



# Spelling Derivatives

For grades 4-8, the words on the District and State test might be derivatives of words that appear on the official Spelling List. A derivative is a word that is related to the word on the list but has a change in the part of speech, a change in the tense, or has an added prefix or suffix. Approximately 8 words on the Grades 4-5 test are derivatives and approximately 14 words on the Grades 6-8 test are derivatives.

Here are some samples of derivatives from the 2024 tests:

Original List Word	Test Word Derivative
liquidate	liquidating
voluntary	voluntarily
erode	erosion
radius	radii
equator	equatorial
understated	understatement
benefactor	benefactress
emporium	emporia
circulation	circulatory
charisma	charismatic
odoriferous	odoriferousness
categorical	categorically
abolition	abolitionist
quantum	quanta
excavation	excavated
bibliography	bibliographic
secede	secessionist
jocose	jocosity