680 | appropriate |
| 576 | knowledge | 611 | litterbugs | 646 | hibernates | 681 | centenarian |
| 577 | messenger | 612 | maintained | 647 | illustrate | 682 | complicated |
| 578 | moustache | 613 | naturalist | 648 | individual | 683 | destination |
| 579 | neglected | 614 | outrageous | 649 | negativity | 684 | exaggerated |
| 580 | nutrition | 615 | paintbrush | 650 | occupation | 685 | explanation |
| 581 | outskirts | 616 | paramedics | 651 | photograph | 686 | grandfather |
| 582 | paralysed | 617 | passionate | 652 | privileged | 687 | imagination |
| 583 | aboriginal | 618 | physically | 653 | properties | 688 | incorporate |
| 584 | adjectives | 619 | possessive | 654 | protection | 689 | intelligent |
| 585 | apostrophe | 620 | remarkable | 655 | reasonable | 690 | interesting |
| 586 | apparently | 621 | remorseful | 656 | scrapyards | 691 | preventable |
| 587 | astronauts | 622 | scavenging | 657 | streetwise | 692 | questioning |
| 588 | blistering | 623 | sunglasses | 658 | suspicious | 693 | responsible |
| 589 | brainstorm | 624 | supporting | 659 | television | 694 | sarcophagus |
| 590 | completely | 625 | technology | 660 | terrifying | 695 | skyscrapers |
| 591 | creativity | 626 | tournament | 661 | themselves | 696 | storyteller |
| 592 | definitely | 627 | tremendous | 662 | unbearable | 697 | suggestions |
| 593 | descendant | 628 | undeniable | 663 | vegetables | 698 | sympathetic |
| 594 | desecrated | 629 | vocabulary | 664 | victorious | 699 | unhappiness |
| 595 | despondent | 630 | waitresses | 665 | excitement | 700 | workstation |



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| 701 | Drakensberg |
| 702 | pictographs |
| 703 | probability |
| 704 | subtraction |
| 705 | abbreviated |
| 706 | accelerated |
| 707 | authorities |
| 708 | chairperson |
| 709 | coincidence |
| 710 | concentrate |
| 711 | counselling |
| 712 | ingredients |
| 713 | magnificent |
| 714 | participate |
| 715 | life-giving |
| 716 | six-year-old |
| 717 | particularly |
| 718 | eye-catching |
| 719 | non-specific |
| 720 | argumentative |

Sanlam WOW Spelling Festival: Provincial & National 2026

| Date | Province | Town |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 31 July | Limpopo | Mokopane |
| 6 August | Mpumalanga | Middelburg |
| 15 August | KwaZulu-Natal | TBC |
| 19 August | North West | Brits |
| 11 August | Gauteng | Johannesburg |
| 28 August | Free State | Bloemfontein |
| 29 August | Eastern Cape | Gqeberha |
| 5 September | Northern Cape | Upington |
| 12 September | Western Cape | Stellenbosch |

Registration:
3 February until 31 May 2026 at *Wat ons doen*: wow.woordfees.co.za Documentation for 2025 available on website.

Dates for Spelfeeste:
Registered schools will be notified. Visit our website for updates.

Provincial and national spelfeeste:
List of dates on website.

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