



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for First Graders

2017-2018

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|------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| 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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| 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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| 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 2017-2018

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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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| 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 | atrocities | 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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- [*Harry the Dirty Dog*](#) by Gene Zion
- [*Frederick*](#) by Leo Lionni
- [*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
- [*Humphrey's Mixed-Up Magic Trick*](#) by Betty G. Birney





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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 Bear
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- [*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

Seventh Grade Source Books:

- [*No Better Friend: Young Readers Edition: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II*](#) by Robert Weintraub
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- [*Finding Perfect*](#) by Elly Swartz
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- [*The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*](#) by Phillip Hoose
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