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SPELLING WORDS  
GRADE 6

Lesson 1

*Words with Short Vowels  
and Vowel Digraphs*

1. absences
2. against
3. album
4. circuit
5. bronze
6. chess
7. biscuit
8. depth
9. cabinet
10. drenched
11. glimpse
12. nozzle
13. feather
14. plastic
15. publish
16. pulse
17. rapid
18. snack
19. solve
20. system

Challenge Words

21. adolescent
22. hectic
23. acknowledgment
24. amended
25. relegated

Lesson 2

*Words with Long Vowels  
and Vowel Digraphs*

1. sneeze
2. arcade
3. vacuum
4. breathe
5. belief
6. proclaim
7. entertain
8. quaint
9. aglow
10. saying
11. essay
12. tomorrow
13. coffee
14. stride
15. easel
16. approach
17. globe
18. polite
19. duty
20. grief

Challenge Words

21. acclaim
22. lagoon
23. caffeine
24. receipt
25. yield

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Lesson 3

*Words with Variant Vowels  
and Diphthongs*

1. authentic
2. launch
3. boycott
4. turquoise
5. withdrawn
6. awkward
7. faulty
8. applaud
9. jigsaw
10. curfew
11. pound
12. awesome
13. corduroy
14. shrewd
15. soothing
16. booklet
17. drowsy
18. moisture
19. flaunt
20. enough

Challenge Words

21. routinely
22. cauliflower
23. trauma
24. exhausted
25. newsworthy

Lesson 4

*Words with Inflections  
-ed and -ing*

1. decorating
2. applying
3. delaying
4. employed
5. studying
6. supposed
7. exciting
8. married
9. envied
10. studied
11. frightened
12. panicked
13. relayed
14. preparing
15. replied
16. invited
17. multiplied
18. planning
19. lying
20. served

Challenge Words

21. paralyzed
22. memorizing
23. concentrating
24. preferred
25. quarreled

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Lesson 5

*Review*

1. circuit
2. against
3. cabinet
4. feather
5. system
6. sneeze
7. proclaim
8. grief
9. approach
10. arcade
11. aglow
12. breathe
13. pound
14. applaud
15. turquoise
16. awkward
17. delaying
18. employed
19. replied
20. preparing

Lesson 6

*Words with  
Consonant -le*

1. nestle
2. mangle
3. feeble
4. crinkle
5. wobble
6. frazzle
7. obstacle
8. tickle
9. hustle
10. bridle
11. jumble
12. kindle
13. dwindle
14. swindle
15. assemble
16. mantle
17. brittle
18. freckle
19. muzzle
20. cuticle

Challenge Words

21. hassle
22. stifle
23. treble
24. mumble
25. dawdle

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Lesson 7

*Words with VCCV  
and VCCCV*

1. pattern
2. associate
3. exhale
4. bulletin
5. collapse
6. complaint
7. instance
8. dessert
9. difficulty
10. franchise
11. emphasize
12. exclude
13. disturb
14. mammoth
15. necessary
16. impact
17. splendid
18. stampede
19. survival
20. wander

Challenge Words

21. apostrophe
22. irritate
23. athletic
24. brilliant
25. penalty

Lesson 8

*Words with VCV*

1. report
2. climate
3. crusade
4. ego
5. retail
6. future
7. robot
8. humane
9. tiger
10. laser
11. lemon
12. limit
13. linen
14. major
15. minor
16. panel
17. sequel
18. valid
19. veto
20. vital

Challenge Words

21. critic
22. serum
23. memento
24. dilute
25. odorous

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Lesson 9

*Easily Confused Words*

1. accept
2. adapt
3. adopt
4. affect
5. allusion
6. complement
7. compliment
8. device
9. devise
10. effect
11. except
12. formally
13. formerly
14. illusion
15. incite
16. insight
17. principal
18. principle
19. precede
20. proceed

Challenge Word

21. latter
22. eminent
23. imminent
24. bizarre
25. bazaar

Lesson 10

*Review*

1. mangle
2. tickle
3. bridle
4. swindle
5. muzzle
6. bulletin
7. difficulty
8. exclude
9. survival
10. franchise
11. ego
12. linen
13. minor
14. veto
15. vital
16. complement
17. compliment
18. formally
19. formerly
20. precede

