

## CHAMPION WORDS – MAY BE USED DURING SPELLING BEE

**Abaciscus** is a small abacus.

**Abatjour** is a device, as a skylight, for diverting light into buildings.

**Abattoir** is a slaughterhouse.

**Abecedarian** is a person who is learning the letters of the alphabet.

**Abeyant** means temporarily suspended.

**Absorbefacient** means causing absorption.

**Acaulescent** means either stem less or without a visible stem.

**Accoucheur** is a person who assists during childbirth.

**Acquiesce** means to comply or submit.

**Aerogramme** is a pre-stamped, lightweight paper that folds into its own envelope.

**Affenpinscher** is a breed of dog with wiry hair.

**Afrikaans** is an official language of South Africa.

**Ageusia** is the loss of the sense of taste.

**Albescent** means to become whitish.

**Alette** (*ahleet*) is a small wing of a building.

**Amethyst** is a purple quartz, used as a gem.

**Amphitheater** is an oval or round building with an open central area.

**Ampullaceous** means bottle-shaped.

**Anathematize** means to denounce or to curse.

**Androgynous** means being both male and female.

**Ankh** is an Egyptian cross used as a symbol of enduring life.

**Anopheles** is a malaria-causing mosquito.

**Apartheid** a rigid policy of segregation in South Africa.

**Appaloosa** is a hardy breed of riding horse.

**Aqueous** is of or pertaining to water, watery.

**Armoire** is a large wardrobe or movable cupboard.

**Arrhythmia** is any interruption in the heartbeat.

**Ascetic** is a person who practices self-denial for religious reasons.

**Aurochs** is a black European wild ox, extinct since 1627.

**Autocephalous** is a bishop subordinate to no superior authority.

**Avuncular** pertains to an uncle.

**Azimuth** is the angle of horizontal deviation of a bearing from a standard direction.

**Babiche** is a thong used in making snowshoes.

**Bacchanal** is a drunken revelry.

**Bacciferous** means bearing or producing berries.

**Badinage** is light, playful banter.

**Bagatelle** is something of little value.

**Bagheera** is a velvet used to make evening wear and wraps.

**Baize** is a felt used on tops of billiard tables.

**Baksheesh** is a tip or gratuity \_ used in the Middle East.

**Banquette** is a long bench with an upholstered seat.

**Bassarisk** is a carnivorous mammal.

**Bdellium** is a resin obtained from plants (dellium).

**Bellwether** is someone who assumes leadership.

**Beneficence** is the doing of good.

**Beriberi** is a disease caused by a vitamin B1 deficiency.

**Beryllium** is a hard, light metallic element.

**Bight** is the middle part of a rope.

**Bludgeon** is a short, heavy club with one heavier end.

**Boudoir** is a woman's private sitting room.

**Bouffant** means puffed out, as in a teased hairdo.

**Brooch** is a clasp or ornament.

**Bucolic** is of or pertaining to shepherds.

**Bumbershoot** is a name for an umbrella.

**Cacophony** is a harsh discordance of sound.

**Caique** is a single-masted sailing vessel (Mediterranean).

**Caliph** is a spiritual leader of Islam.

**Cantle** is the hind part of a saddle.

**Carillon** is a set of bells sounded by manual or pedal action.

**Carrefour** (*carrefour*) is a crossroads, a road junction.

**Cartouche** a surface for receiving a painted decoration.

**Casque** is an open conical helmet with a nose guard (medieval).

**Catafalque** is a raised structure on which the body of a dead person lies.

**Catarrh** an inflammation of a mucous membrane.

**Caterwaul** is to utter long wailing cries, as a cat.

**Cauterize** is to burn for curative purposes.

**Cayuse** is an Indian pony.

**Ceraceous** is waxlike or waxy.

**Chancre** is the initial lesion of infectious diseases.

**Chattel** is a movable item of personal property.

**Chlorofluorocarbon** is a substance blamed for the hole in the ozone layer.

**Cirrhosis** is a disease of the liver.

**Claque** a group of people hired to applaud an act or performer.

**Colonnade** a series of regularly spaced columns.

**Contemn** means to treat with disdain or scorn.

**Continuum** is a continuous extent, series or whole.

**Convivial** means friendly or agreeable.

**Copacetic** means fine, completely satisfactory.

**Corporeity** is materiality.

**Cuirass** (*kwirass*) is defensive armor for the torso.

**Culottes** are women's trousers, usually knee or calf-length.

**Dahlia** is a flower.

