

## Lesson 8 Spelling List

1. marshes	11. child	<b>CHALLENGE WORDS</b>
2. thrive	12. wild	1. <i>design</i>
3. hinge	13. bright	2. <i>delight</i>
4. spines	14. sight	
5. digests	15. tight	
6. nurseries	16. fight	
7. contain	17. mind	
8. habit	18. lie	
9. finicky	19. die	
10. relies	20. pie	

## Lesson 8 Vocabulary List

**contain**: v. To hold; to have within itself. (*Example: A drop of pond water contains thousands of tiny living creatures.*)

**container**: n. A jar, box, or other object used for holding something.  
(*Example: Martina and Sam loved visiting the bead shop where small square containers held beads of many different colors, sizes, and shapes.*)

**digest**: v. To change food after it has been eaten into simpler forms that the body can use. (*Example: Because Janine cannot digest milk, her parents give her soy drinks.*)

**finicky**: adj. Hard to please; fussy. (*Example: Adriana knew her parents would think she was being finicky, but she was just not hungry.*)

**habit**: n. 1. Something that a person does so often that it is done without thinking. (*Example: Katie's habit of saying "you know" after every sentence is annoying.*)

2. A special kind of clothing worn by certain groups. (*Example: A very important part of a riding habit is the hard helmet to protect the head in case of a fall.*)

**hinge**: n. A joint on a lid or a door that allows it to swing open or shut.  
(*Example: Roger oiled the steel hinges on our front gate from time to time so they would not rust.*)

**marsh**: *n.* A low-lying area, often covered with tall grasses, where the ground is soft and wet. (Example: The marshes near Long Island Sound provide a home for many snails, crabs, and minnows.)

**marshy**: *adj.* Soft and moist underfoot. (Example: Reeds and cattails grow in the marshy area near the lake.)

**nursery**: *n.* 1. A room or other place set aside for the use of babies and small children. (Example: On our visit to the hospital, we stopped by the nursery to take a look at our new cousin.)

2. A place where plants are grown for sale. (Example: On Saturday, Uncle Karl and Aunt Ruby went to the nursery to choose two locust trees to plant in front of their house.)

**rely**: *v.* To count on; to look to for support. (Example: When they asked Diane if they could rely on her to deliver the secret message to the right person, she said, “Of course!”)

**reliable**: *adj.* Trustworthy; not likely to fail. (Example: Until he could repair the brakes, Dad said our car was not reliable for a trip from Houston to Minneapolis.)

**spine**: *n.* 1. The backbone. (Example: The spine protects the nerves that run from the brain to every part of the body.)

2. A thin, sharp, stiff part that sticks out on certain plants and animals. (Example: The one-inch long spines on a prickly pear cactus have been used to make toothpicks and needles.)

**thrive**: *v.* To do well; to grow strong and healthy. (Example: Lavender plants thrive in sunny spots without too much water.)