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Lesson 11

*Words with Suffixes*  
*-able, -ible*

1. noticeable
2. passable
3. convertible
4. wearable
5. avoidable
6. capable
7. profitable
8. applicable
9. accessible
10. breakable
11. destructible
12. excitable
13. invincible
14. sensible
15. edible
16. comprehensible
17. credible
18. returnable
19. permissible
20. reproducible

Challenge Words

21. manageable
22. probable
23. bearable
24. inflatable
25. survivable

Lesson 12

*Words with Suffixes*  
*-ous, -ious, -eous*

1. poisonous
2. glamorous
3. joyous
4. adventurous
5. courageous
6. disastrous
7. generous
8. miraculous
9. studious
10. hilarious
11. envious
12. industrious
13. infectious
14. mysterious
15. suspicious
16. advantageous
17. gorgeous
18. nutritious
19. nauseous
20. outrageous

Challenge Words

21. vicious
22. zealous
23. numerous
24. oblivious
25. carnivorous

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Lesson 13

*Words with Ending*  
*/ən/ and /əl/*

1. actual
2. beckon
3. burden
4. captain
5. comparison
6. example
7. foreign
8. people
9. informal
10. label
11. medal
12. peddle
13. personal
14. pigeon
15. several
16. special
17. sudden
18. natural
19. veteran
20. usual

Challenge Words

21. typical
22. reunion
23. practical
24. neutral
25. physician

Lesson 14

*Words with*  
*Ending /ər/*

1. beggar
2. burglar
3. cedar
4. computer
5. consumer
6. error
7. calendar
8. grammar
9. hanger
10. lumber
11. monitor
12. partner
13. pillar
14. prisoner
15. rumor
16. trader
17. traitor
18. vapor
19. vinegar
20. whimper

Challenge Words

21. nuclear
22. administer
23. murmur
24. triangular
25. indicator

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Lesson 15

*Review*

1. convertible
2. breakable
3. sensible
4. permissible
5. profitable
6. glamorous
7. infectious
8. advantageous
9. gorgeous
10. joyous
11. beckon
12. example
13. foreign
14. informal
15. sudden
16. consumer
17. monitor
18. rumor
19. vinegar
20. whimper

Lesson 16

*Words Borrowed from  
Spanish and French*

1. adobe
2. barbecue
3. barracuda
4. embargo
5. mosquito
6. patio
7. rodeo
8. sombrero
9. tornado
10. cargo
11. ballet
12. beret
13. bouquet
14. campaign
15. cassette
16. croissant
17. envelope
18. plateau
19. sergeant
20. depot

Challenge Words

21. chauffeur
22. cuisine
23. etiquette
24. reservoir
25. critique



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Lesson 17

*Words with Prefixes im-,  
in-, ir-, il-*

1. inability
2. inaccessible
3. inadequate
4. inadmissible
5. inappropriate
6. inattentive
7. impress
8. inaudible
9. indigestion
10. irrational
11. insecure
12. irresponsible
13. immobile
14. immovable
15. impartial
16. impassive
17. ineffective
18. illogical
19. illuminate
20. improper

Challenge Words

21. inequitable
22. ineligible
23. indistinctive
24. impending
25. inexcusable

Lesson 18

*Word with Suffixes  
-ant, -ent, -ist*

1. compliant
2. contestant
3. immigrant
4. informant
5. inhabitant
6. significant
7. irritant
8. observant
9. resident
10. panelist
11. participant
12. scientist
13. biologist
14. columnist
15. medalist
16. cartoonist
17. efficient
18. pollutant
19. obedient
20. confident

Challenge Words

21. idealist
22. sufficient
23. lieutenant
24. persistent
25. diligent

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Lesson 19

*Word Parts over-,  
under-, sub-*

1. overbearing
2. overcast
3. overconfident
4. overdevelop
5. overdraft
6. overhang
7. overindulge
8. overlay
9. overpower
10. undercarriage
11. underdone
12. underestimate
13. underrated
14. undertake
15. underwent
16. submerge
17. substandard
18. underground
19. subcontract
20. subtitle

Challenge Words

21. overwhelm
22. underachieve
23. subcommittee
24. overburden
25. subsequent

Lesson 20

*Review*

1. adobe
2. mosquito
3. tornado
4. bouquet
5. envelope
6. inability
7. irrational
8. immobile
9. illuminate
10. indigestion
11. informant
12. significant
13. participant
14. medalist
15. columnist
16. overdraft
17. overdevelop
18. underwent
19. submerge
20. subtitle

