

James Maguire's American Bee Word List

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 594 words. Please see <http://www.sensulato.com/> for more word lists. These words have been checked against Webster's Unabridged.

abacus	badigeon	carcinogenic	crouton
abeyance	baignoire	Carnauba	crucible
Acacia	balancelle	casserole	cubitiere
acajou	balbriggan	cationic	cuisine
acarophobia	Balearic	Catullian	cyclolysis
accompaniment	Balmoral	cauliflower	daguerreotype
accordion	banausic	cancel	daguerreotypes
acesodyne	banderillero	ceraunograph	decile
acetarious	Bdellium	chaetophorous	defer
achievement	beagle	charcuterie	deleteriously
adequate	beleaguered	chatelaine	deliquescent
adjuvant	belonoid	chayote	denazify
aition	betony	chenet	desiccate
akropodion	blepharal	chevesaile	devastavit
Alembert	boeotian	chiaroscurist	dioscuric
allograph	boiserie	chicanery	diphthongize
alluvial	borborygmus	Chihuahua	discuss
almagest	bouchon	chimichanga	dissilient
alopocoid	boudin	Chinook	dissymmetry
alstroemeria	boulevardier	chiral	distension
anaptyxis	bourgeoisie	cholecyst	diverticulum
anarchy	braggadocio	chresard	doily
anemology	brethren	chromometer	dolcissimo
anorak	brigantine	clavis	domiciliated
antediluvian	brocade	cloture	domra
antemortem	brochette	coelostat	doughty
anthropomorphic	browse	coercion	drepaniform
aphasia	brummagem	cognate	dulcimer
apoplexy	Bunraku	commination	dyeing
appoggiatura	cabotinage	condominium	dysrhythmia
arbutus	caldera	congelifract	eatage
archipelago	cancellous	conscientious	ecdysis
arcology	cancrizans	corollary	ecru
arete	canitist	corposant	ectogenous
arrogate	canzonettas	corral	edelweiss
arundinaceous	capitulation	cortege	electroencephalograph
augean	cappuccino	corticoline	eleemosynary
autochthonous	captious	cortile	elucubrate
avocation	capuan	craquelure	emetic
ayuntamiento	carbohydrate	cribral	eminentissimo

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empennage	gigot	interstice	luftmensch
enchilada	giusto	intussusception	luge
encroachment	glacis	irradiant	luxuriance
ensemble	gladiolus	irrefragable	Lysenkoism
entrecote	glitch	irreverent	macerate
epicalyx	glycerol	isosceles	Machiavellian
epideictic	gnathonic	jabot	macropodous
erudite	Gomorrah	jaconet	maculature
erythrophobia	gradient	jamrosade	mahogany
escharotic	graupel	janiform	mahout
espionage	graveolent	jaundice	mandir
esquamulose	gusset	jerkin	maquiladora
esurient	hackamore	jicama	martial
etouffee	harassment	jiggety	Mediterranean
etymology	heliotaxis	julep	meiosis
eudaemonic	Hellenic	juniper	Meissen
excelsior	hemorrhage	keeshond	metalloid
excruciating	hermetically	kenning	meticulously
exsiccosis	heterogeneous	keratinophilic	mignonette
faience	hibachi	khan	millennium
fanfaronade	hibernal	Kierkegaardian	mimicked
fantoccini	hodiernal	kimono	misinterpret
fasciculation	hooroosh	kirtle	mobilize
ferrule	horripilation	kiwi	moire
feuilleton	hydrocephalic	knack	momentary
flamborough	hygrophilous	Kneippism	monastery
flammulated	hyperborean	kouros	monomeniscous
forehead	hypochondria	kraken	monotocous
fretum	ichthyology	kulak	mouchoir
fritillary	ikat	labyrinth	moussaka
fulgurant	immalleable	labyrinthine	mucedinaceous
fuliginous	incinerate	lacertilia	murrain
fustian	incisor	Laetrile	myotonia
futurity	increscent	lagniappe	myriads
gadarene	incunabula	laity	myxomatosis
gallipot	infancy	lathe	nacelle
gamboge	infidel	latkes	narcolepsy
gaminerie	infinitesimal	leprosy	naumachia
gamut	infringement	levirate	necromancy
garderobe	ingratiante	lignite	nepenthe
genoise	inion	Lilliputian	nephrolithiasis
genuflect	initials	liturgical	netiquette
geophagy	insouciant	lochetic	netiquette
Giaour	intelligible	logodaedaly	Nigerois
gibbet	internecine	logorrhea	nuchal