**Daguerreotype** is an obsolete photographic process.

**Deign** to think fit or to condescend.

**Demagoguery** are methods or practices of a demagogue.

**Demesne** is possession of land as one's own.

**Demitasse** is a small cup for serving strong black coffee.

**Desiccate** is to dry thoroughly.

**Dhow** is a sailing vessel used by Arabs.

**Diaphanous** means very sheer and light.

**Dilettante** is a person who takes up an occupation as an amusement.

**Dinghy** is a small boat designed as a lifeboat.

**Dispossess** is to put a person out of a possession, esp. property.

**Dormouse** is a small rodent resembling a small squirrel.

**Doubloon** is a former gold coin of Spain.

**Dysentery** is an infectious disease.

**Ecrú** is a very light brown.

**Edelweiss** is a small plant growing in the Alps.

**Egregious** is extraordinary in some bad way.

**Emphysema** is an irreversible disease of the lungs.

**Ephemeral** is lasting a very short time.

**Epiphany** is a Christian festival.

**Equestrienne** is a woman who rides horses.

**Ersatz** means serving as a substitute.

**Escutcheon** is a shield on which a coat of arms is depicted.

**Euchre** is a game of cards.

**Eviscerate** is to disembowel.

**Exsiccate** is to remove the moisture from.

**Facetious** means not to be taken seriously.

**Fasciation** is the act of bandaging.

**Fiefdom** is the estate of a feudal lord.

**Finagle** is to cheat or swindle someone.

**Fizgig** is a firework that makes a hissing sound.

**Flaccid** means soft and limp.

**Fluxion** is an act of flowing.

**Formaldehyde** is a colorless, toxic gas.

**Frankincense** is an aromatic gum resin used as incense.

**Fricassee** is meat browned, stewed and served in its own sauce.

**Frieze** is a decorative band on an outside wall.

**Fulsome** means offensive to good taste.

**Fusillade** is a simultaneous discharge of firearms.

**Gabardine** is a firm, tightly woven fabric.

**Gallimaufry** is a hodgepodge, a jumble.

**Garrote** is a method of capital punishment.

**Gesundheit** is used to wish good health after a sneeze.

**Gewgaw** is a trinket or bauble.

**Ghillie** is a low-cut, tongue less shoe.

**Glaucous** means becoming a light bluish-green.

**Glyph** is a pictograph or hieroglyph.

**Gneiss** is a metamorphic rock.

**Gnome** is a small being that guards the interior treasures of earth.

**Gnosis** is knowledge of spiritual matters.

**Godet** is a triangular piece of fabric inserted to give fullness.

**Golliwogg** is a grotesque person.

**Grandiloquence** is a speed that is lofty, often to being pompous.

**Guillemot** is a seabird of Northern waters.

**Gyve** is a shackle for the leg.

**Habiliments** is clothing.

**Hackamore** is a simple, looped bridle for a horse.

**Halcyon** means calm or peaceful.

**Halophyte** is a plant that thrives in saline soil.

**Handbreadth** is a unit of linear measure.

**Hartebeest** is a large African antelope.

**Hegemony** is leadership or predominant influence by one nation.

**Hematozoan** is a parasitic protozoan that lives in the blood.

**Herbage** (*erbij*) nonwoody vegetation.

**Hierarchy** is a system of things ranked above each other.

**Hieroglyphic** is the pictograph type of script used by Egypt.

**Hirsute** is hairy or shaggy.

**Histrionic** is of or pertaining to actors or acting.

**Hoatzin** is a blue-faced bird of the Amazon forests.

**Hootenanny** is a social gathering featuring folk singing.

**Horripilation** is also known as goose flesh or goose bumps.

**Howdah** is a seat placed on the back of an elephant.

**Hoyden** is another name for a tomboy.

**Hydrangea** is a plant with showy flower clusters.

**Hydrofluoric** is of or derived from hydrofluoric acid.

**Hyena** is a doglike carnivore of Africa.

**Hyperpyrexia** is an abnormally high fever.

**Hypnotize** is to put into the hypnotic state.

**Hypotenuse** is the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.

**Ichneumon** (*iknoomen*) is also called the African mongoose.

**Ichthyophagist** is a person who subsists on fish.

**Idiosyncrasy** is a characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual, incident, or the like.

**Impeccable** is faultless or flawless.

**Imprecise** means not precise or exact.

**Incise** (*insize*) means to cut into.

**Indubitable** is something that can't be doubted.

**Inexorable** is unyielding or unalterable.

**Ingurgitate** is to swallow greedily.

