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1	well	36	harry	71	threw	106	cactus
2	aback	37	harsh	72	thump	107	catnap
3	abbey	38	haste	73	thyme	108	cattle
4	abhor	39	hatch	74	tiara	109	caught
5	abide	40	haunt	75	torch	110	cavern
6	abode	41	haven	76	udder	111	cavity
7	aloof	42	havoc	77	ulcer	112	censor
8	bacon	43	icing	78	union	113	clique
9	badge	44	ideal	79	unite	114	cynics
10	badly	45	ingot	80	vault	115	dabble
11	baggy	46	jeans	81	vegan	116	dagger
12	bring	47	kayak	82	vicar	117	dainty
13	brink	48	khaki	83	wench	118	decide
14	brisk	49	label	84	whole	119	devoid
15	cabin	50	laden	85	wrong	120	devote
16	cable	51	ladle	86	yacht	121	devour
17	cache	52	lager	87	yearn	122	devout
18	cause	53	lance	88	yeast	123	eczema
19	cease	54	marry	89	yield	124	edible
20	daily	55	nudge	90	yodel	125	editor
21	diary	56	oasis	91	young	126	efface
22	edify	57	obese	92	youth	127	fabric
23	fable	58	pagan	93	zebra	128	facet
24	farce	59	quack	94	abduct	129	fasten
25	fatal	60	quail	95	ablaze	130	father
26	gaunt	61	quake	96	aboard	131	fathom
27	goose	62	qualm	97	abound	132	fulfil
28	gorge	63	quart	98	adjoin	133	gerund
29	gourd	64	quash	99	babble	134	gossip
30	grace	65	radio	100	baboon	135	gotten
31	grade	66	raise	101	backup	136	govern
32	gravy	67	rally	102	badger	137	grease
33	graze	68	realm	103	baffle	138	harlot
34	great	69	scarf	104	bathos	139	hassle
35	hardy	70	scene	105	cackle	140	haunch



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141	hyphen	176	marrow	211	sedate	246	baggage
142	iambic	177	matron	212	syntax	247	bribery
143	icicle	178	mumble	213	thrice	248	brinjal
144	inhale	179	nephew	214	thrill	249	bristle
145	injure	180	nestle	215	thrive	250	cabinet
146	injury	181	nether	216	throat	251	capable
147	jackal	182	neuter	217	thwart	252	caution
148	jacket	183	nozzle	218	ticket	253	cavalry
149	jagged	184	nuance	219	tickle	254	ceiling
150	jangle	185	nudity	220	umpire	255	censure
151	jargon	186	nutmeg	221	unique	256	centred
152	jaunty	187	object	222	unisex	257	concept
153	jersey	188	oblige	223	unison	258	devise
154	jigsaw	189	oblong	224	unruly	259	devolve
155	judder	190	paddle	225	varied	260	diagram
156	judges	191	palace	226	varies	261	dialect
157	jungle	192	palate	227	velvet	262	diamond
158	kaftan	193	permit	228	vendor	263	dynamic
159	karate	194	pigeon	229	veneer	264	eclipse
160	kaross	195	quagga	230	warmly	265	ecology
161	kebab	196	quaint	231	warmth	266	economy
162	kennel	197	quarry	232	yellow	267	ecstasy
163	kernel	198	quartz	233	yonder	268	edifice
164	kettle	199	quaver	234	yours	269	edition
165	kimono	200	queasy	235	zenith	270	envious
166	kindle	201	radius	236	zodiac	271	expense
167	labels	202	rafter	237	abalone	272	fantasy
168	labour	203	rakish	238	abandon	273	farther
169	lagoon	204	really	239	abdomen	274	fashion
170	lament	205	reason	240	ability	275	fatigue
171	league	206	savour	241	abolish	276	gorilla
172	lumber	207	scenic	242	analyse	277	gosling
173	mammal	208	scent	243	ancient	278	gourmet
174	marker	209	sector	244	aphesis	279	gradual
175	maroon	210	secure	245	babysit	280	gravity



