

**North South Foundation- Regional Contests**  
**Intermediate Vocabulary Bee (IVB) Sample Words**

**Dear Potential Contestant:**

This is a sample list of about **100** words that you can use as guidance. The 1000 word list for the current year will be available for download once you complete the registration.

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**A**

abdicate  
abhor  
abide  
abiding

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**B**

backlog  
badger  
banal  
bane

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**C**

cadence  
cajole  
Cajun  
caliber

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**D**

dank  
dapple  
dawdle  
de facto

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**E**

earthy  
ebb  
ebullient  
ecology

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**F**

faction  
factious  
fail-safe  
fait accompli

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**G**

gall  
gamut  
gasconade  
gibe

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**H**

hackneyed

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hale  
hapless  
hazel

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**I**

idealize  
imbue  
immaculate  
immutable

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**J**

jaunt  
jejune  
jerry-built  
jibe

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**K**

kamikaze  
kangaroo court  
karaoke  
Keepsake

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**L**

labyrinth  
lacerate  
lair  
lambent

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**M**

macabre  
Machiavellian  
macrame'  
maestro

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**N**

nabob  
nadir  
namby-pamby  
nebulous

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**O**

obeisance  
obelisk  
obfuscate  
oblong

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**P**

pagoda  
paladin  
palatial  
palette

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**Q**

quaint  
quark  
queasy  
quell

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**R**

rack  
rail  
rampart  
rank

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**S**

sagacious  
salient  
sampler  
sanction

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**T**

tabloid  
tactical  
tactile  
talisman

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**U**

uber  
unalienable  
undergird  
undermine

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**V**

vacillate  
vagrant  
vapid  
vassal

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**W**

waffle

wag  
wan  
warp

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**Z**

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zap  
zealot  
zenith  
zest