

# Spokane is SPELLING



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Words and Definitions

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### **act**

*noun*

the doing of a thing : **DEED** <Jane performed an *act* of kindness>

### **ac·tion**

*noun*

the bringing about of an alteration by force or through a natural agency <Fred took *action* to make the dog stop barking>

### **ad·di·tion**

*noun*

the result of adding <*Addition* is one of the easier functions of math>

### **afraid**

*adjective*

filled with fear or apprehension <*afraid* of machines> <*afraid* for his job>

### **af·ter·noon**

*noun*

the part of day between noon and sunset <What will you do when school is over this *afternoon*?>

### **age**

the time of life at which some particular qualification, power, or capacity arises or rests <the voting *age* is 18>: the length of an existence extending from the beginning to any given time <a boy 10 years of *age*>

### **ahead**

*adverb or adjective*

1 **a**: in a forward direction or position  
: **FORWARD** **b**: in front2: in, into, or for the future <plan *ahead*>3: in or toward a more advantageous position

### **amount**

*intransitive verb*

to be equivalent <acts that *amount* to treason>  
**b**: to reach in kind or quality <wants her son to *amount* to something> <doesn't *amount* to much>2: to reach a total : add up

### **an·cient**

*adjective*

having had an existence of many years <The man was *ancient*>

### **any·one**

*pronoun*

any person at all <*Anyone* can play in the park>

### **arm**

*noun*

1: a human upper limb <Put your *arm* in the sleeve>

### **at·ten·tion**

*noun*

the act or state of **attending** especially through applying the mind to an object of sense or thought <Please pay *attention* to your mother>

### **bad**

*adjective*

failing to reach an acceptable standard <The apple was rotten and tasted *bad*>

### **bank**

*noun*

the rising ground bordering a lake, river, or sea or forming the edge of a cut or hollow <The flooding river spilled over its *bank*>

**ba·sic***adjective*

of, relating to, or forming the base or essence  
 : **FUNDAMENTAL** <*basic* truths>

**bear***noun*

any of a family (Ursidae of the order Carnivora) of large heavy mammals of America and Eurasia that have long shaggy hair, rudimentary tails, and plantigrade feet and feed largely on fruit, plant matter, and insects as well as on flesh <The *bear* ate the huckleberries>

**beat***verb*

to strike repeatedly (The boys *beat* the drum to keep rhythm>

**be·lieve***verb*

to have a firm religious faith **b:** to accept as true, genuine, or real <ideals we *believe* in> <*believes* in ghosts>

**be·yond***adverb*

1 : on or to the farther side : **FARTHER** 2 : in addition : **BESIDES** <*Beyond* the blue horizon>

**bit***noun*

something bitten or held with the teeth <The snake *bit* the hiker>

**blood***noun*

the fluid that circulates in the heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins of a vertebrate animal carrying nourishment and oxygen to and bringing away waste products from all parts of the body <The doctor performed several tests on Jane's *blood*>

**board***noun*

a piece of sawed lumber of little thickness and a length greatly exceeding its width <The carpenter sawed the *board*>

**born***adjective*

brought forth by or as if by birth **b:** **NATIVE** — usually used in combination <*American-born*>

**bought**

*past and past participle of BUY* <We went to the store and *bought* some bread and milk>

**break***verb*

to separate into parts with suddenness or violence **b:** **FRACTURE** <*break* an arm>  
**c:** **RUPTURE** <*break* the skin>

**bro·ken***adjective*

violently separated into parts <The window was *broken* into thousands of pieces>

**broth·er***noun*

a male who has the same parents as another or one parent in common with another <My little *brother* teases me a lot>

**brown***adjective*

of the color brown; <Judi's hair is *brown*>

**busy***adjective*

1 **a:** engaged in action : **OCCUPIED** **b:** being in use <found the telephone *busy*>

**cap·i·tal***noun*

the uppermost member of a column or pilaster crowning the shaft and taking the weight of the entablature <The *capital* of the Doric column was very ornate>

**cat***noun*

a carnivorous mammal (*Felis catus*) long domesticated as a pet and for catching rats and mice <My *cat* sleeps almost all of the time>



**cat·tle***noun plural*

1: domesticated quadrupeds held as property or raised for use; *specifically* : bovine animals on a farm or ranch <The herd of *cattle* grazed in the field>