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282	harmony	317	netball	352	secrete	387	adjourn
283	harness	318	network	353	section	388	advanced
284	harvest	319	nuclear	354	secular	389	allegory
285	hatchet	320	nucleus	355	shakier	390	allusion
286	haughty	321	numeral	356	slavery	391	antidote
287	iceberg	322	nursery	357	stative	392	arachnid
288	illicit	323	oblique	358	thrifty	393	aromatic
289	indexed	324	obscene	359	thunder	394	audience
290	ingrown	325	obscure	360	topping	395	aviation
291	inherit	326	ominous	361	topple	396	awakened
292	inhibit	327	omitted	362	tuition	397	bachelor
293	initial	328	omnibus	363	variety	398	backdate
294	javelin	329	paddock	364	various	399	backyard
295	jaywalk	330	pageant	365	varnish	400	bacteria
296	jealous	331	painful	366	varsity	401	borrowed
297	jeepers	332	palatal	367	vehicle	402	cannibal
298	karaoke	333	pallor	368	vending	403	carriage
299	keeping	334	pancake	369	virtues	404	cemetery
300	ketchup	335	paradox	370	voyages	405	chivalry
301	keyword	336	paronym	371	warfare	406	cylinder
302	kibbitz	337	phrasal	372	warning	407	cynicism
303	kibbutz	338	promise	373	warrant	408	daffodil
304	ladder	339	qualify	374	welcome	409	defining
305	laities	340	quarrel	375	welfare	410	derelict
306	landing	341	quarter	376	western	411	diabetes
307	lecture	342	quartet	377	wetland	412	diagnose
308	litotes	343	radical	378	wetsuit	413	diagonal
309	luggage	344	railing	379	whither	414	dialogue
310	lullaby	345	raiment	380	whittle	415	diameter
311	lumbago	346	rainbow	381	whoever	416	diaspora
312	marimba	347	realise	382	zoology	417	disarmed
313	marital	348	reality	383	abattoir	418	disguise
314	marquee	349	scarlet	384	abnormal	419	downtown
315	marquis	350	scatter	385	abortion	420	dreadful



421	economic	456	landmark	491	quadrant	526	ambiguity
422	ellipsis	457	lavatory	492	quantify	527	amphibian
423	enormous	458	marinade	493	quatrain	528	annoyance
424	epilogue	459	marinate	494	radiator	529	archenemy
425	fabulous	460	maritime	495	rainfall	530	artillery
426	faraway	461	marksman	496	receipts	531	assailant
427	farewell	462	marriage	497	refinery	532	atonement
428	farmyard	463	membrane	498	rhapsody	533	auxiliary
429	farthest	464	metonymy	499	roughage	534	backstage
430	feminine	465	molecule	500	scathing	535	backtrack
431	furthest	466	mosquito	501	scenario	536	badminton
432	generous	467	multiple	502	security	537	cathartic
433	glaciers	468	nepotism	503	singular	538	cathedral
434	glossary	469	nitrogen	504	sinister	539	celebrity
435	gorgeous	470	nonsense	505	solitary	540	chronical
436	governor	471	nuisance	506	souvenir	541	colleague
437	graceful	472	numerous	507	suitable	542	courteous
438	gracious	473	nutrient	508	tattooed	543	debatable
439	gradient	474	obedient	509	thriller	544	decathlon
440	growling	475	obituary	510	ulterior	545	dependent
441	harmless	476	obsolete	511	ultimate	546	diacritic
442	highbrow	477	omelette	512	universe	547	diaphragm
443	homonyms	478	omission	513	variable	548	diarrhoea
444	hydrogen	479	omnivore	514	vehement	549	dissolved
445	innuendo	480	oxymoron	515	velocity	550	dormitory
446	judicial	481	pacifier	516	vendetta	551	ebullient
447	kangaroo	482	palpable	517	warranty	552	eccentric
448	keenness	483	pamphlet	518	whomever	553	economics
449	keyboard	484	pancreas	519	wretched	554	ecosystem
450	kickback	485	pandemic	520	yourself	555	education
451	kilowatt	486	parallel	521	zucchini	556	emphasise
452	knapsack	487	pharmacy	522	aborigine	557	etymology
453	ladybird	488	physique	523	adjective	558	euphemism
454	ladyship	489	prologue	524	allegedly	559	expensive
455	lamppost	490	puncture	525	alongside	560	extensive



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561	fabricate	596	monologue	631	silkworms	666	backstreet
562	farmstead	597	multitude	632	soliloquy	667	backstroke
563	fascinate	598	neologism	633	stoppable	668	believable
564	flashback	599	numerator	634	strictest	669	benevolent
565	forefront	600	numerical	635	swearword	670	binoculars
566	genealogy	601	objective	636	symbioses	671	boisterous
567	generally	602	oblivious	637	synagogue	672	camouflage
568	geography	603	obnoxious	638	tautology	673	caricature
569	hierarchy	604	obsession	639	terrarium	674	cellophane
570	humiliate	605	offensive	640	thesaurus	675	changeable
571	hyperbole	606	overreact	641	threshold	676	colloquial
572	idiomatic	607	packaging	642	thumbnail	677	comparison
573	imaginary	608	permanent	643	traceable	678	concession
574	inanimate	609	physician	644	turquoise	679	crustacean
575	ideology	610	polysemes	645	twentieth	680	curriculum
576	inference	611	precisely	646	ultimatum	681	decisively
577	injection	612	precision	647	unanimous	682	denotation
578	irregular	613	predicate	648	undefined	683	diminutive
579	isosceles	614	privilege	649	universal	684	disruptive
580	jellyfish	615	programme	650	unsavoury	685	eventually
581	jetsetter	616	promotion	651	variation	686	exaggerate
582	jewellery	617	quadruped	652	vegetable	687	exceptions
583	judicious	618	quotation	653	venerable	688	experience
584	kilometre	619	realistic	654	warehouse	689	experiment
585	laborious	620	rearrange	655	whichever	690	fastidious
586	labyrinth	621	recommend	656	witticism	691	figurative
587	liberties	622	reference	657	xylophone	692	forefather
588	lifeguard	623	reflexive	658	yesterday	693	froggeries
589	limousine	624	reminisce	659	youngster	694	genderless
590	lookalike	625	scarecrow	660	additional	695	gooseberry
591	lucrative	626	scavenger	661	adjudicate	696	government
592	marketing	627	scripture	662	antithesis	697	guinea pig
593	marmalade	628	secretary	663	apostrophe	698	habitation
594	marsupial	629	sedentary	664	archbishop	699	hieroglyph
595	monastery	630	semicolon / semi-colon	665	auditorium	700	homographs



