

4TH GRADE SPELLING



Challenge Words

Unit 1.1: The Princess and the Pizza

1. sandwich	2. wealthy	3. slipped	4. magnify
5. clamped	6. alibi*	7. properly	8. peculiar*
9. shelves	10. grimace*	11. excitement	12. culprit *
13. sketches	14. miller	15. entertaining	16. crunches
17. positive*	18. skimming	19. smudge	20. typical

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Unit 1.2: Experts, Incorporated

1. mutual*	2. leisurely*	3. remain	4. nickname
5. display	6. wailing*	7. expedition*	8. approached
9. current*	10. impossible*	11. parade	12. admiration*
13. railway	14. fainting	15. mistake	16. eighteen
17. relay	18. claimed	19. impossible	20. obeyed

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Unit 1.3: Earthquakes

1. rigid*	2. development	3. succeed	4. latitude*
5. spectacular	6. appealing*	7. satellite*	8. longitude*
9. breathe	10. accomplish*	11. concrete	12. destructive
13. league*	14. eerie	15. scheme*	16. mystery
17. prediction	18. thrive*	19. potential	20. weary*

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Unit 1.4: A Crash Course in Forces and Motion with Max Axiom, Super Scientist

1. entertained	2. miniature*	3. slightly	4. retrieved*
5. fictional	6. offended*	7. tightly	8. twice
9. minding	10. frightened	11. filed	12. frequency*
13. reminded	14. lightning	15. resourceful*	16. commenced*
17. wiping	18. amazement	19. prime	20. suspiciously*

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Unit 1.5: Kids in Business

1. influence*	2. accumulate*	3. lonely	4. establishment*
5. entrepreneur*	6. impressive	7. continuous	8. groaned
9. motionless	10. enormous	11. quote	12. business
13. slowly	14. chosen	15. goalie	16. coaster
17. income	18. aggressive*	19. floating	20. woefully *

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Unit 2.1: The Secret Message

1. unmotivated	2. reimburse*	3. imperfect	4. responded
5. unimportant	6. relearned	7. indirectly	8. submarine
9. unchained	10. reselling	11. incorrectly	12. preseason
13. unloaded	14. rewashed	15. illegally	16. prerequisite*
17. unbelievable	18. rewind	19. overreacting	20. superpower

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Unit 2.2: Ranita, The Frog Princess

1. width	2. cherish*	3. ketchup	4. energetic*
5. dangerous	6. speechless	7. marshal	8. bringing
9. exhilarating	10. charade *	11. finished	12. photograph
13. conversations	14. surprised	15. embarrassment	16. physical
17. flinched *	18. sketched	19. contribute*	20. phase *

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Unit 2.3: The Buffalo Are Back

1. shredding	2. scrawny	3. departure*	4. thrillingly
5. information	6. screech	7. sprawl	8. awkward
9. shrugged	10. straighten	11. excursion*	12. throughout
13. shriek	14. stringy	15. splashing	16. powerful
17. script*	18. experiences	19. splotch	20. throttle*

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Unit 2.4: Spiders

1. seminar *	2. argue	3. temporarily*	4. afford
5. symmetrical	6. extraordinary*	7. customarily*	8. uproar
9. geography	10. predator	11. forward	12. aboard
13. enlarge	14. guitar	15. sincerely	16. necessary
17. courtesy	18. strengthen	19. scorch *	20. forecast

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Unit 2.5: "The Sandpiper"

1. acrobatic*	2. wonderful	3. shapeless	4. painless
5. gymnastic	6. beautifully	7. motionless	8. weakness
9. fantastic	10. graceful	11. pointless	12. nourishment*
13. allergic	14. athletic	15. anniversary*	16. absurdness
17. carefully	18. priority*	19. solemnly*	20. thoughtful

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Unit 3.1: The Cricket in Times Square

