

# Common Vocabulary and Spelling Words

## For Civil Service Exams

**Instructions:** Go through the following tables of words and make sure you know how to spell them and what their meaning is. The task of looking up the meaning using the internet will help you recall the meaning if you find these words on an exam.

ability	abundance	absence	absolute
acceleration	acceptable	accessory	accident
accidentally	accuracy	accused	achieved
achievement	acknowledge	acknowledgement	acquaintance
acquired	acquittal	activity	actual
addition	addressed	adequate	administration
admissible	adolescent	advancement	advice
advise	agency	agreement	aggressive
alcohol	alight	align	alleged
allegedly	allergy	alliance	allocate
allowed	alternative	amateur	ambitious
ambulance	analyze	anniversary	announcement
annual	anonymous	answered	anticipated
antique	anxieties	anxious	apologize
apology	appalling	apparent	appeal
appearance	appliance	applicant	argument
artificial	assistance	attachment	authorities
authority	awkward	backwards	balance
bandage	bankrupt	barrister	basis
beautiful	before	behavior	beneficial

bicycle	blanket	blatant	blockage
blurred	boredom	borrowed	boundaries
breach	broken	breathing	broaden
building	buoyant	bureau	burglaries
calculated	calendar	camera	campaign
candidate	capability	capital	cardboard
career	careful	carriage	casualty
caught	cause	center	certificate
changing	chaos	character	chemical
circumstances	citizen	civil	claimed
clause	clearance	climate	coincide
colleague	collection	collision	column
combination	comment	commencement	commercial
commission	commissioner	commitment	committee
communication	community	compatible	competent
composure	comprehend	condemned	condition
consequence	consideration	consistent	constant
controversial	controversy	convenient	corpse
corroborate	corruption	coughing	courage
courageous	courteous	cultural	credible
criminal	critical	criticism	crucial
daughter	debris	decentralize	decisive
defendant	demonstrate	denial	deposit
depth	descendant	description	despite
detailed	determined	detour	development
diagnose	diameter	diesel	difference
direction	disability	disappointing	disappointment
disappearance	discipline	discount	discretion

discussion	disguise	dishonest	disillusionment
dismissed	disqualified	distance	distinction
distinguish	distressed	distribute	disturbance
diversity	division	document	domestic
dominant	double	doubtful	draught
duplicate	durable	duration	effective
efficient	electricity	element	eligible
eliminate	embarrass	emergency	eminent
emphasis	employment	empty	encounter
endeavor	energetic	enforce	engagement
enjoyable	enormous	enough	enthusiasm
environment	equality	equation	equipment
equity	eruption	essential	ethnic
evasion	exaggerate	examination	exceed
excess	exception	exceptional	executive
expenses	facilities	fatigue	favorite
feature	February	festival	fictitious
fierce	financial	fixture	floating
flowing	fluorescent	focused	foreign
foreseeable	forgiveness	formal	fortnight
foundation	fraudulent	frightened	front
fulfilment	function	furniture	gauge
generate	genuine	government	gracious
gradually	grasping	grateful	grievance
grievous	growth	guarantee	guard
guest	guidance	handkerchief	handle
harbor	harden	haste	hazard
headquarters	health	height	heroin

highway	history	holiday	homicide
honesty	honorary	humor	hypnotize
ideal	identification	identify	ignore
illegal	illegible	illusion	illustrate
imagination	imitate	immature	immediately
immensely	immigration	impact	impartial
implement	implication	important	improvement
improvise	impulsive	inaccurate	incapable
incident	inclination	inclusion	income
incorporate	incredible	incriminate	inconsiderate
independent	indicate	indigenous	indirect
individual	industrial	inferior	inflammable
inflation	influence	influential	information
informative	inheritance	initial	initiative
injection	injuries	innocent	inspector
inspiration	instalment	instance	instead
institution	instrument	insulate	insurance
intangible	integrate	integrity	intellectual
intelligent	intend	intensity	intent
intercept	interference	interim	intermittent
internal	interpret	interrupt	view
intrigue	introduction	intrusion	invasion
investigation	invitation	irrational	irreconcilable
irresponsible	irritate	jealous	jeopardy
journalist	Joyous	judgement	Junior
juror	justice	justification	juvenile
keyboard	kilometer	kitchen	kneel
knocking	knowledge	knowledgeable	known
laborer	lacquer	lamine	language

laundry	lawful	leaflet	league
legality	legible	legislation	legitimate
leisure	length	leverage	liberty
library	license	licensing	lighten
likelihood	limb	limited	linear
lining	liquidate	liquor	literally
literate	litigation	liter	location
logical	loose	lose	lunged
luxurious	machinery	magazine	magnificent
maintenance	malicious	management	manipulate
mannerism	manslaughter	marijuana	marketing
marriage	masculine	massacre	massive
material	maturity	maximum	mayor
measurement	mechanical	mediate	mediation
medicine	mediocre	memory	merchandise
merge	merit	metropolitan	microscope
middle	military	miniature	minimum
minister	mischievous	misconduct	miserable
missile	mission	mobile	modern
module	momentary	monitored	monopoly
monotonous	monument	motion	mold
mourning	movement	multiply	municipal
murmur	muscle	narcotic	narrative
narrow	nationality	naive	natural
navigate	nearby	necessary	necessitate
negotiable	negotiation		neighbor
nervous	neutral	niche	noisy
nominate	normally	nothing	novelty
nudged	nuisance	nurseries	nurture

