



NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL SPELLING BEE 2010 WORD LIST

affinity	biennial	conundrum	etymology	incandescent
abysmal	bilge	contagion	eucalyptus	indigenous
acquiesce	blancmange	cornucopia	evanescence	infidel
aberration	blasphemously	cranium	existentialism	infinitesimal
acronym	bonsai	criticism	facetious	inflammatory
adolescence	boudoir	curriculum	fastidious	initiative
acropolis	bronchitis	curvaceous	feudalism	innocent
alchemy	Buccinators	cynical	fianchetto	innocuous
altruism	buoyancy	dazzle	fillibuster	insouciant
affidavit	buddha	decipher	flocculation	intelligible
aggregate	cacophony	decrepitude	fluorescent	Inuit
algorithm	cajolery	demagogue	fractious	irascible
alkaline	calamity	desiccated	fusillade	iridescent
alumnus	calico	destitute	garrulous	isosceles
alliteration	calligraphy	desultory	genealogist	jambalaya
amethyst	casserole	diaphanous	gestalt	jinx
amphibious	catastasis	diphtheria	genuflect	joust
anemone	catastrophe	diphthong	government	judicious
annihilation	cathedral	distillation	graminivorous	juggernaut
anomaly	celestial	doldrums	grotesqueness	juxtaposition
anonymous	cemetery	easel	guacamole	karma
antediluvian	chandelier	eccentric	haemorrhage	kinetics
aqueous	charismatic	ecclesiastic	haemoglobin	labyrinthine
aquiline	charlatan	echelon	hedonism	languor
archipelago	chartreuse	ecstatic	hegemony	larceny
arduous	chauvinism	effervescent	heist	leguminous
armistice	Chicanery	egalitarian	hexagonal	linguist
aspersion	cholesterol	electrolysis	histrionic	litigious
assonance	chromosome	ennui	homonym	liturgical
bandanna	chrysalis	embarrassment	hypochondria	loquacious
barbican	coccyx	epidermis	hypotenuse	lugubrious
barnacle	colossal	epiphany	idiosyncrasy	lunacy
belligerent	column	epistle	ignominious	macabre
benefactor	collateral	equilibrium	immediately	machismo
bereavement	condiment	equinox	impetuous	madrigal
bibliophile	consonance	espionage	improper	malaise
		esoteric		



matriarchy	oesophagus	pretentious	salubrious	tributary
maverick	omniscient	procrastinate	sanguine	truculent
mayonnaise	onomatopoeia	protagonist	sanctimonious	typhoon
mediocre	opacity	protocol	scrupulously	ubiquitous
Mediterranean	ostracism	pseudonym	scurrilous	ultimatum
melancholy	oscillate	pterodactyl	seismic	Umbilicus
mellifluous	palaver	pyre	serendipity	utilitarian
memorabilia	panache	quadrennial	solicitude	valedictory
metamorphosis	pandemonium	quango	spherical	variegated
microcosm	paradigm	querulous	stalwart	velocity
miscellaneous	parliament	queue	sturgeon	ventriloquist
mischievous	parochial	quintessence	substitution	verruca
misogynist	paucity	rambunctious	synonymous	virtuoso
mnemonic	penicillin	raucous	taciturn	viscera
mystique	peripheral	rebarbative	tariff	vitreous
negligible	pestiferous	recession	tawdry	vociferous
nemesis	pheromone	reminiscence	teetotaler	voluptuous
niche	philanthropy	renaissance	terrapin	walrus
nimbostratus	phosphate	reneege	thespian	wiradhuri
nostalgia	portcullis	requisite	titivate	yashmak
obsequious	plebian	reservoir	toboggan	zealous
obsolescence	plutonite	rhombus	tombola	zeitgeist
odious	predecessor	rhubarb	tortellini	zygote
odyssey	prejudice	saboteur	tracheotomy	

Words acknowledging New Zealand's culture
 Karakia
 Whakapapa
 Rahui,
 Kaupapa
 Tamariki
 Kaumatua