**Iniquitous** is wicked, sinful.

**Innuendo** is an indirect intimation about a person or thing, usually of a derogatory nature.

**Inscrutable** is incapable of being investigated or analyzed.

**Insomnolence** is sleeplessness.

**Intermezzo** is a short musical entertainment, between the acts of a drama or opera.

**Interregnum** is the time between the close of reign and the beginning of the next.

**Intransigent** is refusing to agree or compromise.

**Inveigle** is to entice by flattery or artful talk.

**Inveigh** is to protest strongly or attack vehemently with words.

**Irascible** is easily provoked to anger.

**Jalousie** is a window made of glass slats.

**Jambalaya** is a dish of Creole origin.

**Jocose** is given to joking or jesting.

**Juvenescent** is being youthful; young.

**Kepi** is a French military cap.

**Kinkajou** is an arboreal animal of Central and South America.

**Klaxon** is a loud, electric horn.

**Klieg** is a powerful type of arc light once used in the movies.

**Kowtow** is to show servile deference.

**Lacerate** is to tear roughly; mangle.

**Lachrymal** is of or pertaining to tears.

**Languid** is lacking in vigor or vitality.

**Layette** is an outfit of clothing or bedding for a newborn baby.

**Legerdemain** is sleight of hand or trickery.

**Licit** is legal or lawful.

**Limn** is to represent in drawing or painting.

**Locus** is a place or a locality.

**Loquacious** is talking or tending to talk too freely.

**Lucent** means shining.

**Lynx** is a wildcat of Canada and the northern U.S.

**Macaque** is a monkey, characterized by cheek pouches and short tail.

**Maelstrom** is a large, powerful, or violent whirlpool.

**Manatee** is an aquatic mammal of coastal waters, with 2 front flippers and a broad, spoon-shaped tail.

**Maraud** is to make a raid for booty.

**Marionette** is a puppet manipulated from above by strings.

**Marten** is an animal of northern forests.

**Mastiff** is a large, powerful, short-haired dog.

**Matriarch** is the female head of a tribal or family line.

**Mellifluous** is sweetly or smoothly flowing.

**Menace** is something that threatens to cause harm or evil.

**Mendacious** is telling lies, especially habitually.

**Meringue** is a topping for pies, pastry, etc.

**Mesmerize** is to hypnotize.

**Metamorphose** is to change the form or nature of, to transform.

**Meticulous** is taking extreme care about tiny details.

**Mezzanine** is the lowest balcony in a theater.

**Microcosm** is a world in miniature.

**Millenium** is a period of 1,000 years.

**Mnemonic** is assisting or intended to assist the memory.

**Mocha** is a choice variety of coffee.

**Monocoque** is a type of aircraft in which the shell carries most of the stresses.

**Morass** is a tract or low, soft, wet ground.

**Morose** is gloomy or sullenly ill-humored.

**Mote** is a small particle, as in dust.

**Mottle** is a diversifying spot or blotch of color.

**Mufti** are civilian clothes.

**Multiplicand** is a number to be multiplied by another.

**Munificent** means one who is very generous.

**Myrrh** is an aromatic resinous exudation from certain plants.

**Naphtha** (*naftha*) is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate.

**Narcissism** is excessive self-love; vanity.

**Nascent** is beginning to exist or develop.

**Nebulous** is hazy, vague or indistinct.

**Neigh** is to utter the cry of a horse; to whinny.

**Nemesis** is something a person can't conquer.

**Newt** is a brilliantly colored salamander.

**Nexus** is a means of connection; a tie; a link.

**Niche** is an ornamental recess in a wall.

**Nigh** means near in space, time or relation.

**Nihilism** is total rejection of established laws and institutions.

**Nonce** is the present, or immediate, occasion or purpose.

**Nouveau** is newly or recently created, developed, or come to prominence.

**Obeisance** is a bow or a curtsy.

**Objurgate** is to denounce vehemently; to upbraid sharply.

**Obloquy** is abusive language aimed at a person.

**Obsequious** showing servile deference; fawning on someone.

**Obstreperous** means unruly.

**Occlude** is to close, shut, or stop up.

**Oleaginous** means having the nature or qualities of oil.

**Omniscience** is infinite knowledge.

**Onerous** is burdensome or troublesome.

**Opalesce** is to exhibit a play of colors like that of the opal.

**Opprobrious** is outrageously disgraceful or shameful.

