

# GOLD 1

WJS Spelling Challenge: word list with definitions

## **accompany**

*Verb:* To go somewhere with someone; to happen or exist at the same time as something else

## **according**

*Preposition:* (paired with 'to') As stated by

## **achieve**

*Verb:* To succeed in finishing something, or reaching an aim, especially after a lot of work or effort

## **aggressive**

*Adjective:* Behaving in an angry and violent way, particularly towards another person; using forceful action to win or to achieve success

## **ancient**

*Adjective:* Of or from a long time ago; having lasted a very long time

## **apparent**

*Adjective:* Able to be seen or understood; seeming to exist or be true

## **attached**

*Adjective:* Fastened, joined or connected (also a *verb* [past tense])

## **communicate**

*Verb:* To share information with others, by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals; to talk about your thoughts and feelings, and help other people to understand them

## **community**

*Noun:* The people living in one particular area, or people who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group or nationality

## **competition**

*Noun:* A situation in which someone is trying to win something, or be more successful than someone else; an organized event in which people try to win a prize by being the best, fastest, etc.

## **conscience**

*Noun:* The part of you that judges how moral your own actions are, and makes you feel guilty about bad things that you have done, or things you feel responsible for

## **conscious**

*Adjective:* Awake, thinking, and knowing what is happening around you; noticing that a particular thing or person exists, or is present

## **curiosity**

*Noun:* An eager wish to know or learn about something

## **definite**

*Adjective:* Fixed, certain or clear

## **dictionary**

*Noun:* A book that contains a list of words in alphabetical order, and explains their meanings, or gives words for them in another language; an electronic product that gives similar information

## **equipped**

*Adjective:* Having the necessary tools, clothes, kit, skills, etc., to do something

## **forty**

*Adjective/determiner (numeral):* a number; four tens

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## available

*Adjective:* able to be obtained or used; not busy (person), and therefore able to do something

## average

*Adjective:* (1) a standard or level that is considered to be usual or typical; (2) the answer you get by adding two or more amounts together, and dividing that total by the number of amounts

## bargain

*Noun:* something on sale at a price lower than usual, or lower than its true value; an agreement between two people or groups, in which each promises to do something in exchange for something else (also a *verb*)

## bruise

*Noun:* an injury or mark where the skin has not been broken, but is darker in colour from bleeding under the skin, often as a result of being hit by something (also a *verb*)

## category

*Noun:* a type or group of things or people that have similar features or qualities, often in a system of grouping similar things

## cemetery

*Noun:* an area of ground in which dead bodies are buried

## controversy

*Noun:* a serious disagreement or argument, involving differing ideas or opinions about something, often public, or affecting or important to many people

## convenience

*Noun:* something that is easy to use or do or obtain, that is useful or helpful, or makes life comfortable

## correspond

*Verb:* (1) to be similar or the same in some way; (2) to communicate in writing, or exchange written communication

## critic

*Noun:* Someone who says that they do not approve of something or someone; someone whose job is to give their opinion about something, such as films, music, restaurants

## criticise

*Verb:* to express disapproval of someone or something

## desperate

*Adjective:* needing or wanting something very much; feeling that you have no hope and are ready to take a risk, or do anything, to change the bad situation you are in; very serious or bad; very great or extreme; willing to be violent, and therefore dangerous

## determined

*Adjective:* wanting to do something very much, and not allowing anyone, or any difficulties, to stop you

## embarrass

*Verb:* to cause someone to feel uncomfortable, ashamed or anxious

## harass

*Verb:* to repeatedly or continually annoy or upset someone, over a period of time

## occupy

*Verb:* To fill, exist in, or use a place or period of time; to keep someone busy or interested

## occur

*Verb:* To happen

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## **amateur**

*Noun:* a person who takes part in an activity because they are interested in it, or because they enjoy it, not as a job (also an adjective); *or* someone who does not have much skill in what they do (also an adjective)

## **awkward**

*Adjective:* difficult to use, do, or deal with; causing problems, worry, or embarrassment; intentionally unhelpful; embarrassed or nervous; moving in a way that is not natural, relaxed, or attractive

## **disastrous**

*Adjective:* extremely bad or unsuccessful; causing great harm, damage, or suffering; a complete failure

## **environment**

*Noun:* the land, air and water in or on which people, animals, and plants live; the conditions that you live or work in, and the way that they influence how you feel, or how effectively you can work

## **equipment**

*Noun:* the set of necessary tools, machinery, clothing, etc., for a particular purpose

## **especially**

*Adverb:* very much; more than usual, or more than other people or things; particularly

## **exaggerate**

*Verb:* to make something seem larger, more important, better, or worse than it really is

## **excellent**

*Adjective:* extremely good

## **existence**

*Noun:* the state of being real, of being present, or of being known or recognised; a way of living, particularly a difficult one

## **explanation**

*Noun:* the details, reasons or information given to make something clear, or easy to understand

## **familiar**

*Adjective:* easy to recognise, because of having been seen, met, heard, etc., before; informal and friendly, sometimes more than expected or appropriate, because directed towards someone you do not know well

## **foreign**

*Adjective:* belonging, or connected, to a country that is not your own, or is not the one you are in; to describe an object or substance that has entered something or somewhere else, possibly by accident, and does not belong there

## **frequently**

*Adverb:* often

## **government**

*Noun:* the group of people, or the system, or the activities, used for controlling a country, region, city, or population

## **guarantee**

*Noun:* a promise, or formal agreement, that something will be done, or will happen; especially a written agreement by a company, to repair or change a product that develops a fault, within a particular period of time (also a verb)

## **hindrance**

*Noun:* something that makes it more difficult for you to do something, or for something to happen or progress

## **immediate**

*Adjective:* happening or done without delay, or very soon after something else; in the present, or as soon as possible; nearest in space or relationship