1. surrounded	2. superbly	3. squirming	4. magnifying*
5. emergency	6. herbivore*	7. permissible*	8. international*
9. herbal*	10. omnivore*	11. circular	12. murmured
13. sternly*	14. whirlwind	15. circulation*	16. purpose
17. serpent*	18. birthmark	19. furthermore	20. blurred

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Unit 3.2: Aguinaldo

1. wrinkle	2. kneading	3. resign*	4. resignation*
5. wriggle	6. kneel	7. thumbs	8. doubtless
9. wrapper	10. knives	11. symbol	12. autumn
13. wreckage	14. knowledgeable*	15. plumber	16. honesty
17. wrench	18. knowledge	19. assignment	20. honorable

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Unit 3.3: Delivering Justice

1. officers	2. specialize*	3. commanded	4. encounter
5. difference	6. audience *	7. generally	8. gingerly*
9. scenery	10. introduce	11. exchange *	12. arranged
13. decision	14. certain	15. judicial*	16. languages
17. steadily	18. innocent	19. executive*	20. villagers

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Unit 3.4: Abe's Honest Words

1. announcements	2. relationships	3. speeches	4. servants
5. festivals	6. batteries	7. arrows	8. celebrations
9. belongings	10. trophies	11. enemies	12. supplies
13. arches	14. hobbies	15. mysteries	16. mosses*
17. currents*	18. engines	19. ranches	20. armies

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Unit 3.5: A New Kind of Corn

1. masterpiece	2. bedspread	3. loudspeaker	4. overhead
5. heartbroken	6. clothesline	7. cliffhanger*	8. afterthought
9. waterproof	10. courtroom	11. undergrowth	12. laboratory
13. snowstorm	14. stomachache	15. undertake	16. environment
17. skateboard	18. grandparent	19. agriculture	20. fertilizer

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Unit 4.1: See How They Run

1. endured *	2. immediately	3. exploding	4. discussed
5. strumming *	6. outwitted*	7. admitting	8. demonstrated
9. exploded	10.interrupted	11.appeared	12.demonstrating
13.vanished	14.strummed*	15.appreciating	16.forcing
17.admitted	18.realized	19.engraved*	20.discussing

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Unit 4.2: LaRue for Mayor

1. funnier	2. varied	3. jumper	4. sorriest
5. handily	6. abilities	7. emptier	8. communities
9. pennies	10. carries	11. merrier	12. lazier
13. worried	14. easily	15. societies *	16. happiest
17. replied	18. silliest	19. cozily	20. dizziest

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Unit 4.3: The Moon Over Star

1. boost	2. shrewd *	3. tutor	4. huge
5. doodle *	6. parachute	7. bruised	8. mute
9. zoom	10. produce	11. juicy	12. communication
13. smooth	14. tissue	15. suits	16. crooked
17. crew	18. truthful	19. you'll	20. should

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Unit 4.4: Why Does the Moon Change Shape?

1. void *	2. voyage	3. thousand	4. downtown
5. hardboiled	6. mound	7. wound	8. cowboy
9. rejoice	10. trouser *	11. grouch	12. prowl *
13. annoyance	14. encounter	15. southpaw *	16. empower
17. destroy	18. announce	19. nowadays	20. howling

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Unit 4.5: "Swimming to the Rock"			
1. daughter	2. audience	3. shawl *	4. squall *
5. dinosaur	6. because	7. malt	8. wallpaper
9. applauded	10. vault *	11. halted	12. sought
13. caught	14. sprawling *	15. alteration	16. thoughtful
17. clause	18. strawberry	19. stalk	20. fought
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Unit 5.1: Mama, I'll Give You the World

1. blanket	2. distant	3. perhaps	4. swallow
5. blossom	6. foggy	7. planner	8. welcome
9. canyon *	10. fossil	11. plastic	12. willow
13. comfort	14. magnet	15. rumbles	16. windows
17. dipper	18. palmetto *	19. slender	20. witness