**Ostracism** is exclusion from social acceptance.

**Oxymoron** is a seemingly contradictory figure of speech, like cruel kindness.

**Pachyderm** is an elephant.

**Paean** is a song of praise, joy or triumph.

**Panacea** is a remedy for all disease or ills.

**Panache** is a grand or flamboyant manner.

**Panegyric** is a lofty oration in praise of a person or thing.

**Panoply** is a wide-ranging and impressive array or display.

**Papyrus** is a tall, aquatic plant, native to the Nile valley.

**Pariah** is an outcast.

**Parlance** is a way or manner of speaking.

**Parry** is to ward off a thrust, as in fencing.

**Parsec** is a unit of distance equal to 3.26 light-years.

**Patella** is the kneecap.

**Peccadillo** is a very minor or slight sin or offense.

**Peccary** is a piglike hoofed animal of north and south America.

**Peignoir** is a woman's dressing gown.

**Pendulous** is hanging down loosely.

**Penultimate** the next to the last.

**Penury** is extreme poverty.

**Perfidy** is a deliberate breach of trust; treachery.

**Perihelion** is the point at which a planet is closest to the sun.

**Pernicious** means ruinous; injurious; hurtful.

**Perquisite** is a gratuity or tip.

**Perspicuous** is clearly expressed or presented.

**Pestle** is a tool to grind substances in a mortar.

**Pharmaceutical** pertains to pharmacy or pharmacists.

**Phlegmatic** is not easily excited to action.

**Pique** is to affect with sharp irritation.

**Piranha** is a small South American fish that eat fish, animals and sometimes attack humans.

**Pirogue** is an American boat, a dugout.

**Pirouette** is a whirling about on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing.

**Plagiarize** is to take ideas and works of another and pass it off as one's own.

**Platypus** is a small, egg-laying animal of Australia.

**Plebeian** is belonging or pertaining to the common people.

**Plebiscite** is a direct vote of the voters of a state in regard to some important public question.

**Polychrome** is being of many or various colors.

**Posit** is to place, put or set.

**Precocious** is prematurely developed.

**Precursor** is a person or thing that precedes.

**Prescience** is knowledge of things before they exist or happen.

**Propitious** means favorable.

**Psilosis** means a falling out of the hair.

**Psoriasis** is a common skin disease.

**Ptosia** is a drooping of the upper eyelid.

**Pulchritude** is physical beauty; comeliness.

**Pyrrhic** is consisting of two short or unaccented syllables.

**Quadriceps** is a large muscle in front of the thigh.

**Quadrille** is a square dance for four couples.

**Quay** is a landing place along a body of water.

**Querulous** means full of complaints.

**Quiescent** is being at rest; quiet; inactive.

**Quinella** is a type of bet on horse races.

**Quirt** is a riding whip.

**Quoin** is the external solid angle of a wall.

**Quotidian** means daily.

**Rapier** is a small sword, used for thrusting.

**Rappel** is the way to move down a surface in mountaineering.

**Rarefy** is to make rare or rarer.

**Raucous** is harsh or strident.

**Ravenous** means extremely hungry.

**Recalcitrant** means resisting authority.

**Redoubtable** is that that is to be feared; formidable.

**Regurgitate** is to surge or rush back.

**Reparable** is capable of being repaired.

**Repartee** is a quick, witty reply.

**Repugn** is to oppose or refute.

**Reticent** is someone disposed to be silent or not to speak freely.

**Reveille** is a signal to alert military personnel to arise.

**Rheumatism** is a disorder of the extremities or back, characterized by stiffness.

**Rhinoceros** is a large African animal.

**Ricochet** is the motion of an object after deflecting from another object.

**Riposte** is a quick, sharp return in speech or action.

**Rococo** is a style of architecture and decoration.

**Rogue** is a dishonest person, a scoundrel.

**Roil** is to disturb or disquiet.

**Roseate** is tinged with rose; rosy.

**Rough** is having a coarse or uneven surface.

**Rouse** is to bring out of a state of sleep.

**Ruse** is a trick.

**Saboteur** is a person who commits sabotage.

**Saccharin** is a sweetener.

**Sacroiliac** is the joint where the sacrum and Ilium meet.

**Sacrosanct** is extremely sacred or inviolable.

**Sagacious** showing acute mental discernment, or being shrewd.

**Saguaro** is a tall, horizontally branched cactus.

