



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for First Graders

2017-2018

big	slid	was	rose	lower
get	made	sunny	deck	walk
old	show	toes	bead	obey
hen	into	soon	hurt	winner
now	spots	nice	grins	pilot
fell	ring	going	leaf	fresh
barn	such	door	spurs	roof
step	most	clams	elm	flying
too	here	kitten	foot	bitter
find	gate	garden	bank	south
cape	mine	cord	paws	stack
eat	deep	arms	oak	panda
take	glow	west	drive	slumber
shed	love	team	alone	gall
how	coin	skim	frogs	wishes
ride	stone	belly	dew	missing
wall	them	hire	paste	pretend
baby	plane	wink	unkind	nodded
note	stay	move	person	change
hunt	coal	aid	nearly	once

This list includes 50 challenging first grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging second grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a first grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Second Graders 2017-2018

cord	paws	stack	rinse	blanket
arms	oak	panda	vanish	thrilling
west	drive	slumber	escape	jacket
team	alone	gall	alien	rambling
skim	frogs	wishes	nutmeg	harvest
belly	dew	missing	glinting	agog
hire	paste	pretend	radio	shudder
wink	unkind	nodded	wheels	cartoon
move	person	change	darling	dither
aid	nearly	once	hutch	rodents
rose	lower	zone	awful	compost
deck	walk	clasp	muster	lizard
bead	obey	boxcar	padlock	voice
hurt	winner	roar	welcome	cosmic
grins	pilot	graze	platform	liberty
leaf	fresh	pesky	spiral	pirate
spurs	roof	return	rafters	dumplings
elm	flying	fetch	illness	promise
foot	bitter	thorn	tablet	excellent
bank	south	fancy	wailing	cheddar

This list includes 50 challenging second grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging third grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a second grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Third Graders

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zone	awful	compost	hairpin	perhaps
clasp	muster	lizard	clipper	nannies
boxcar	padlock	voice	marsh	button
roar	welcome	cosmic	shabby	alley
graze	platform	liberty	hushed	sprinkle
pesky	spiral	pirate	manner	complete
return	rafters	dumplings	scraped	diaper
fetch	illness	promise	impact	transporting
thorn	tablet	excellent	breeze	lukewarm
fancy	wailing	cheddar	standoff	violet
rinse	blanket	insect	narrow	castle
vanish	thrilling	scale	lazily	bicycle
escape	jacket	crept	primers	village
alien	rambling	speak	marbles	promptly
nutmeg	harvest	carving	tennis	matron
glinting	agog	oval	world	produce
radio	shudder	purse	kettle	horrid
wheels	cartoon	mossy	shelves	invitation
darling	dither	cattle	crumpled	faucet
hutch	rodents	offer	mailboxes	enormous

This list includes 50 challenging third grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging fourth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a third grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Fourth Graders

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insect	narrow	castle	crooked	intersect
scale	lazily	bicycle	warmth	sloberly
crept	primers	village	craggy	valuables
speak	marbles	promptly	Icelandic	expensive
carving	tennis	matron	temple	Venice
oval	world	produce	engraved	breakfast
purse	kettle	horrid	newlyweds	salvation
mossy	shelves	invitation	protested	unison
cattle	crumpled	faucet	amusing	diagram
offer	mailboxes	enormous	cinders	spinster
hairpin	perhaps	canal	abroad	grocery
clipper	nannies	shilling	superb	pastures
marsh	button	halter	Norse	neglected
shabby	alley	basting	custody	receptions
hushed	sprinkle	hornet	sullen	energetic
manner	complete	Viking	Bollywood	plantations
scraped	diaper	chapel	clambering	decent
impact	transporting	pouted	strident	survival
breeze	lukewarm	aspect	severely	disguise
standoff	violet	rotating	manure	undesirable

This list includes 50 challenging fourth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging fifth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a fourth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Fifth Graders

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canal	abroad	grocery	balloonist	appointed
shilling	superb	pastures	improvise	regents
halter	Norse	neglected	altitude	infraction
basting	custody	receptions	sparsely	Pacific
hornet	sullen	energetic	musician	affirmation
Viking	Bollywood	plantations	practically	cipher* <i>or</i> cypher
chapel	clambering	decent	testament	administration
pouted	strident	survival	simulate	geometry
aspect	severely	disguise	disengage	consecutive
rotating	manure	undesirable	Mohawk	scavenger
crooked	intersect	tonic	exterior	defensiveness
warmth	slobery	enlisted	scenery	vegetation
craggy	valuables	tomes	opponent	sconces
Icelandic	expensive	levied	allowance	Cyclops
temple	Venice	bookmobile	committee	aerospace
engraved	breakfast	nursery	bulletin	correctional
newlyweds	salvation	shortage	hoarsely	segregation
protested	unison	precise	automated	instantaneous
amusing	diagram	roundabout	subdivision	nausea
cinders	spinster	handiwork	heralded	Chesapeake

This list includes 50 challenging fifth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging sixth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a fifth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.

