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1	beat	36	image	71	caress	106	huddle
2	chef	37	irony	72	casual	107	humble
3	clan	38	ivory	73	caviar	108	humour
4	dash	39	magic	74	choose	109	infect
5	drab	40	ozone	75	cliché	110	invest
6	ease	41	panel	76	commit	111	jargon
7	envy	42	porch	77	course	112	joyous
8	even	43	props	78	cousin	113	lawyer
9	evil	44	radio	79	crests	114	legend
10	fear	45	react	80	custom	115	lesson
11	heir	46	realm	81	danger	116	litter
12	logo	47	rebel	82	design	117	living
13	lurk	48	reuse	83	direct	118	meteor
14	mess	49	revel	84	dismay	119	mortal
15	mime	50	rude	85	Durban	120	mosque
16	moon	51	scare	86	dwarfs	121	motive
17	oral	52	shake	87	editor	122	muesli
18	plot	53	shock	88	employ	123	nearby
19	rind	54	smear	89	ethics	124	orator
20	sole	55	space	90	evaded	125	parent
21	toad	56	stale	91	evolve	126	phobia
22	warn	57	stars	92	falcon	127	planet
23	angst	58	sweat	93	famous	128	plight
24	badge	59	trots	94	filmed	129	polite
25	belch	60	twice	95	framed	130	power
26	daisy	61	value	96	freely	131	public
27	diary	62	wager	97	fright	132	quench
28	drama	63	wails	98	future	133	rafter
29	essay	64	yield	99	gender	134	reader
30	fence	65	accept	100	glumly	135	recipe
31	flask	66	afraid	101	gossip	136	reduce
32	flint	67	ambled	102	Greece	137	remote
33	flyer	68	appeal	103	growth	138	review
34	gleam	69	beauty	104	guitar	139	revive
35	goals	70	career	105	hollow	140	rhythm



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141	sachet	176	amusing	211	cyclist	246	message
142	sacred	177	ancient	212	cynical	247	monitor
143	saddle	178	answers	213	derived	248	neglect
144	sanely	179	anxious	214	destiny	249	opinion
145	scarce	180	arguing	215	dioxide	250	paradox
146	script	181	artwork	216	diploma	251	passion
147	shiver	182	babbles	217	disease	252	peasant
148	shovel	183	babysit	218	dreaded	253	pimples
149	simile	184	barrel	219	e-books	254	plumber
150	sought	185	believe	220	emotion	255	pollute
151	speech	186	bemused	221	emotive	256	popcorn
152	squats	187	benches	222	equator	257	portion
153	squeak	188	bottles	223	erected	258	portray
154	strike	189	bubbles	224	exactly	259	poster
155	struck	190	bullies	225	extreme	260	prefers
156	sultry	191	butcher	226	factual	261	prepare
157	sunset	192	charity	227	federal	262	present
158	survey	193	cheered	228	foreign	263	pricker
159	tavern	194	choices	229	fragile	264	promise
160	terror	195	college	230	galaxy	265	quietly
161	threat	196	command	231	glanced	266	realist
162	trophy	197	complex	232	gravely	267	recycle
163	unique	198	comrade	233	harbour	268	referee
164	valour	199	conceal	234	hearing	269	replied
165	wealth	200	concise	235	impress	270	respect
166	welder	201	confess	236	inherit	271	respond
167	whined	202	conform	237	injured	272	sarcasm
168	wisdom	203	conjure	238	insulin	273	scarves
169	wizard	204	consent	239	intense	274	scrawny
170	wobbly	205	consume	240	javelin	275	serious
171	wonder	206	country	241	justice	276	silence
172	writer	207	courage	242	kneeled	277	similar
173	zebras	208	cronies	243	library	278	someone
174	achieve	209	cunning	244	lioness	279	spinach
175	amazing	210	customs	245	lovable	280	stadium



