



# Scripps National Spelling Bee

## Vocabulary List for Sixth Graders

### 2018-2019

1. **warped** (*verb*) turned or twisted out of shape.
2. **flail** (*verb*) to move, swing or beat as though wielding a tool that separates seeds from plants.
3. **clanging** (*verb*) making a loud, resonating sound like that of a trumpet or especially like pieces of metal struck together.
4. **qualify** (*verb*) to fit especially for an office or privilege.
5. **solely** (*adverb*) to the exclusion of alternate or competing things (such as persons, purposes, duties).
6. **refined** (*adjective*) precise, exact.
7. **plodding** (*verb*) moving or traveling slowly but steadily : trudging.
8. **Japanese** (*adjective*) of, relating to or characteristic of a country in eastern Asia made up of four main and other islands in the western Pacific.
9. **advanced** (*adjective*) beyond the elementary or introductory : carrying on from that which comes before.
10. **sensible** (*adjective*) characterized by serious examination and study : intelligent, reasonable.
11. **beneath** (*preposition*) immediately under.
12. **penalty** (*noun*) a disadvantage (as loss of time or possession of the ball) imposed for violation of the rules of a contest.
13. **mockingly** (*adverb*) in a manner marked by scorn, contempt or ridicule.
14. **compartment** (*noun*) a small chamber, receptacle or container.
15. **achieve** (*verb*) to carry out successfully : accomplish.
16. **hoisted** (*verb*) moved from one place to another by or as if by lifting.
17. **doffing** (*verb*) lifting (the hat).
18. **banishment** (*noun*) legal expulsion from a country.
19. **furled** (*verb*) rolled up or gathered in (a sail) and fastened close to a yard or mast.
20. **immune** (*adjective*) not susceptible or responsive.
21. **volley** (*verb*) to propel (an object of play) while in the air and before touching the ground.
22. **perish** (*verb*) to become destroyed or ruined : die.
23. **dismissal** (*noun*) the fact or state of being removed from employment, enrollment, position or office.



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24.	<b>temporary</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	existing or continuing for a limited time.
25.	<b>anthem</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a song or hymn of praise or gladness.
26.	<b>rebuked</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	criticized sharply : reprimanded.
27.	<b>garret</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	an unfinished part of a house immediately under or within the roof.
28.	<b>irked</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	irritated or disgusted (as a person) usually because of tiresome or wearying qualities.
29.	<b>prickliness</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the quality or state of being easily irritated.
30.	<b>narration</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the act or process of telling the particulars of an act, occurrence or course of events.
31.	<b>dormer</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a usually gabled extension of an attic room through a sloping roof to allow for a vertical window.
32.	<b>realization* or realisation</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the action of being fully aware or condition of being clearly understood.
33.	<b>supposedly</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	in the manner of something asserted to be true or to exist.
34.	<b>ruefully</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a pitiable or woeful manner.
35.	<b>guise</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	form or style of dress; especially: dress that is unexpected on or foreign to the wearer.
36.	<b>pennant</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a flag symbolic of championship (as in a league of professional baseball clubs).
37.	<b>fulcrum</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a prop : a support; specifically : the support about which a lever turns.
38.	<b>recognition</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	special notice or attention.
39.	<b>governess</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a woman who cares for and supervises a child especially in a private household.
40.	<b>conquering</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	bringing under control or overcoming by mental or moral power : surmounting.
41.	<b>alabaster</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a nearly white color and a surface that spreads out light.
42.	<b>tendrils</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	things that resemble the slender, spirally coiling part of a plant that is used to attach the plant to its support and help it climb.
43.	<b>invariably</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	without exception or change : always : consistently.
44.	<b>scrimmage</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a minor battle between small forces : skirmish.
45.	<b>procession</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of people moving along on a particular course especially in a continuous, orderly, often formal or ceremonial way and usually arranged in a long line.