**Salaam** is a salutation meaning peace, especially in Islamic countries.

**Sanguinary** means full of bloodshed, bloody.

**Sarsaparilla** is a soft drink made from the extract of a root.

**Satiate** is to supply something to excess.

**Satyr** is a mythological character, half-human and half goat or horse.

**Schiffli** is a large, loom like machine for working patterns in lace.

**Schism** is division or disunion.

**Schlock** means cheap or trashy.

**Schuss** is a straight downhill run at high speed, skiing.

**Scimitar** is a curved, single-edged sword.

**Scintillate** is to emit sparks.

**Scorpioid** is resembling a scorpion.

**Scrimshaw** is a carved article, especially of whale ivory.

**Scrivener** is a scribe.

**Scythe** is an implement used to cut grass or grain by hand.

**Sebaceous** means fatty.

**Secede** is to withdraw formally from an alliance.

**Sedulous** means persevering.

**Segue** (*segway*) means to continue at once with the next musical composition.

**Seismicity** is the frequency of earthquakes in a given area.

**Seneschal** is an officer having full charge of domestic arrangements.

**Sentient** means conscious.

**Septuagenarian** is between 70 and 80 years of age.

**Sequacious** means following with smooth or logical regularity.

**Sequester** is to remove or withdraw into solitude or retirement.

**Serendipity** means good fortune or luck.

**Serge** is a twilled fabric used for clothing.

**Serrate** is notched on the edge like a saw.

**Setaceous** is bristle like.

**Severance** is the act of severing or the state of being severed.

**Sexton** is a church official charged with taking care of the edifice and its contents.

**Sheaf** is a bundle of wheat, rye, etc.

**Shoal** is a place where a body of water is shallow.

**Sibyl** is a female prophet or witch.

**Sieve** is an instrument with a meshed bottom, used to separate materials.

**Skein** is a length of yarn wound on a reel for use in manufacturing

**Skink** is a lizard common in both the Old and New worlds.

**Sleazy** means contemptibly low or disreputable.

**Sloe** is the small, sour fruit of the blackthorn.

**Sluice** is an artificial channel for conducting water.

**Solecism** is a nonstandard or ungrammatical usage.

**Soliloquy** is a discourse by a person who is talking to himself.

**Sorcerer** is a person who practices black magic.

**Sorghum** is a cereal grass.

**Speciesism** is discrimination in favor of one species over another.

**Specious** is apparently good or right though lacking real merit.

**Sphinx** is a figure of a creature having the head of a man or animal and the body of a lion.

**Spinnet** is a small upright piano.

**Squalor** is filth or misery.

**Squeegee** is an implement edged with rubber to remove water from windows or floors.

**Staid** means of settled character, not flighty.

**Stanchion** is an upright bar as in a window or stall.

**Stiletto** is a short dagger with a thick blade.

**Strafe** is to attack by airplanes with machine-gun fire.

**Strontium** is a strong, metallic element.

**Strychnine** is a colorless, crystalline poison.

**Sturgeon** is a large fish, valued as a source of caviar.

**Subcutaneous** means lying under the skin, as tissue.

**Submersible** is that which is capable of being submerged.

**Suffrutescent** is partially or slightly woody.

**Surcease** is to cease from some action; desist.

**Surfeit** means excess; an excessive amount.

**Suzerain** is a state exercising political control over a dependent state.

**Svelte** is gracefully slender; lithe.

**Sycamore** is a North American tree.

**Sycophancy** is self-seeking or servile flattery.

**Sylph** is a slender, graceful woman or girl.

**Syncopate** is to place accents on beats in music normally not accented.

**Tabasco** is a trademark name for a condiment sauce.

**Tachymeter** is an instrument to rapidly determine distances.

**Taciturn** means inclined to silence.

**Tactician** is a person who is adept at planning tactics.

**Taffeta** is a medium- or light-weight fabric.

**Talisman** is an object that is supposed to possess powers.

**Tallow** is the fatty tissue of animals.

**Talon** is the claw of a bird of prey.

**Tamarind** is the pod of a large tropical tree.

**Tamburitza** is a mandolin like instrument of southern Slavic regions.

**Tanager** is a songbird found in North America.

**Tankard** is a large drinking cup.