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Study Words for Sixth Graders

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tonic	exterior	defensiveness	despondency	repugnance
enlisted	scenery	vegetation	composure	impeccable
tomes	opponent	sconces	jauntily	contagious
levied	allowance	Cyclops	Hispaniola	stevedores
bookmobile	committee	aerospace	quantum	commendable
nursery	bulletin	correctional	calamine	incessant
shortage	hoarsely	segregation	exasperation	ricochet
precise	automated	instantaneous	sophomore	tribulations
roundabout	subdivision	nausea	reprobate	azalea
handiwork	heralded	Chesapeake	annoyance	fluorescent
balloonist	appointed	atoll	paralysis	reservoir
improvise	regents	miracle	chimpanzee	truculently
altitude	infraction	callous	peroxide	generalissimo
sparsely	Pacific	grandiose	amputation	vociferous
musician	affirmation	dexterity	conspiracy	merengue
practically	cipher* <i>or</i> cypher	barrette	sinewy	claustrophobic
testament	administration	cordial	flabbergasted	Methuselah
simulate	geometry	alacrity	boisterously	entrepreneurs
disengage	consecutive	marmalade	linoleum	monsieur
Mohawk	scavenger	orchids	tapirs	pièce de résistance

This list includes 50 challenging sixth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging seventh grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a sixth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.

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Study Words for Seventh Graders

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atoll	paralysis	reservoir	monomania	incarcerated
miracle	chimpanzee	truculently	taxidermy	appendectomy
callous	peroxide	generalissimo	piteously	subterranean
grandiose	amputation	vociferous	strenuous	financiers
dexterity	conspiracy	merengue	intimation	treacherous
barrette	sinewy	claustrophobic	conundrum	orthopedic* <i>or</i> orthopaedic
cordial	flabbergasted	Methuselah	atrocious	sphinx
alacrity	boisterously	entrepreneurs	voluminous	lama
marmalade	linoleum	monsieur	propaganda	celerity
orchids	tapis	pièce de résistance	conspicuous	acacias
despondency	repugnance	proviso	premonition	Seminole
composure	impeccable	dragoons	memorandum	hallucinations
jauntily	contagious	gargoyle	pastrami	endeavor* <i>or</i> endeavour
Hispaniola	stevedores	anecdote	germinate	labyrinthine
quantum	commendable	brigands	parenthetical	excruciating
calamine	incessant	mandible	crematoria	lichenous
exasperation	ricochet	crampon	massacres	chandeliers
sophomore	tribulations	Sherpa	petulance	uncoquettish
reprobate	azalea	malign	facilitate	tempestuous
annoyance	fluorescent	boroughs	extenuation	Pyrenees

This list includes 50 challenging seventh grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging eighth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a seventh grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.

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Study Words for Eighth Graders

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proviso	premonition	Seminole	cupolas	connubial
dragoons	memorandum	hallucinations	grotesque	unpropitious
gargoyle	pastrami	endeavor* <i>or</i> endeavour	pulmonary	caravel
anecdote	germinate	labyrinthine	frontispiece	millinery
brigands	parenthetical	excruciating	succulent	coppice
mandible	crematoria	lichenous	clandestine	pecuniary
crampon	massacres	chandeliers	pestiferous	expatiated
Sherpa	petulance	uncoquettish	requisites	supercilious
malign	facilitate	tempestuous	pitons	formaldehyde
boroughs	extenuation	Pyrenees	incongruous	vicissitudes
monomania	incarcerated	interpolated	variegated	oologist
taxidermy	appendectomy	cypress	lassitude	auspices
piteously	subterranean	disquisition	avocations	panegyric
strenuous	financiers	translucent	raillery	cabochon
intimation	treacherous	annexation	sanguine	verdigris
conundrum	orthopedic* <i>or</i> orthopaedic	expeditionaries	tête-à-tête	rhododendron
atrocities	sphinx	bilious	mitochondria	Kilimanjaro
voluminous	lama	interstices	putrefaction	coquelicot
propaganda	celerity	hermetically	concierge	ichthyosaurus
conspicuous	acacias	mythos	gauss	cicerone

This list includes 50 challenging eighth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging ninth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for an eighth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.

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- [*Are You My Mother?*](#) by P.D. Eastman
- [*Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed*](#) by Emily Pearson

Second Grade Source Books:

- [*Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah*](#) by Laurie Ann Thompson
- [*The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies*](#) by Beatrix Potter
- [*Little Dog, Lost*](#) by Marion Dane Bauer
- [*Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon*](#) by Paula Danziger
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Third Grade Source Books:

- [*What Is the Statue of Liberty?*](#) by Joan Holub
- [*The Boxcar Children*](#) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- [*Tumtum and Nutmeg*](#) by Emily Bearn
- [*Fortunately, the Milk*](#) by Neil Gaiman
- [*The Haunted Library*](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler

Fourth Grade Source Books:

- [*Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*](#) by Russell Freedman
- [*Stuart Little*](#) by E.B. White
- [*The Wild Robot*](#) by Peter Brown
- [*The Ogre of Oglefort*](#) by Eva Ibbotson
- [*Gregor the Overlander*](#) by Suzanne Collins

Fifth Grade Source Books:

- [*Guts & Glory: The Vikings*](#) by Ben Thompson
- [*The Hundred and One Dalmatians*](#) by Dodie Smith
- [*The Thief Lord*](#) by Cornelia Funke
- [*Save Me a Seat*](#) by Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks
- [*Moo: A Novel*](#) by Sharon Creech

Sixth Grade Source Books:

- [*Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition*](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly
- [*The Twenty-One Balloons*](#) by William Pène du Bois
- [*The False Prince*](#) by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- [*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*](#) by Leslie Connor
- [*Book Scavenger*](#) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

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- [*The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*](#) by Phillip Hoose
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