It is your responsibility to earn at least 100 points on the spelling contract each week. Choose how to earn those points by selecting a combination of activities listed below. *Only activities 8, 12, 14, 18, and 19 may be done using a computer. COMPLETE ALL ACTIVITIES BEFORE REPEATING!

25 Point Activities:
1. List all of the words in alphabetical order.
2. Rainbow spelling - each word three times in different colors
3. Divide all of the words into syllables.
4. Illustrate at least one half of the words.
5. Draw a picture and hide all of the words in the picture.
6. Write all of the words as many times as there are syllables.
7. Using all of the words, pair two words having one common letter so they criss-cross.
8. *Make a crossword puzzle using at least (12) of the words (include answers).
9. Make a word search using all of the words (include answers).

50 Point Activities:
10. Write each word six times in cursive.
11. Make up a code and write all of the words in a code.
12. *Write a complete, complex sentence for each word.
13. Write your words adding or subtracting one letter at a time. The result will be a pyramid shape of words.
14. *Write a story using all of the words.

75 Point Activities:
15. Make a dictionary including the definition and syllables for each.
16. Cut letters from a magazine or newspaper and glue words on a paper.
17. *Write a song or poem using all of the words (100 points if you sing your song in class).
18. *Write and illustrate a television commercial using at least half of the words.
19. Look up each word and draw and label the country of origin for the word.

Word List: 4
1. shoddy
2. transpire
3. hoax
4. qualm
5. harsh
6. famine
7. adjacent
8. wary
9. dread
10. aghast
SHODDY
(SHOD ee)
of poor quality or make; dishonest
Sounds like: BODY

"Frankenstein may have been famous, but he sure had a SHODDY BODY."

- Jill thought the quality of the toys in the store were SHODDY.
- Mary told her friend that leaving her alone at the mall was a SHODDY thing for him to have done.
- Harry quit work because he said it was a SHODDY job at a SHODDY company.

TRANSPIRE
(tran SPIRE)
to happen; to become known
Sounds like: VAMPIRE

"At nightfall it TRANSPIRES that VAMPIRES wake up."

- After the dance it TRANSPIRED that the bus had a flat tire.
- Andrea wanted to know what would TRANSPIRE if she refused to come to school on Fridays.
- What TRANSPIRED after that is too sad to talk about.
HOAX
(hokes)
a practical joke; something intended to deceive
Sounds like: JOKES

"Some HOAXES turn out to be bad JOKES."

- H.G. Wells HOAXED the public with his report of an alien invasion.
- A common HOAX is when innocent people are cheated out of their money.
- The rumor that a lion had escaped from the zoo was only a HOAX.

QUALM
(qualm)
a feeling of illness; a disturbing feeling
Sounds like: CALM

"Even though the lake was CALM, the fishermen had QUALMS about their safety."

- Elizabeth felt stomach QUALMS after eating six hamburgers.
- When Tim forgot his homework, Miss Miller had no QUALMS about keeping him in from recess.
- Liars have no QUALMS about telling lies.
HARSH  
(harsh)  
unpleasant to the senses; unpleasant conditions  
Sounds like: MARSH

FAMILY  
(FAM un)  
a drastic, wide-reaching shortage of food  
Sounds like: FAMILY

“Life in the MARSH can be HARSH.”

- It was a HARSH winter, and the cold forced the animals to stay in their holes.
- The HARSH words of criticism made us cringe with regret.
- We heard three HARSH sounds and then a thump in the night.

“The FAMILY suffered through the worst FAMINE of the century.”

- Many people starve to death during FAMINES around the world.
- The worst FAMINES of this century have occurred in African nations.
- Harry said he was FAMISHED and wanted to know if dinner was ready.
ADJACENT
(add JAY cent)
adjointing, next to; near or close
Sounds like: JASON

"No one liked sitting ADJACENT to JASON."

- Mary lived in a house ADJACENT to the grocery store.
- The baseball park and ADJACENT lands are city property.
- My apartment shakes when my ADJACENT neighbor plays his drums.

WARY
(WEAR ee)
to be alert, cautious; on guard, watchful
Sounds like: HAIRY

"Always be WARY when you wake up and feel something HAIRY."

- It is good to be WARY of strangers coming to your door selling things.
- Donna was WARY of snakes in her yard.
- We were always WARY of making mistakes in our chemistry experiments.
DREAD  
(dread) 
to be in terror of; to anticipate with distaste or reluctance 
Sounds like: BED

bigly sometimes DREADED going to BED."

- Many people in Japan live in DREAD of earthquakes.
- Shirley DREADED her annual dentist checkups.
- Most people DREAD spiders and snakes and wiggly things.

AGHAST  
(UH gast) 
shocked; frightened; terrified; taken back 
Sounds like: GHOST

"The GHOST was AGHAST."

- After the fire, we were AGHAST at the destruction to our home.
- Evelyn was beside herself, absolutely AGHAST that she wasn’t invited to the Twinkler’s tea party.
- Even veteran homicide detectives were AGHAST at the murder scene.