nutrition	objective	obligation	obscenity
obscure	observation	obstacle	obsolete
obtain	obviously	occasion	occupation
occurred	occurrence	offense	offender
offensive	official	omitted	onus
opening	operation	opinion	opponent
opportunity	opposite	opposition	optimistic
option	ordeal	ordered	ordinary
organization	orientation	original	otherwise
ought	outcome	outlining	overall
overturn	pacify	paddle	painting
palm	panic	parade	paragraph
parallel	parliament	participate	particle
particularly	particular	partition	partner
passage	patient	patrol	pattern
pause	pavement	payment	peculiar
pedestrian	penalty	pensioner	perceive
percentage	perception	perfect	performance
period	perish	permanent	permissible
permission	persevere	personal	personnel
persuade	pessimistic	petition	petrol
pharmacy	phase	phrase	physical
physique	picture	piece	pivot
placement	plaque	plastic	platform
plead	plenty	plight	plunge
poisonous	policing	policy	political
population	portable	portfolio	portion
position	positive	possession	possibility
postpone	posture	potential	practice

precious	precise	predecessor	prediction
predominantly	preference	preferred	prejudice
preliminary	premature	premium	preparation
prescription	presence	presentation	preserve
pretense	preview	primary	priority
prison	private	privilege	probably
procedure	process	produce	professional
progression	prominent	promise	property
proprietor	prosecution	prospect	protection
protest	proved	provide	provoke
psychological	psychologist	publicity	publish
pulse	puncture	punishment	purchase
purpose	pursue	pursuit	quaint
qualification	qualify	quality	quantify
quantity	quarrelsome	quarter	quash
quell	questionable	queue	quickly
quiet	quite	quotation	racing
radiant	radical	radio	railing
random	range	rapid	rational
rationale	reaching	reactive	reading
realization	reality	reasonable	reassurance
recalled	recede	receive	reception
recession	recipient	reckless	recognized
recommendation	reconciliation	reconstruct	recovery
recreation	recruit	rectify	recuperate
recurrence	reduction	redundancy	redundant
reference	reflecting	reflex	reformed
refreshment	refrigerator	refusal	registration
rehabilitation	reinforce	rejection	relapse

related	relationship	release	relief
relinquish	remaining	remember	remittance
remote	renowned	repair	repeated
repercussion	repetition	replica	reported
representation	reprisal	research	reservation
residential	resigned	resources	respectable
responsibility	responsible	restaurant	restitution
restriction	resuscitate	retention	retirement
retrenchment	reunited	review	reward
rival	robberies	rogue	rough
ruling	sacrifice	safety	salary
salvage	sample	satellite	savage
savory	scald	scandal	scarce
schedule	scheme	scholar	scientist
scratched	search	secondary	secretaries
section	security	segment	seized
seizure	selection	sensible	sensitive
sentence	separate	sequence	sergeant
service	session	settlement	several
severe	shrewd	shriek	sign
signal	signature	significant	silence
simultaneous	situation	sizeable	skillful
smear	sociable	society	solemn
solicitor	solution	sophisticated	souvenir
specialize	specific	specifically	specimen
speculate	squander	square	stable
standard	staple	static	stationary
stationery	statistics	statue	strength
subject	submerged	subsequent	subscription



substance	substitute	succeed	sufficient
suggest	superintendent	superior	superstition
supplement	suppose	suppressed	surge
surrendered	survey	susceptible	suspend
suspicion	swallow	sympathy	tactic
technical	telephone		syringe
tangled	technological	temperament	tenant
system	target	technology	temperature
tentative	temporary	terminated	termination
terminal	territory	tertiary	terrible
thirsty	thorough	theory	tissue
tobacco	thought	tongue	towards
tomorrow	traffic	tragedy	tradition
transfer	transparent	traveling	transport
triumph	trauma	truthful	turnover
trustworthy	ultimately	unaware	typical
unbelievable	unconscious	unbearable	undertaken
underrate	underground	uniform	union
unforeseen	unnecessary	unreliable	university
vacant	vacation	utilize	valuable
vandalism	vague	vehicle	venture
variation	version	vertical	verge
violence	visible	vigor	vocal
volume	vital	wager	warehouse
volunteer	wastage	waterproof	warrant
western	whereabouts	weapon	willful
	whisper	withdrawal	worthy
window	wrong	wrongdoing	writing

**End of vocabulary list**  
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