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281	stooped	316	brambles	351	engineer	386	mechanic
282	student	317	brochure	352	enjoying	387	metonymy
283	sunrise	318	business	353	executed	388	miracles
284	terrain	319	campaign	354	exhibits	389	mouthful
285	therapy	320	cellular	355	expected	390	murmured
286	timidly	321	ceremony	356	exploits	391	narrator
287	toiling	322	champion	357	fabulous	392	negative
288	toolbox	323	channels	358	facility	393	obituary
289	tourism	324	cheerful	359	faltered	394	occasion
290	tragedy	325	cheetahs	360	feminine	395	opinions
291	triumph	326	chirping	361	findings	396	outdoors
292	Tuesday	327	clearing	362	finished	397	overview
293	upgrade	328	conflict	363	frighten	398	oxymoron
294	usually	329	confront	364	galaxies	399	pavilion
295	uttered	330	confused	365	garlands	400	personal
296	venison	331	conserve	366	generous	401	persuade
297	veteran	332	consoled	367	geometry	402	pinpoint
298	vibrant	333	corporal	368	gloomily	403	politely
299	voucher	334	cowardly	369	graduate	404	positive
300	webpage	335	creation	370	grateful	405	powerful
301	whereas	336	creative	371	grumbles	406	precious
302	whistle	337	criteria	372	gullible	407	prepared
303	worried	338	critical	373	headline	408	preserve
304	activist	339	dejected	374	heritage	409	previous
305	agitated	340	dictator	375	homework	410	quantity
306	altitude	342	delicacy	376	humorous	411	reaction
307	annually	341	deserted	377	hungrier	412	recently
308	applause	343	diabetes	378	identify	413	refugees
309	aquarium	344	divulged	379	ignorant	414	rejoiced
310	athletes	345	doorbell	380	illusion	415	released
311	attitude	346	download	381	instruct	416	research
312	audience	347	ellipsis	382	labelled	417	revising
313	banquets	348	employee	383	lifelong	418	rhetoric
314	barefoot	349	employer	384	mandarin	419	scenario
315	bicycles	350	endeared	385	marathon	420	scorched



421	secretly	456	astronomy	491	curiosity	526	harangued
422	speckled	457	attitudes	492	customers	527	hilarious
423	steaming	458	automatic	493	decisions	528	hooligans
424	strategy	459	auxiliary	494	delicious	529	hyperbole
425	striding	460	beautiful	495	different	530	imaginary
426	studying	461	biography	496	dignified	531	impending
427	suitable	462	blossomed	497	directory	532	increased
428	surprise	463	boomerang	498	dismissed	533	indicates
429	syllable	464	breakfast	499	earphones	534	indignant
430	textbook	465	brilliant	500	eightieth	535	influence
431	thousand	466	brimstone	501	embarrass	536	ingenious
432	together	467	broadcast	502	entertain	537	injection
433	tourists	468	buzzwords	503	euphemism	538	intercede
434	towering	469	carefully	504	everybody	539	interpret
435	transfer	470	casements	505	exception	540	interview
436	triangle	471	challenge	506	excitedly	541	intrigued
437	universe	472	childhood	507	exclaimed	542	introduce
438	valuable	473	chocolate	508	executive	543	invisible
439	vuvuzela	474	clockwise	509	extremely	544	irregular
440	warthogs	475	coherence	510	fabricate	545	knowledge
441	wavering	476	comedians	511	favourite	546	librarian
442	yourself	477	commotion	512	fireplace	547	loyalties
443	according	478	companion	513	flattered	548	masculine
444	addresses	479	concealed	514	fledgling	549	massaging
445	advertise	480	conceited	515	following	550	memorable
446	agreeable	481	concerned	516	foolishly	551	mentioned
447	agreement	482	confident	517	fortunate	552	miserable
448	ambiguity	483	confusing	518	frequency	553	mobilised
449	ambitious	484	contained	519	genealogy	554	moonlight
450	ambulance	485	corrected	520	gibberish	555	mythology
451	antenatal	486	courteous	521	glamorous	556	narrative
452	anthology	487	creatures	522	gratitude	557	objective
453	anxiously	488	criticism	523	hamburger	558	optometry
454	assisting	489	crocodile	524	handiwork	559	penalties
455	assonance	490	crossword	525	happening	560	penniless



