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#### FOREWORD

THIS BULLETIN contains three lists, each of which is designated as a source of words for the League spelling and plain writing contests in the respective divisions. The words are carefully selected and are supplementary to the State Adopted Texts, Grades Two to Eight, inclusive. Few, if any, of the words appearing in the lists will be found in the adopted spelling texts, or in last year's League spelling lists.

Pupils are required to spell only the words in Roman type; words and phrases in italics are explanatory and chiefly for the purpose of helping the pronouncer distinguish between words having the same or similar sound. The italic "n." after a word means "noun"; "v." means "verb"; "pl." means "plural"; and "sing." means "singular"; "p." "past"; "masc." "masculine"; "fem." "feminine"; "comp.," "comparative"; "abbr.," "abbreviation."

Misprints or other errors in the word lists are noted in the Official Notice Column of the Leaguer. Teachers who report errors to the

State Office do the League a real service.

The present adopted spelling texts contain excellent suggestions for teaching spelling, and these plans and devices may well be used in

teaching pupils to spell the words in these lists.

This is not only a spelling, but a "plain writing" contest. More papers are rejected by the State Grading Committee on account of illegible writing than on account of incorrect spelling. Many grading committees do not seem to realize the importance which is attached by the State Committee to "plain writing." A special circular entitled "Writing Errors," which contains many illustrations of malformed or illegible letters, is sent free of charge on request of any teacher using this list.

In cases where the abbreviation of a word is listed, the pronouncer should, of course, give out the word and ask for the abbreviation, e.g., "abbreviation for the current month," and the contestant is expected

to write "inst."

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# GRADES V AND VI

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|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| farmers                   | burning        | fisherman             | cents, money       |
| cow                       | chum           | dwarf                 | coil               |
| chew                      | creak, a sound | flabby                | elm                |
| broil                     | felt           | dwelling              | flit               |
| farthest                  | busily         | canvas, tent          | changed            |
| coward                    | churn          | cliff                 | coin               |
| chicken                   | drowned        | each other            | else               |
| broke                     | fend           | flame                 | float              |
| faults                    | butterfly      | cape                  | chant              |
| cozy                      | cider          | climbed               | colored            |
| chill                     | drowse         | ease                  | entering           |
| broth                     | fender         | flannel               | flock              |
| favored                   | buttonhole ·   | car                   | chapel             |
| crack                     | cinder track   | cling                 | colt               |
| chime                     | drowsy         | eaves                 | everyday clothes   |
| brute                     | fern           | flaw                  | flocks of birds    |
| fawn                      | buyer          | card                  | charm              |
| cracker                   | clam           | cloak                 | comes              |
| chin                      | druggist       | ebb                   | failed             |
| buckle                    | ferns          | flea, an insect       | floe, of ice       |
| fearful                   | caboose        | cargo                 | chart              |
| crackle                   | clan           | $\operatorname{clog}$ | cooking            |
| buzzard                   | drunken        | echo                  | fair, pleasing     |
| bud                       | fetter         | fleece                | flood              |
| fearless                  | calico         | carload               | cheaper            |
| cradle                    | clash          | closer                | cool               |
| chop                      | duel, fight    | egg                   | faith              |
| budding                   | feud           | fleet                 | flowers            |
| feast                     | calves         | cart                  | checked            |
| crag                      | clatter        | cloth                 | cord of wood       |
| chord of a piano          | _              | elbow                 | fame               |
| bug<br>feat, act of skill | fidget<br>can  | fleets                | fluffy<br>checking |
| crank                     | clay           | carve<br>clouds       | cnecking           |
| chore                     | dumb           | elder                 | fang               |
| bulb                      | final          | flesh                 | fluid              |
| feathers                  | canary         | catcher               | cheek              |
| crash                     | clearly        | clover                | costly             |
| chores                    | dusky          | eldest                | fare, to go        |
| bulk                      | fireman        | flimsy                | flurry             |
| feats                     | cane           | cement                | cherry             |
| crate                     | clew to the    | coax                  | couch              |
| chubby                    | puzzle         | eleventh              | farewell           |
| bump                      | cannot         | fling                 | flush              |
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ridden nearer pups stern red wolf starting pailful ounce row of beans rat nuts raining, falling rolling norther races in drops nearest puppy riddle rob reel, motion painful startled sticky picture rates oak oust rolls rowdv radio tubes robbed needle nose, part of sting rip painted the face starve overcoat push button oar of a boat rats raised royal roommate radishes robber Negroes pushed ripped stir puddle reign, to rule starving overdue rattle rubbers oats raisin nose dive roof raft rocked puts nerve ripping stirrup rein of a bridle overlooked pulled states rattled ruddy odor raisins room nostril rag rocks new hat quail ripple stitch reins of a bridle pulley staying overshoes rattlesnake oil rake root of a tree unmannerly raid rod nicest notes rising stock quench owl pulleys steamer resin okra rally rattling noun rail roses rode on the train quilt roads stockings no, negative restless steed pulling pack stare, to look onions raven rap steadily railed roil, to stir up rosin roam, wander stole now noble quinine steep packed pulp open-air rapid reached rice roiled rostrum nozzle railing rabbits roared stolen noisy rich stepped paddle pumpkins rash stared oranges reaches rolled nursed rainbow rosy stones roaring no one raccoon steps padlock rid punch raspberry started others reader nurses rainfall roller rotten roasting ear stony noose racer

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## GRADES VII AND VIII

1 2 4 ahode adopted airway alteration apostrophe armor assault asylum aviation barren chisel clumsiness collecting conductor contend corpse abolish advanced alterations airv applaud armored assaults athlete backwoodsman charter chopped clumsy collector confine content counterfeit advancement ambition acceptable ajar Army Corps atom bomb assemble applause balanced chasm choral cluster colon confirm continued counterpart advantages amounting accepted akin arrived assemblies attached applications bananas chatter chowder coachman comfortably conflict convent couplet achieve advertised Alaska anchor appointed artery assert attaching cherish hanish cinnamon coasting commend connect coupling convert acknowledging advised alfalfa anecdotes articles assertions attentive arguing chestnut cobbler banker cistern competitor connected courthouse convey acquaint affirm algebra angle iron appreciated ashore assigns attire chiefly cocklebur banner classes connections covering completely convoy affirmative anguish acquainted alight approved asparagus assured attorneys bantam chieftain climatic coconut conceit conqueror coolie covey afflict alligator announced acreage archer aspect assuring auction barbecue chimnevs climax cocoon conceivable considered cozen, to cheat cornet agencies allowing announces actively Arctic asphalt astonishes aught, any part Chinese codicil bard, a poet clodhopper concerned consume corps of craft activities agreeably teachers Apollo autobiography arid assail aloft. astonishment barracks coffin chipping craftsman consumer clotted concerning

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monument

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