\*preferred U.S. spelling



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46.	<b>writhing</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	becoming twisted or contorted in or as if in pain or struggling.
47.	<b>rosette</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	an ornament resembling a showy flower usually made of material and that is worn as a badge of office or as trimming (such as on a hat or shoe).
48.	<b>medicinal</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	tending to cure disease or relieve pain : used as a remedy.
49.	<b>conservatory</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a greenhouse sometimes attached to a home for growing or displaying plants.
50.	<b>miniature</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	being or represented on a small scale.
51.	<b>accompany</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to play or sing an instrumental or vocal part designed to support, amplify or complement a principal voice or instrument.
52.	<b>fiddle-faddle</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	nonsense.
53.	<b>pronto</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	quickly : promptly.
54.	<b>calculus</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a branch of mathematics involving some intricacy.
55.	<b>fugitive</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	one who tries to escape justice.
56.	<b>percussion</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a vibratory shock.
57.	<b>siesta</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	an afternoon nap or rest.
58.	<b>hilarious</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	ludicrous, merry, mirthful.
59.	<b>cooperage</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the place of work of one that makes or repairs wooden casks or tubs.
60.	<b>paramedic</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a specially trained medical technician certified to provide a wide range of emergency services before or during transportation to a hospital.
61.	<b>humanitarian</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who is actively concerned in promoting human welfare and especially social reform.
62.	<b>culprits</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	those accused of or charged with crimes.
63.	<b>stagnant</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	not running in a current or stream : not flowing : motionless.
64.	<b>diabolical</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or relating to the devil or devils.
65.	<b>buzzard</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	any of various birds of prey such as a turkey vulture or a condor.
66.	<b>martyr</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	one who voluntarily suffers death as the penalty of witnessing to and refusing to renounce their religion or a tenet, principle or practice belonging to it.
67.	<b>garbanzo</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the seed of an Asian herb of the legume family : chickpea.
68.	<b>cliques</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	narrow exclusive circles or groups of persons.
69.	<b>antagonism</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	actively expressed opposition or hostility.
70.	<b>couriers</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	messengers.
71.	<b>miscreant</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	one who behaves criminally or viciously.
72.	<b>peasantry</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	those of a chiefly European class that tills the soil as small free landowners or hired laborers.
73.	<b>homily</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a lecture or discussion on a moral theme : an admonition.
74.	<b>suffocate</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to die from being unable to breathe.
75.	<b>cavil</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to object or criticize for silly reasons.
76.	<b>apprehend</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to arrest.



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77.	<b>guava</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the globular yellow fruit of a small shrubby tropical American tree.
78.	<b>penitent</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who repents of sin : one sorrowful because of his transgressions.
79.	<b>vexation</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the quality or state of being distressed : irritation.
80.	<b>cherished</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	held dear : felt or showed fond affection for.
81.	<b>sturgeon</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	any of a family of usually large elongate bony fishes that are widely distributed in the north temperate zone and are valued for their flesh and especially for their roe which is made into caviar.
82.	<b>clavicle</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a bone in humans situated just above the first rib on either side of the neck.
83.	<b>damask</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	made of or resembling a firm lustrous fabric.
84.	<b>abolition</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the act or state of doing away with completely.
85.	<b>extricates</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	draws out from or forth from and sets free of a tangled, jumbled, confused or otherwise involved heap, mass or situation.
86.	<b>lustrous</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a gloss or shine : gleaming.
87.	<b>diminutive</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	tiny.
88.	<b>sepia</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a pigment of rich brown color used in watercolor painting and in ink.
89.	<b>rivulets</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	small streams.
90.	<b>barbarous</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	lacking culture or refinement.
91.	<b>sagacity</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	quickness or acuteness of sense perceptions.
92.	<b>gangrene</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	local death of soft tissues (as from disease, injury, or infection) resulting from loss of blood supply.
93.	<b>chilblains</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	instances of redness and swelling of toes, fingers, nose, or ears or sometimes cheeks in cold weather accompanied by itching and burning of skin.
94.	<b>Jacuzzi</b>	<i>(trademark)</i>	used for a whirlpool bath and a recreational bathing tub or pool.
95.	<b>pad thai</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a dish consisting of rice noodles stir-fried usually with any of various additional ingredients (such as bean sprouts, peanuts, chicken, shrimp, and egg).
96.	<b>relinquish</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to assent to withdrawal, dropping or cessation of : to give up : renounce.
97.	<b>Caribbean</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	of, relating to or characteristic of the eastern and southern West Indies.
98.	<b>hibiscus</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	any plant or flower of a large widely distributed genus of herbs, shrubs or small trees with dentate or lobed leaves and large showy flowers.
99.	<b>jefe</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	chief, leader.
100.	<b>Xanadu</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	an idyllic, exotic or luxurious place.

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### Vocabulary List for 6th Graders 2019-2020