561	persevere	596	tolerance	631	climograph	666	endangered
562	pervasive	597	tormented	632	collecting	667	especially
563	pessimist	598	trademark	633	colloquial	668	eventually
564	pollution	599	tradition	634	commercial	669	everything
565	portfolio	600	trampling	635	compassion	670	exaggerate
566	predators	601	transform	636	compelling	671	excitement
567	prejudice	602	turbulent	637	competence	672	expression
568	principal	603	unhealthy	638	complement	673	figurative
569	promenade	604	volunteer	639	completely	674	footprints
570	providing	605	waterhole	640	compulsory	675	forgetting
571	rationing	606	whichever	641	conclusion	676	formidable
572	recommend	607	wonderful	642	consonance	677	frequently
573	referring	608	workplace	643	contextual	678	frightened
574	regularly	609	accountant	644	continuous	679	generalise
575	religions	610	accustomed	645	conviction	680	generation
576	renovated	611	administer	646	convincing	681	generosity
577	sabotages	612	admiration	647	courageous	682	glucometer
578	sacrifice	613	antiseptic	648	creativity	683	goalkeeper
579	saxophone	614	apostrophe	649	criticised	684	government
580	scattered	615	appetising	650	decomposes	685	gracefully
581	scientist	616	appreciate	651	deficiency	686	graduation
582	semicolon / semi-colon	617	approaches	652	definitely	687	grudgingly
583	seriously	618	assessment	653	delicately	688	hesitantly
584	shattered	619	astonished	654	deposition	689	importance
585	shipwreck	620	astronomer	655	determined	690	impression
586	splinters	621	belongings	656	dictionary	691	indicating
587	squirming	622	benevolent	657	difference	692	indulgence
588	statement	623	bewildered	658	directions	693	inevitable
589	strutting	624	boastfully	659	discussing	694	infectious
590	submarine	625	brainstorm	660	dispensing	695	infinitive
591	summaries	626	calculator	661	disrespect	696	influenced
592	tautology	627	caricature	662	distraught	697	insecurity
593	teenagers	628	cautiously	663	distressed	698	internally
594	telescope	629	changeable	664	distribute	699	irrational
595	thesaurus	630	characters	665	emphasised	700	journalist



701	laboratory	729	reputation	757	vulnerable	785	personification
702	management	730	respectful	758	yourselves	786	Dubai
703	marvellous	731	rhetorical	759	arrangement	787	anti-climax
704	meticulous	732	sculptures	760	belligerent	788	cell phone
705	microchips	733	separately	761	celebration	789	dress code
706	millennium	734	shuddering	762	consequence	790	e-reader
707	monotonous	735	stargazing	763	controversy	791	Facebook
708	motivating	736	stereotype	764	distributed	792	game ranger
709	mysterious	737	sufficient	765	environment	793	close-knit
710	oppressors	738	sunglasses	766	fanatically	794	passers-by
711	optimistic	739	supervisor	767	fashionable	795	rooibos tea
712	originally	740	suspicious	768	interrogate	796	semi-final
713	outrageous	741	tambourine	769	precipitate	797	tinder-box
714	parliament	742	techniques	770	prestigious	798	bubblegum / bubble gum / bubble-gum
715	participle	743	technology	771	rectangular		
716	passageway	744	terrifying	772	scandalized		
717	persuasive	745	themselves	773	serviceable		
718	phenomenon	746	thoughtful	774	considerable		
719	positioned	747	traditions	775	insufficient		
720	possessive	748	tremendous	776	surveillance		
721	precocious	749	triumphant	777	unbelievable		
722	privileges	750	ubiquitous	778	approximately		
723	punishment	751	unbearable	779	extraordinary		
724	quadrangle	752	underlined	780	inconvenience		
725	reassemble	753	unexpected	781	metamorphosis		
726	recklessly	754	university	782	procrastinate		
727	remembered	755	unreliable	783	unenforceable		
728	reproduced	756	unsanitary	784	characteristic		

Sanlam WOW Spelling Festival: Provincial & National 2026

Date	Province	Town/City
31 July	Limpopo	Mokopane
6 August	Mpumalanga	Middelburg
15 August	KwaZulu-Natal	TBC
19 August	North West	Brits
11 September	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 www.woordfees.co.za/en/wat-ons-doen/.
Documentation for 2026 available on website.

Dates for Spelling Festivals:

Registered schools will be notified. Visit our website for updates.

Provincial and national Spelling Festivals:

List of dates on website.

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