**cause***noun*

1 a: a reason for an action or condition : **MOTIVE** <the *cause* of the accident was carelessness>

**cen·tu·ry***noun*

a period of 100 years especially <The year 2001 was the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> *century*>

**chance***noun*

something that happens unpredictably without discernible human intention or observable cause <I'll take a *chance* on number 8>

**clean***adjective*

free from dirt or pollution <changed to *clean* clothes> <*clean* solar energy> **b**: free from contamination or disease <a *clean* wound>

**coast***noun*

the land near a shore : **SEASHORE** <The town of Cannon Beach is on the Oregon *coast*>

**con·tain***verb**transitive verb*

to keep within limits: as **a**: **RESTRAIN, CONTROL** <could hardly *contain* her enthusiasm>

**con·trol***verb*

to exercise restraining or directing influence over <Bob was out of *control* after recess>

**cool***adjective*

moderately cold : lacking in warmth <In the springtime the weather is generally *cool*>

**copy***noun*

an imitation, transcript, or reproduction of an original work (as a letter, a painting, a table, or a dress) <The *copy* of the Declaration of Independence was in the Smithsonian Museum>

**corn***noun*

a small hard particle : **GRAIN** <*Corn* is often used as feed for cattle>

**cor·ner***noun*

the angular part or space between meeting lines, edges, or borders near the vertex of the angle <the southwest *corner* of the state> <the *corners* of the tablecloth>

**cost***noun*

the amount or equivalent paid or charged for something : **PRICE** <That purse has too high a cost for me to pay>

**cov·er***verb*

to guard from attack **b** (1): to have within the range of one's guns : **COMMAND** (2): to hold within range of an aimed firearm **c** (1): to afford protection or security

**cross***transitive verb*

to cancel by marking a cross on or drawing a line through : strike out <*cross* names off a list>

**dead***adjective*

deprived of life : no longer alive <the mouse was *dead* when the cat was finished playing with it>

**deal***noun*

a usually large or indefinite quantity or degree <a great *deal* of support> <a good *deal* faster>



**death***noun*

a permanent cessation of all vital functions : the end of life <the cat's interest was the *death* of the mouse>

**de·cide***verb*

to make a final choice or judgment about <*decide* what to do>

**de·scribe***transitive verb*

to represent or give an account of in words <*describe* a picture>

**des·ert***noun*

arid land with usually sparse vegetation; *especially* : such land having a very warm climate and receiving less than 25 centimeters (10 inches) of sporadic rainfall annually <The state of Arizona is largely *desert*>

**dif·fi·cult***adjective*

hard to do, make, or carry out : **ARDUOUS** <a *difficult* climb>

**di·rec·tion***noun*

assistance in pointing out the proper route <Could you tell me the *direction* to the store?>

**doesn't**

does not <That *doesn't* make any sense>

**drive***verb*

to frighten or prod (as game or cattle) into moving in a desired direction <The cowboys had to *drive* the herd of cattle across miles of prairie> to carry on or through energetically <*drives* a hard bargain>

**edge***noun*

the cutting side of a blade <a razor's *edge*> **b**: the sharpness of a blade <a knife with no *edge*>

**eight***noun*

**NUMBER** the **eighth** in a set or series <the *eight* of spades>

**elec·tric***adjective*

relating to, or operated by **electricity** <an *electric* current> <an *electric* heater> **2**: exciting as if by electric shock <an *electric* performance> <an *electric* personality>

**en·gine***noun*

any of various mechanical appliances —often used in combination <fire *engine*>

**equals***adjective*

of the same measure, quantity, amount, or number as another < $2 + 2$  *equals* 4>

**es·pe·cial·ly***adverb*

**SPECIALLY** **12 a**: in particular : **PARTICULARLY** <food seems cheaper, *especially* meats> **b**: for a particular purpose <built *especially* for research

**eve·ning***noun*

the latter part and close of the day and early part of the night <It is a beautiful summer *evening*>

**far·ther***adverb*

at or to a greater distance or more advanced point <got no *farther* than the first page> <nothing could be *farther* from the truth>