251	vane	(noun)	a movable device used to show the direction of the wind.
252	vortices	(plural noun)	tornadoes : quickly moving and spiraling columns of air.
253	turbulent	(adjective)	tempestuous or stormy.
254	obstacles	(plural noun)	things that hinder progress or stand in the way.
255	continental	(adjective)	being the portion of the United States located on the continent of North America.
256	deportment	(noun)	behavior or conduct.
257	exhibits	(plural noun)	exhibitions or displays.
258	agricultural	(adjective)	relating to or used in the science or art of working the soil, harvesting crops and raising livestock.
259	momentous	(adjective)	weighty : of great importance.
260	disturbance	(noun)	an interruption of quiet or peace.
261	wily	(adjective)	crafty : full of deceitful cunning.
262	rookie	(noun)	a member who is new to an athletic team.
263	transparencies	(plural noun)	matters for displaying which are made on glass, thin cloth, paper or film and which are viewed by the help of light shining through the matter.
264	hazmat	(noun)	a substance that is shipped and which would be dangerous to life or the environment if released without proper precaution.
265	Antarctic	(adjective)	relating to the South Pole or the region surrounding it.
266	perfume	(noun)	a fluid containing essences of flowers or synthetics which is used for its scent.
267	plaiting	(noun)	braiding : the interweaving of three or more strands of hair.
268	writers	(plural noun)	people who practice the act of literary or journalistic composition in words as a job.
269	series	(noun)	a group of three or more things or events succeeding in order and having a relationship to each other.
270	audience	(noun)	those present at a stage or film production or viewing of a televised program.
271	insubstantial	(adjective)	imaginary : lacking substance.
272	staggered	(verb)	swayed or tottered when standing or walking.
273	assistance	(noun)	aid given to the needy, usually in monetary form.
274	sanitized	(verb)	made hygienic through sterilization or cleaning.
275	diminished	(verb)	decreased.
276	organist	(noun)	someone who plays any of several large musical instruments which produce sustained tones by means of a keyboard.
277	operator	(noun)	someone in charge of a telephone switchboard.
278	Louisiana	(geographical entry)	a state in the southern United States.
279	perpetual	(adjective)	constant or indefinitely.
280	blustery	(adjective)	stormy.
281	molars	(plural noun)	teeth which are adapted for grinding due to having rounded or flattened surfaces.
282	arrange	(verb)	to put in the correct or desired order.
283	dissolved	(verb)	passed into an act by which a solid, liquid or gaseous substance is mixed typically with a liquid.
284	extremely	(adverb)	in an intense manner.

285	plastic	<i>(noun)</i>	any of a large group of materials of high molecular weight that usually contain a synthetic or semisynthetic organic substance, that are molded into objects of all sizes and shapes.
286	multiplication	<i>(noun)</i>	a mathematical operation in which the first number is repeated as many times as there are units in the second number.
287	middle	<i>(noun)</i>	the part halfway between two points.
288	reasonable	<i>(adjective)</i>	not absurd or ridiculous : being in agreement with right thinking.
289	closet	<i>(noun)</i>	a recess or cabinet used to hold china, clothing or other utensils.
290	investigation	<i>(noun)</i>	study or research.
291	accident	<i>(noun)</i>	an event that occurs by chance.
292	discussion	<i>(noun)</i>	a consideration of a question typically occurring in informal debate.
293	confused	<i>(verb)</i>	confounded : failed to distinguish between two or more parties.
294	microwave	<i>(verb)</i>	to cook or heat food in an oven that prepares the food with short electromagnetic waves.
295	gabled	<i>(adjective)</i>	furnished with the vertical triangular portion of the end of a building.
296	settle	<i>(verb)</i>	seat : to cause to sit.
297	somber OR sombre	<i>(adjective)</i>	dejected in appearance or mood : gloomy.
298	tampered	<i>(verb)</i>	interfered with so as to change for the worse.
299	loyal	<i>(adjective)</i>	devoted to a person : faithful.
300	remarkable	<i>(adjective)</i>	worthy of being noticed.

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### Vocabulary List for 7th Graders 2019-2020