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Unit 5.2: Apples to Oregon

1. beyond	2. vacancy	3. prevention	4. cider
5. weasel *	6. decay	7. rehearse	8. finance
9. famous	10. defense	11. secretive	12. silence
13. radar	14. delayed	15. vetoed *	16. spoken
17. razor	18. demanding	19. bison	20. humid

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Unit 5.3: How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning

1. afraid	2. oatmeal	3. sneaker	4. discounted
5. maintain	6. beneath	7. afloat	8. accountable
9. quail	10. defeat	11. boast *	12. sheepish *
13. sprain	14. revealing	15. croaking	16. speeding
17. trainer	18. repeat	19. woeful	20. baboon

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Unit 5.4: A Drop of Water

1. grocery	2. tractor	3. waiter	4. harbor
5. professor	6. composer *	7. powder	8. anchor *
9. barbershop	10. ranger	11. danger	12. elevator
13. grammar	14. odor	15. cheddar	16. daughter
17. polar	18. collar	19. popular	20. victor

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Unit 5.5: Rediscovering our Spanish Beginnings

1. scribble	2. bicycle	3. jungle	4. freckle
5. trouble	6. needle	7. struggle	8. buckle
9. gamble	10. cradle *	11. scramble	12. wrinkle
13. humble *	14. ruffle	15. marble	16. hustle *
17. pebble	18. single	19. ankle	20. stifle

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Unit 6.1 The Game of Silence

1. fasten *	2. kitchen	3. certain	4. penguin
5. sunken	6. oxygen	7. mountain	8. salmon
9. eleven	10. mistaken	11. cousin	12. pardon *
13. woven	14. proven	15. raisin	16. common
17. straighten	18. often	19. muffin	20. skeleton

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Unit 6.2: Valley of the Moon

1. taught *	2. strait *	3. moose	4. whose
5. taut *	6. presence	7. mousse	8. boulder
9. principal	10. presents	11. weather	12. bolder
13. principle	14. doe	15. whether	16. patience *
17. straight *	18. dough	19. who's	20. patients *

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Unit 6.3: Energy Island

1. discourage	2. mismanage	3. nonessential	4. unofficial
5. disappointment	6. misheard	7. nonfiction	8. uncertain
9. disbelief	10. misfortune	11. nonsense	12. uncomfortable
13. disappear	14. misstep	15. nonspecific	16. unpredictable *
17. disloyal	18. misnumber	19. unable	20. unnecessary

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Unit 6.4: The Big Picture of Economics

1. wireless	2. barely	3. hopefully	4. foolishness
5. casually *	6. tasteless	7. happiness	8. annually
9. furry	10. wonderful	11. truthfulness	12. aimless
13. constantly	14. lifeless	15. sorrowful *	16. breathlessly
17. hurriedly	18. fitness	19. assuredly *	20. certainly

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Unit 6.5: "the drum"

1. unchanged	2. invisible	3. prejudged	4. semiweekly
5. unnamed	6. prepaid	7. interstate	8. happily
9. restated	10. displeased	11. intersection	12. kindness
13. reversible	14. inaction *	15. establishment	16. finally
17. infrequently *	18. oversized	19. deflate	20. fearful

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Goals for Challenge Spelling:

- 1. Improving spelling**
- 2. Improving study skills**
- 3. Improving vocabulary**
- 4. Improving word choice for writing**

Words that have an asterisk * by them are words that I believe most 4th graders would not know the meaning/definition. If you find that other words in the lists are also unknown to your child please let me know.

Words 1-5 or (6) are assigned challenge words from adopted spelling materials. Words 6-10 are challenged words found in the reading story for that week.

Please let me know if the words are too easy or difficult. I may also want to change these lists to include content area words from the science and social studies series.

Some words will be found on duplicate lists as I felt it would be important to review and check for mastery. Many vocabulary words are repeated in stories throughout this reading series.