**fight***verb*

to contend in battle or physical combat; *especially* : to strive to overcome a person by blows or weapons **b**: to engage in boxing <Bob had a *fight* with Jimmy>

**fill***verb*

to put into as much as can be held or conveniently contained <*fill* a cup with water>



**fit***verb*

to be suitable for or to; to be seemly or proper  
for <it *fits* us then to be as provident as fear may  
teach us>

**flat***adjective*

lying at full length or spread out upon the ground  
: **PROSTRATE** <John laid *flat* on the ground>  
having a continuous horizontal surface <The top  
of the desk was *flat*>

**force***noun*

strength or energy exerted or brought to bear  
: cause of motion or change : active power <a  
*force* of nature> <the motivating *force* in her  
life>

**for·est***noun*

a dense growth of trees and underbrush covering  
a large tract <You can't see the *forest* for the  
trees>

**for·ward***adjective*

near, being at, or belonging to the forepart  
**b**: situated in advance <The policeman waved  
the crowd *forward*>

**fresh***adjective*

having its original qualities unimpaired: as full  
of or renewed in vigor <the salad was made of  
*fresh* lettuce>

**gar·den***noun*

a plot of ground where herbs, fruits, flowers, or  
vegetables are cultivated **b**: a rich well-cultivated  
region <I love to work in my flower *garden*>

**gas**

a fluid (as air) that has neither independent shape  
nor volume but tends to expand indefinitely  
<The Hindenburg was filled with hydrogen *gas*>

**gen·er·al***adjective*

involving, applicable to, or affecting the  
whole<sup>2</sup>: involving, relating to, or applicable to  
every member of a class, kind, or group <the  
*general* equation of a straight line>

**glad***adjective*

experiencing pleasure, joy, or delight : made  
happy <I am so *glad* you came to see me!>

**grown***adjective*

fully grown : **MATURE** <*grown* men and  
women> <sup>2</sup>: covered or surrounded with  
vegetation <land well *grown* with trees>

**guess***verb*

to form an opinion of from little or no evidence <sup>2</sup>  
: **BELIEVE, SUPPOSE** <I *guess* you're right>

**hap·pen***intransitive verb*

to come into being or occur as an event, process,  
or result <mistakes will *happen*> <sup>3</sup>

**hat***noun*

a covering for the head usually having a shaped  
crown and brim<sup>2</sup> **a**: a distinctive head covering  
worn as a symbol of office

**he's**

: he is : he has

**hit***verb*

to reach with or as if with a blow **b**: to come in  
contact with <the ball *hit* the window>

**hole***noun*

an opening through something : **PERFORATION**  
<I have a *hole* in my coat>



**hope***verb*

to cherish a desire with anticipation <I *hope* for a promotion>

**huge***adjective*

very large or extensive: as **a**: of great size or area

**b**: great in scale or degree <a *huge* deficit>

**c**: great in scope or character

**I'd**

I would : I had : I should <I'd close the window if I were you>

**I've**

I have <I've many years of experience tying my shoes>

**inch***noun*

a fall (as of rain or snow) sufficient to cover a surface or to fill a gauge to the depth of one inch <We had one *inch* of snow overnight> **b**

**in·clude***transitive verb*

to shut up : ENCLOSE 2 : to take in or comprise as a part of a whole or group <I will *include* your ideas in my speech>

**in·ter·est***noun*

a charge for borrowed money generally a percentage of the amount borrowed <The bank charges *interest* on the money your borrow>

**is·land***noun*

Usage:

**1**: a tract of land surrounded by water and smaller than a continent <Hawaii is a very large *island* in the pacific ocean>

**isn't**

is not <It *isn't* fair to cheat at cards>

**key***noun*

a usually metal instrument by which the bolt of a lock is turned <take the *key* and unlock the door>

**king***noun*

a male monarch of a major territorial unit; *especially* : one whose position is hereditary and who rules for life <The *king* issue a decree that everyone must bow when he walks by>

**kitch·en***noun*

a place (as a room) with cooking facilities <My mother spends a lot of time cooking in the *kitchen*>

**la·dy :***noun*

a woman of refinement and gentle manners

**C**: WOMAN, FEMALE —often used in a courteous reference <show the *lady* to a seat>

**lead***verb*

to guide on a way especially by going in advance **b**: to direct on a course or in a direction <Lead the way!>

