

## James Maguire's American Bee Word List, Part I

I compiled this list as I read James Maguire's excellent book [\*American Bee: The National Spelling Bee and the Culture of Word Nerds\*](#). These words are mentioned in the book as words asked at spelling bees. This list includes 292 words and is the first part of the entire list. Please see <http://www.sensulato.com/> for the second part of the list, and more word lists. These words have been checked against Webster's Unabridged.

abacus	cappuccino	esurient	ingratiate
Acacia	captious	eudaemonic	insouciant
acajou	Carnauba	faience	intelligible
accompaniment	cauliflower	fanfaronade	intussusception
accordion	chiaroscuro	fantoccini	irradiant
acesodyne	chicanery	fasciculation	isosceles
achievement	Chihuahua	ferrule	jaconet
adequate	chimichanga	forehead	juniper
akropodion	clavis	fuliginous	keeshond
allograph	commination	gadarene	khan
alluvial	condominium	gamboge	Kierkegaardian
almagest	corollary	gaminerie	kimono
alopocoid	corposant	gamut	kirtle
anaptyxis	corral	genoise	kiwi
antediluvian	corticoline	geophagy	knack
anthropomorphic	cortile	Giaour	kouros
archipelago	craquelure	gigot	kulak
arete	cribral	gladiolus	labyrinthine
arrogate	cuisine	glitch	lacertilia
arundinaceous	daguerreotype	gnathonic	lagniette
autochthonous	deliquescent	Gomorrah	latkes
avocation	denazify	gradient	liturgical
balancelle	desiccate	grapel	logodaedaly
balbriggan	discuss	hackamore	logorrhea
Balearic	distension	harassment	luftmensch
Balmoral	dolcissimo	heliotaxis	luxuriance
Bdellium	dulcimer	hemorrhage	macerate
beagle	dyeing	heterogeneous	macropodous
beleaguered	ecdysis	hibachi	maculature
boeotian	ectogenous	horripilation	mahout
bouchon	edelweiss	hydrocephalic	martial
boudin	electroencephalograph	hygrophilous	Mediterranean
boulevardier	eleemosynary	hyperborean	meiosis
bourgeoisie	elucubrate	ichthyology	meticulously
braggadocio	empennage	incinerate	mignonette
brethren	enchilada	incisor	mimicked
browse	encroachment	increscent	monastery
Bunraku	escharotic	infinitesimal	monotocous
cabotage	esquamulose	infringement	mouchoir

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moussaka	photograph	rorqual	supersede
murrain	planetary	rotulet	sycophant
nacelle	poimenics	Rubicon	synovial
narcolepsy	poncho	rubicund	syzygy
nepenthe	potato	sacciform	tarmac
netiquette	president	sachem	telencephalon
Nigerois	profligacy	salicylate	tenor
numbskull	prognosis	sanitarium	termagant
numen	prolegomenon	sarcophagus	tessellated
oblatory	promiscuous	sarwan	testaceous
occurrence	pronunciation	Satan	trenchant
oligarchy	propinquity	schappe	trianon
omphaloskepsis	protocol	scheherazadian	triglycerides
onomastics	psaltery	schwarmerei	triskaidekophobia
ophelimity	psittacine	sciolism	triskelion
opsimath	psychiatry	senary	turgescent
optician	Purim	senescing	ullaged
orthostichous	purview	separate	vaccary
ossification	Qatari	shalloon	vacillant
palimpsest	rabbinical	shrieval	variegated
panmyelopathy	ratatouille	silicicolous	vibrissae
parrhesia	recede	solecism	vilipend
parvenuism	receipt	solipsistic	vimineous
pasigraphy	reconnaissance	sophrosyne	vinegarroon
patella	referable	soubrette	virescence
paucity	reggae	springerle	virgule
pergola	renege	stalactite	vitrophyre
peristalsis	resiliency	stationary	viviseulture
perspicuity	revanche	stereopticon	vouchsafe
pettifoggery	rhinoceros	strengthen	warison
pharisaical	rhinorrhagia	strenuosity	Weimaraner
pharynx	rhubarb	succedaneum	worsted
phenology	rhythm	sumpsimus	zarzuela
philippic	rijsttafel	supernaculum	zetetic