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Lesson 21

*Words with Greek and  
Latin Word Parts—Body  
Language*

1. pedal
2. peddler
3. pedestrian
4. pedestal
5. dental
6. dentist
7. dentures
8. vocalize
9. manual
10. manuscript
11. manipulate
12. manufacture
13. vocalist
14. memoir
15. memorial
16. memorize
17. tripod
18. podium
19. memorable
20. maneuver

Challenge Words

21. impede
22. pediatrician
23. pedometer
24. mannequin
25. memorabilia

Lesson 22

*Word with Greek and  
Latin Word Parts—Social  
Studies and Science Words*

1. biology
2. biography
3. biome
4. democracy
5. epidemic
6. demonstrate
7. geology
8. geography
9. geometry
10. archaic
11. microwave
12. psychology
13. archaeology
14. microscopic
15. political
16. metropolis
17. police
18. cosmopolitan
19. policy
20. politician

Challenge Words

21. demographics
22. biodegradable
23. zoology
24. antibiotic
25. hemisphere

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Lesson 23

*Words with Greek and  
Latin Word Parts—Numbers*

1. polygon
2. monopoly
3. century
4. centimeter
5. quadruple
6. centennial
7. centipede
8. tricycle
9. triangle
10. diameter
11. dialogue
12. diagram
13. diagonal
14. biannual
15. bicoastal
16. bifocals
17. monochromatic
18. monarch
19. monologue
20. monotone

Challenge Words

21. quadriceps
22. quadrilateral
23. pentathlon
24. hexagonal
25. decathlon

Lesson 24

*Word Parts –ation, -ition,  
-sion, -ion*

1. accusation
2. adaptation
3. animation
4. application
5. conversation
6. dehydration
7. destination
8. preparation
9. specialization
10. variation
11. definition
12. rejection
13. ignition
14. opposition
15. recognition
16. observation
17. emotion
18. duplication
19. celebration
20. transportation

Challenge Words

21. estimation
22. excavation
23. exhibition
24. occasion
25. procession

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Lesson 25

*Review*

1. pedal
2. dentures
3. manuscript
4. memorial
5. tripod
6. memorable
7. biology
8. democracy
9. geography
10. archaeology
11. cosmopolitan
12. century
13. tricycle
14. diagram
15. bifocals
16. monotone
17. conversation
18. rejection
19. celebration
20. definition

Lesson 26

*Words with Prefix +  
Root + Suffix; Words with  
Root + Root*

1. postponement
2. misinformation
3. uncertainly
4. improvement
5. indestructible
6. uncomfortable
7. unbeatable
8. unexpectedly
9. reexamination
10. unmistakable
11. telescope
12. thermometer
13. microscope
14. mischievous
15. prescription
16. telephone
17. octopus
18. process
19. transport
20. aquatic

Challenge Words

21. symbolize
22. sympathy
23. symphony
24. symmetrical
25. symptomatic

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Lesson 27

*Words with  
Silent Letters*

1. aisle
2. align
3. rhythm
4. crumbs
5. fasten
6. glistened
7. knotty
8. knuckle
9. often
10. plumber
11. reign
12. bustle
13. shepherd
14. soften
15. sword
16. thistle
17. knock
18. wrestle
19. wrinkled
20. yolk

Challenge Words

21. rendezvous
22. rhinoceros
23. choreograph
24. raspberry
25. handkerchief

Lesson 28

*Related Words*

1. ability
2. able
3. decompose
4. decomposition
5. familiar
6. family
7. muscle
8. muscular
9. meter
10. metric
11. precise
12. precision
13. relate
14. relative
15. commerce
16. commercial
17. similar
18. similarity
19. offense
20. offensive

Challenge Words

21. despair
22. desperate
23. commend
24. commendable
25. commemorate

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Lesson 29

*Unusual Plurals*

1. allergies
2. data
3. bacteria
4. yourselves
5. potatoes
6. pianos
7. loaves
8. canoes
9. thieves
10. scarves
11. chiefs
12. lenses
13. quizzes
14. heroes
15. oxen
16. batteries
17. mosquitoes
18. spacecraft
19. crises
20. vetoes

Challenge Words

21. cacti
22. analyses
23. phenomenon
24. criteria
25. alumni

Lesson 30

*Review*

1. postponement
2. uncertainly
3. unexpectedly
4. microscope
5. aquatic
6. rhythm
7. plumber
8. reign
9. soften
10. wrinkled
11. muscle
12. muscular
13. precise
14. precision
15. offense
16. offensive
17. pianos
18. canoes
19. chiefs
20. oxen