**led**

*past and past participle of LEAD* <We were *led* through the forest by the tour guide>

**lev·el***noun*

**1**: a device for establishing a horizontal line or plane by means of a bubble in a liquid that shows adjustment to the horizontal by movement to the center of a slightly bowed glass tube <A carpenter uses a *level* to make sure the beam is straight>

**love***noun*

strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties <A mother has maternal *love* for her child>



**ma·jor***adjective*

greater in dignity, rank, importance, or interest  
 <one of the *major* poets>

**ma·te·ri·al***adjective*

relating to, derived from, or consisting of matter;  
*especially* : **PHYSICAL** <the *material* world>

**mean***verb*

to have in the mind as a purpose : **INTEND** <I  
*mean* to go shopping after school>

**meat***noun*

the edible part of something as distinguished  
 from its covering (as a husk or shell)**2**: animal  
 tissue considered esp. as food: <Hamburgers are  
 made of the *meat* of cows>

**meet***verb*

to come into the presence of : **FIND b**: to come  
 together with especially at a particular time or  
 place <I'll *meet* you at Dairy Queen after  
 school>

**meth·od***noun*

a procedure or process for attaining an object  
 <My *method* for doing well on a test is to study  
 hard>

**mil·lions***noun*

a very large number <*millions* of cars on the  
 road>

**min·ute***noun*

the 60th part of an hour of time : 60 seconds  
 <I'll be with you in just one *minute*>

**nec·es·sary***adjective*

**COMPULSORY****2**: absolutely needed <It is  
*necessary* for you to be on time for school>

**nor***conjunction*

used as a function word to introduce the second  
 or last member or the second and each following  
 member of a series of items each of which is  
 negated <neither here *nor* there>

**nose***noun*

**1 a**: the part of the face that bears the nostrils and  
 covers the anterior part of the nasal cavity; <The  
 anteater has a very long *nose*>

**note***transitive verb*

to notice or observe with care <Take *note* of  
 where we are going so you can find your way  
 back>

**ob·ject***noun*

something material that may be perceived by the  
 senses <I see an *object* in the distance>

**of·fice***noun*

a position of responsibility or some degree of  
 executive authority <The woman was a  
 candidate for the *office* of mayor>

**op·po·site***adjective*

set over against something that is at the other end  
 or side of an intervening line or space <*opposite*  
 sides of the room>

**pair***noun*

two corresponding things designed for use  
 together <a *pair* of shoes> (

**par·ty***noun*

a social gathering; *also* : the entertainment  
 provided for it <Thank you for coming to my  
 birthday *party*>



**pass**

to move in a path so as to approach and continue beyond something <I am going to *pass* the slow moving truck in front of me>

**pe·ri·od**

*noun*

a division of geologic time longer than an epoch and included in an era <The Jurassic *period* was inhabited by dinosaurs>

**pick**

*verb*

to remove bit by bit <*pick* meat from bones>

**please**

*verb*

to afford or give **pleasure** or satisfaction2: **LIKE**, **WISH** <do as you *please*>

**po·si·tion**

*noun*

an act of placing or arranging<I am going to *position* the glasses on the right side of the table>

**prac·tice**

*verb*

**CARRY OUT**, **APPLY** <*practice* what you preach>  
**b:** to do or perform often, customarily, or habitually <*practice* politeness>

**pret·ty**

*adjective*

pleasing by delicacy or grace **b:** having conventionally accepted elements of beauty <the *pretty* little pony was dapple gray>

**pro·duce**

*verb*

to give birth or rise to : **YIELD** <Sara was able to produce a great essay on gardening>

**prod·uct**

*noun*

the number or expression resulting from the multiplication together of two or more numbers or expressions <The *product* of 2 X 2 is \$>

**pull**

*verb*

to exert force upon so as to cause or tend to cause motion toward the force <**Pull** the rope tightly before you tie the knot>

**qui·et**

*noun*

the quality or state of being quiet  
: **TRANQUILLITY** <The room was *quiet* and peaceful>

**race**

*noun*

a contest of speed <James won the *race* in record time>

**ra·dio**

*noun*

the wireless transmission and reception of electric impulses or signals by means of electromagnetic waves <The *radio* was an amazing invention of the 19<sup>th</sup> century>