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numbskull	pharisaical	rabbinical	schappe
numen	pharisaical	rapprochement	schefflera
objicient	pharynx	ratatouille	scheherazadian
oblatory	phenology	rathskeller	scherenschnitte
occurrence	philippic	recede	schnecke
odylic	photograph	receipt	schwarmerei
oligarchy	pierritage	reconnaissance	scilicet
oligopsony	planetary	redoubt	sciolism
omphaloskepsis	plexure	referable	sciosophy
onomasiologic	plumassier	reggae	sclerosis
onomastics	podilegous	regicide	scrim
onychophagy	poimenics	rejuvenescent	scythe
ophelimity	pompier	relic	selenic
opprobrium	poncho	renascent	senary
opsimath	potato	renege	senescing
optician	president	resiliency	separate
orfeverie	pridian	retiary	serang
ormolu	primogeniture	reticulated	shalloon
ornithorhynchous	priscilla	revanche	shamateurism
orthostichous	profligacy	rhinoceros	sherpa
ossification	prognosis	rhinorrhagia	shogunate
otiosity	prolegomenon	rhubarb	shrieval
outfield	promiscuous	rhythm	Sikhism
palimpsest	pronunciation	rijsttafel	silicolous
palooka	propinquity	rorqual	skirret
panmyelopathy	proprietary	Roscian	sluggard
paraselene	protein	rotulet	sobornost
parquetry	protocol	rubella	solecism
parrhesia	pruritus	Rubicon	solipsistic
parvenuism	psaltery	rubicund	sophrosyne
pasigraphy	psittacine	ruminate	soubrette
pasqueflower	psychiatry	rupicaprine	souvenir
patella	pudibund	rutabaga	sphygmomanometer
paucity	puissant	sabbatical	springerle
peccavi	pulchritudinous	sacciform	stalactite
pedant	Purim	sachem	stationary
pentateuchal	purview	salaam	stellated
Pepysian	putrilage	salicylate	stereopticon
pergola	putsch	sandinista	stomach
perimysium	Qatari	sanitarium	stratocracy
peristalsis	quenelle	sapphire	strengthen
peritonitis	querimonious	sarcophagus	strenuosity
perjury	quesadilla	sarwan	succedaneum
perspicuity	quizzically	Satan	sumpsimus
pettifoggery	quondam	scabbard	supernaculum

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supersede	thurible	trochanter	virescence
sycophant	tilde	tropholytic	virgule
sylogize	tintinnabulation	trouvaille	vitrophyre
synapse	tombolo	turgescent	vivisepture
synchronization	tonitruous	ullaged	vorago
syncope	tontiner	ulpan	vouchsafe
synovial	topiary	unannotated	vuille
syzygy	toxophily	unobtrusively	warison
tarmac	transilience	unregenerate	wastrel
telencephalon	trefoil	upaithric	Watteau
tenor	trenchant	vaccary	Weimaraner
tergiversation	trianon	vacillant	whodunit
termagancy	trichotillomania	variegated	worsted
termagant	trierarchy	vibrissae	wunderkind
tessellated	triglycerides	vichyssoise	zarzuela
testaceous	trinket	vigintillion	zetetic
tetralemma	triskaidekaphobia	vilipend	zouave
thanatology	triskelion	vimineous	
thelytokous	tristachyous	vinegarroon	