**Tapir** is a three-toed animal resembling a pig in Central and South America.

**Tarantella** is a rapid, whirling Italian dance.

**Tarantula** is a large, hairy spider.

**Tariff** is a list showing duties imposed on imports or exports.

**Tarot** is a card used for fortunetelling.

**Tarry** is to remain or stay awhile.

**Taupe** (*tohp*) is a brownish gray.

**Taut** means tightly drawn.

**Taw** is a fancy marble used as a shooter.

**Tawny** is a shade of brown tinged with yellow.

**Taxable** means capable of being taxed.

**Teak** is a large East Indian tree.

**Tempestuous** means tumultuous or turbulent.

**Tenacious** means holding fast.

**Tenement** is a rundown, often overcrowded apartment house.

**Tenet** is a principle, doctrine or dogma.

**Tequila** is a strong liquor from Mexico.

**Termagant** is a violent or brawling woman.

**Tern** is an aquatic bird.

**Terrarium** is a container for land animals.

**Tertiary** is of the third order.

**Testatrix** is a woman who makes a will.

**Tetrabrach** is a word of four short syllables.

**Thalassic** is of or pertaining to seas or oceans.

**Thence** means from that place.

**Theocracy** is a form of government in which a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler.

**Therapeutics** is the branch of medicine concerned with the remedial treatment of disease.

**Thoracic** is of or pertaining to the thorax.

**Thought** is the product of mental activity.

**Thrall** is one who is in bondage; slave.

**Threshold** is the sill of a doorway.

**Tiara** is a jeweled coronet worn by women.

**Timbre** is the characteristic quality of a sound.

**Tinct** is to tinge or tint, as with color.

**Titillate** is to excite agreeably.

**Tizzy** is a nervous or agitated state.

**Tofu** is a bland, cheese like food, high in protein content.

**Tome** is a large, heavy book.

**Toque** is a brimless and close-fitting hat for women.

**Tortoise** is a turtle, especially a land turtle.

**Tortuous** means full of twists or turns.

**Toucan** is a large-billed, brightly colored bird.

**Toupee** is a man's wig.

**Tourniquet** is a device for arresting bleeding.

**Traduce** means to slander or defame.

**Traipse** is to walk or go aimlessly or idly.

**Travois** is a transporting device pulled by an animal.

**Treacle** is contrived sentimentality.

**Triskaidekaphobia** is a fear of the number 13.

**Troglodyte** is a prehistoric cave dweller.

**Troika** is a team of 3 horses driven abreast.

**Trousseau** is clothing, linen, especially for a bride.

**Truculent** is fierce or savagely brutal.

**Truncheon** is a club carried by a police officer.

**Tryst** is an appointment to meet at a certain time and place.

**Tumescant** means swelling.

**Ubiquitous** means omnipresent or being everywhere at the same time.

**Umlaut** is a mark used over a vowel.

**Unconscionable** means unscrupulous or not guided by conscience.

**Unrequited** is not returned or reciprocated.

**Unwonted** is not customary or usual or rare.

**Vacillate** means to waver in opinion.

**Vacuous** means empty.

**Variscite** is a secondary mineral.

**Ventriloquism** means throwing the voice.

**Verisimilitude** means the appearance of truth.

**Vertebrae** are bones composing the spinal column.

**Vertiginous** means whirling or spinning.

**Vexillology** means the study of flags.

**Vicissitude** means a change in the course of things.

**Villein** was an almost free person in the middle ages.

**Virescent** means turning green.

**Viscera** are the organs in the abdominal cavity.

**Viscid** means sticky.

**Vociferous** is crying out noisily.

**Vorticity** is a measure of the circulation of a fluid.

**Waterborne** is floating or moving on water.

**Whet** is to sharpen by grinding or friction.

**Whippoorwill** is a nocturnal North American bird.

**Widgeon** is a common, freshwater duck.

**Wildebeest** is a gnu.

**Wok** is a pan used in cooking Chinese food.

**Wraith** is a visible spirit.

**Xenophobe** is a person who fears or hates foreigners.

**Xyster** is a surgical instrument for scraping bones.

**Xylose** is a colorless crystalline sugar.

**Yttrium** is a rare metallic element.

**Yurt** is a tent like dwelling of the Mongols.

**Zephyr** is a gentle breeze.

**Zinciferous** means yielding or containing zinc.

**Zoanthropy** (zoo) is a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.

**Zoopraxiscope** is an early motion projector.