**re·cord**

*verb*

to set down in writing : furnish written evidence of <Please make a *record* of our conversation>

**re·gion**

*noun*

a broad geographic area distinguished by similar features <the Appalachian *region*>

**re·sult**

*intransitive verb*

to proceed or arise as a consequence, effect, or conclusion <The *result* of hard study is usually a good grade>

**re·turn**

*verb*

to go back or come back again <*return* home>

**rich**

*adjective*

having abundant possessions and especially material wealth <The *rich* man lived in an enormous house>



**ride***verb*

to sit and travel on the back of an animal that one directs <John love to ride horses>

**ring***noun*

1: a circular band for holding, connecting, hanging, pulling, packing, or sealing <a key ring> <a towel ring> 2: a circlet usually of precious metal worn especially on the finger <The man gave his girlfriend an engagement ring>

**row***verb*

to propel a boat by means of oars <It was difficult to row the boat on the choppy lake>

**rule***noun*

a prescribed guide for conduct or action <Jesse broke the rule and chewed gum in class>

**safe***adjective*

free from harm or risk : UNHURT <Don't worry, you're safe now>

**sand***noun*

a loose granular material that results from the disintegration of rocks, consists of particles smaller than gravel but coarser than silt, and is used in mortar, glass, abrasives, and foundry molds <The sand on the beach was hot in the sun>

**scale***noun*

an instrument or machine for weighing <Please take off your shoes and step on the scale>

**science***noun*

such knowledge or such a system of knowledge concerned with the physical world and its phenomena : NATURAL SCIENCE <In my science class we are studying electricity>

**section***noun*

a distinct part or portion of something written <Please read the second section of the page aloud>

**send***transitive verb*

to cause to go: as a: to propel or throw in a particular direction <I will send you a letter>

**sense***noun*

a specialized function or mechanism (as sight, hearing, smell, taste, or touch) by which an animal receives and responds to external or internal stimuli <My sense of smell is very acute>

**shape***noun*

the visible makeup characteristic of a particular item or kind of item <a cake in the shape of a Christmas tree>

**sharp***adjective*

adapted to cutting or piercing: <The knife was very sharp>

**sheep***noun*

any of various hollow-horned typically gregarious ruminant mammals (genus *Ovis*) related to the goats but stockier and lacking a beard in the male <The herd of sheep ate all the grass in the valley>

**sight***noun*

something that is seen : SPECTACLE2 a: a thing regarded as worth seeing —usually used in plural <Sight is one of the five senses>

**sign***noun*

a motion or gesture by which a thought is expressed or a command or wish made known <John waved to give the all clear sign>



**sil·ver***noun*

a white ductile very malleable metallic element that is capable of a high degree of polish, is chiefly monovalent in compounds, and has the highest thermal and electric conductivity of any substance <The teapot was made of *silver*>

**sim·i·lar***adjective*

having characteristics in common : strictly comparable 2 : alike in substance or essentials <The two shoes were *similar* but not exactly alike>

**sit***verb*

to rest on the buttocks or haunches <*sit* in a chair>

**skin***noun*

the integument of an animal (as a fur-bearing mammal or a bird) separated from the body usually with its hair or feathers <My *skin* became burned from sitting in the sun too long>

**soft***adjective*

pleasing or agreeable to the senses : bringing ease, comfort, or quiet <The lambs wool was very *soft*>

**sold**

*past and past participle of SELL* < I *sold* my bike to get money for a skate board>

**son***noun*

a human male offspring especially of human beings **b**: a male adopted child <Your *son* looks just like his father>

**song***noun*

a short musical composition of words and music <Please sing that *song* again>

**south***adverb*

to, toward, or in the south <a house facing *south*>

**spent***adjective*

used up : **CONSUMED b**: exhausted of active or required components or qualities often for a particular purpose <I *spent* all of my money on candy>

**spread***verb*

to open or expand over a larger area <*spread* out the map>

**stick***noun*

a woody piece or part of a tree or shrub: as **a**: a usually dry or dead severed shoot, twig, or slender branch <I used a *stick* to prop open the window>

**stone***noun*

a concretion of earthy or mineral matter <Sheldon threw a *stone* and broke the window>