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701	homophones	736	persuasive	771	camaraderie	806	orthography
702	ideologies	737	phenomenon	772	catchphrase	807	pandemonium
703	imperative	738	portfolios	773	caterpillar	808	parenthesis
704	indicative	739	propaganda	774	cauliflower	809	permissible
705	inflection	740	quarantine	775	chlorophyll	810	portmanteau
706	ingredient	741	rainforest	776	circulation	811	predicative
707	inhabitant	742	reappraise	777	classifying	812	prehistoric
708	initialise	743	rebranding	778	commemorate	813	progressive
709	initialism	744	redundancy	779	comparative	814	punctuation
710	initiation	745	regretting	780	conditional	815	qualitative
711	initiative	746	repetition	781	connotation	816	quantifiers
712	injunction	747	rhetorical	782	consolidate	817	radioactive
713	jeopardise	748	rheumatism	783	correlative	818	radiologist
714	laboratory	749	silhouette	784	delegations	819	separatists
715	lacklustre	750	spoonerism	785	democracies	820	serviceable
716	landlocked	751	stimulates	786	determiners	821	sovereignty
717	lugubrious	752	succession	787	dicotyledon	822	stethoscope
718	marionette	753	synecdoche	788	dilapidated	823	subjunctive
719	millennium	754	truncation	789	disgruntled	824	subordinate
720	miraculous	755	ubiquitous	790	distinguish	825	superlative
721	morphology	756	ultimately	791	exceptional	826	thermometer
722	multimedia	757	ultrasound	792	exclamation	827	thunderbolt
723	negligible	758	unbearable	793	expenditure	828	ultraviolet
724	neurotoxic	759	unreliable	794	fashionable	829	uncountable
725	nutritious	760	unrivalled	795	firefighter	830	afterthought
726	obligation	761	vaudeville	796	fluorescent	831	alliteration
727	obliterate	762	vegetation	797	haemorrhage	832	consequences
728	obsequious	763	vertebrate	798	industrious	833	constitution
729	observance	764	victorious	799	informative	834	coordinating/co-ordinating
730	omnipotent	765	xenophobia	800	maintaining	835	indefinitely
731	painkiller	766	yellowtail	801	malapropism	836	inhospitable
732	parliament	767	yellowwood	802	marshmallow	837	intransitive
733	passionate	768	absenteeism	803	nationality	838	onomatopoeia
734	permission	769	alternative	804	neurologist	839	overabundant
735	pernicious	770	attributive	805	observatory	840	perseverance



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841	prepositions	869	cell phone	897	self-defence
842	trigonometry	870	drug abuse	898	sight-seeing
843	tuberculosis	871	e-commerce	899	warm-blooded
844	approximately	872	fun-filled	900	father-in-law
845	compassionate	873	guinea pig		
846	implementation	874	hard-wired		
847	infrastructure	875	high-class		
848	naïve	876	ready-made		
849	Venda	877	rear-guard		
850	Xhosa	878	time-share/timeshare		
851	yo-yo	879	well-known		
852	e-book	880	well-to-do		
853	Jewish	881	able-bodied		
854	top-up	882	after-party		
855	Celsius	883	anti-climax		
856	January	884	credit card		
857	jet-ski	885	far-fetched		
858	Judaism	886	far-sighted		
859	Khoisan	887	Middle Ages		
860	mark-up	888	self-esteem		
861	now-now	889	topsy-turvy		
862	warm-up	890	arch-villain		
863	yes-man	891	audio-visual		
864	high-end	892	eco-friendly		
865	Khoikhoi	893	hard-working		
866	sell-out	894	never-ending		
867	Thursday	895	non-gradable		
868	well-off	896	self-control		

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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