**sub·ject***noun*

one that is placed under authority or control: as **a**: **VASSAL** <The king's *subject* knelt before the throne>

**sug·ar***noun*

1 **a**: a sweet crystallizable material that consists wholly or essentially of sucrose, is colorless or white when pure tending to brown when less refined, is obtained commercially from

**sugarcane** or sugar beet and less extensively from sorghum, maples, and palms, and is important as a source of dietary carbohydrate and as a sweetener and preservative of other foods <I like a lot of *sugar* on my cereal>



**tail***noun*

the rear end or a process or prolongation of the rear end of the body of an animal <The dog wagged his *tail*>>

**team***noun*

a number of persons associated together in work or activity <The baseball *team* won the championship>

**tooth***noun*

one of the hard bony appendages that are borne on the jaws or in many of the lower vertebrates on other bones in the walls of the mouth or pharynx and serve especially for the prehension and mastication of food and as weapons of offense and defense <I have a *tooth* ache>

**tem·per·a·ture***noun*

the degree of heat that is natural to the body of a living being **c:** abnormally high body heat <running a *temperature*>

**test***noun*

a critical examination, observation, or evaluation <You must study diligently to do well on the *test*>

**there·fore***adverb*

for that reason : **CONSEQUENTLY b:** because of that **c:** on that ground<sup>2</sup>: to that end <I think, *therefore* I am>

**thick***adjective*

having or being of relatively great depth or extent from one surface to its opposite <a *thick* plank>

**thin**

*adjective* having little extent from one surface to its opposite <*thin* paper>

**thou·sand***noun*

a very large number <There were a *thousand* people at the concert>

**to·tal***adjective*

comprising or constituting a whole <The *total* number of people at the concert was 1000>

**train***noun*

a part of a gown that trails behind the wearer <There was a long *train* on the bride's dress>

**type***noun*

alphanumeric characters for printing <the *type* for this book has been photoset>

**val·ue***noun*

a fair return or equivalent in goods, services, or money for something exchanged<sup>2</sup>: the monetary worth of something <The necklace was of great *value*>

**var·i·ous***adjective*

of differing kinds : **b:** dissimilar in nature or form <There were *various* animals on display at the fair>

**vil·lage***noun*

a settlement usually larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town **b:** an incorporated minor municipality <The *village* only had 300 people living in it>

**vis·it***verb*

to go to see in order to comfort or help<sup>3</sup> **a:** to pay a call on as an act of friendship or courtesy <We went to *visit* Grandma on Mother's Day>



**wait**

*verb*

to stay in place in expectation of : 1 a: to remain stationary in readiness or expectation <*wait* for a train>

**wall**

*noun*

a high thick masonry structure forming a long rampart or an enclosure chiefly for defense —a masonry fence around a garden, park, or estate <there was a *wall* made of stones around the yard of the house.

**wasn't**

was not <I *wasn't* able to hear you>

**we'll**

: we will : we shall <*We'll* call you when we get home>

**wear**

*verb*

to use habitually for clothing, adornment, or assistance <I'm going to *wear* my raincoat as it may rain today>

**weight**

*noun*

1 a: the amount that a thing **weighs** b (1): the standard or established amount that a thing should **weigh** <Step on the scale so I can measure your *weight*>

**west**

*adverb*

to, toward, or in the west <The sun sets in the *west*>

**wife**

*noun*

a female partner in a marriage <My *wife* and I are celebrating our twentieth anniversary>

**wom·an**

*noun*

an adult female person <The *woman* wore a red coat>

**win**

*verb*

to get possession of by effort or fortune <All the student hoped to *win* the Spelling Bee>

**won·der**

*noun*

a cause of astonishment or admiration : **MARVEL** <it's a *wonder* you weren't killed>

**wouldn't**

would not <I *wouldn't* do that if I were you>

**wrong**

*noun*

an injurious, unfair, or unjust act : action or conduct inflicting harm without due provocation or just cause <It is *wrong* to steal>

**yard**

*noun*

a small usually walled and often paved area open to the sky and adjacent to a building <We have a swing set in our back *yard*>

**yel·low**

*adjective*

of the color yellow <The daffodils are *yellow*>

**you'll**

you will : you shall <*You'll* be happy to know that today is your birthday>