301	joists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the small timbers or iron or steel beams that are arranged in a parallel fashion stretching from wall to wall in a building.
302	scrambling	<i>(verb)</i>	moving with urgency.
303	inspector	<i>(noun)</i>	a police officer ranking below a superintendent.
304	distressed	<i>(adjective)</i>	overcome with pain or grief.
305	smudge	<i>(noun)</i>	a splotch or smear.
306	throttle	<i>(verb)</i>	to choke : to stop the breathing of by any means.
307	perfection	<i>(noun)</i>	flawlessness : freedom from defect.
308	capable	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by general efficiency and by adequate resourcefulness, skill and reliability.
309	gadgets	<i>(plural noun)</i>	typically small devices that are often considered novelties and that are found especially on pieces of machinery.
310	channel	<i>(noun)</i>	a band of frequencies able to accommodate a single television or radio communication.
311	chisel	<i>(noun)</i>	a tool consisting of a metal bar with a sharpened edge at one end used for working on the surface of materials by chipping or carving.
312	chimney	<i>(noun)</i>	a vertical structure incorporated into a building that carries off smoke, fumes or gases.
313	minnow	<i>(noun)</i>	a very small fish that can grow up to three inches long and that is common in streams.
314	domain	<i>(noun)</i>	a large subdivision of the Internet denoted by an abbreviation consisting of computers or sites with a common purpose or a common location.
315	shuffle	<i>(verb)</i>	to slide the feet back and forth without lifting them.
316	carpenter	<i>(noun)</i>	a person whose career is to build or repair with wood.
317	pruners	<i>(plural noun)</i>	a tool which is used to remove dead branches or leaves from vegetation.
318	parcel	<i>(noun)</i>	a package.
319	squawk	<i>(verb)</i>	to emit a loud harsh cry.
320	Sheetrock	<i>(trademark)</i>	— used to describe a plasterboard formed of gypsum between two surfaces of hard paper.
321	trowel	<i>(noun)</i>	a hand tool with a blade that is used to apply, spread, shape and smooth any loose material.
322	nervous	<i>(adjective)</i>	originating in or affected by the nerves.
323	spirit	<i>(noun)</i>	any supernatural being such as an apparition or elf.
324	equator	<i>(noun)</i>	the circle of the celestial sphere whose plane runs perpendicular to the axis of Earth.
325	evidence	<i>(noun)</i>	something submitted legally to a tribunal as a means of realizing the truth of any alleged matter of fact under investigation before it.
326	solar	<i>(adjective)</i>	related to the sun and its effects on Earth and other planets.
327	explore	<i>(verb)</i>	to search or look into.
328	distance	<i>(noun)</i>	the amount of separation between two points.
329	fault	<i>(noun)</i>	responsibility for failure.
330	colonists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	someone who settles in a new country.
331	prudence	<i>(noun)</i>	wisdom shown in the exercise of self-control and reason.

332	assembly	<i>(noun)</i>	a meeting scheduled for an entire student body and faculty of a school held for recreational, administrative or educational reasons.
333	sheriff	<i>(noun)</i>	an important county officer in the United States who is typically elected by the people.
334	tarry	<i>(verb)</i>	to dawdle or procrastinate.
335	entity	<i>(noun)</i>	something that has an objective or physical reality and distinct character.
336	archives	<i>(plural noun)</i>	repositories for documents of historical value.
337	commotion	<i>(noun)</i>	noisy confusion.
338	vacancy	<i>(noun)</i>	an empty office or post.
339	beatboxing	<i>(noun)</i>	a musical style comprised of solo vocal imitation of percussion.
340	mutate	<i>(verb)</i>	to undergo a significant alteration.
341	commonplace	<i>(noun)</i>	a comment or remark lacking in originality.
342	gingerbread	<i>(noun)</i>	a cake made with molasses and ginger which is then cut in fancy shapes and frosted.
343	dispute	<i>(verb)</i>	to wrangle : to argue with persistence.
344	episode	<i>(noun)</i>	a part of a television or radio serial presented in one period.
345	confection	<i>(noun)</i>	a delicacy.
346	autographs	<i>(plural noun)</i>	handwritten signatures.
347	petite	<i>(adjective)</i>	little or small.
348	station	<i>(noun)</i>	a post or position of duty.
349	lacrosse	<i>(noun)</i>	a game played with two teams of 10 players each with each player using a long-handled stick to catch and throw a ball, and with the object being to throw the ball into the opponents' goal.
350	McIntosh	<i>(noun)</i>	a bright red apple for eating.





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## Two Bee Study Words for Sixth Grade 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 School Spelling Bee Study List is broken down into three levels of difficulty: One Bee, Two Bee and Three Bee. Two Bee words include words appropriate for fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

The list below includes 50 challenging **sixth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your sixth grade classroom bee. To prepare for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the full 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List, which includes these words, the remainder of the Two Bee words, and the One Bee and Three Bee words.

1. lento                   *(adverb)*           in a slow way — used as a direction in music.
2. Scandinavia       *(geographical entry)*   Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.
3. haggis               *(noun)*             a soft, sausage-like food popular in Scotland made of parts of a sheep or calf mixed with suet, onions, oats, and seasonings and boiled in a bag.
4. dolce                *(noun)*             a dessert that is sweet.
5. opus                 *(noun)*             a musical composition.
6. pedestrian         *(noun)*             a person who walks rather than using other transportation.
7. snorkels            *(plural noun)*       plastic tubes for breathing with a mouthpiece at one end and a valve at the other, used when swimming at the surface with the face under the water.
8. lullaby             *(noun)*             a tune to calm children or cause them to sleep or rest peacefully.
9. FORTRAN           *(noun)*             a language in computer programming resembling algebra in its notation and frequently used in science.
10. tangents          *(plural noun)*       digressions.

11.	expression	<i>(noun)</i>	a meaningful phrase or word.
12.	violin	<i>(noun)</i>	a small four-stringed instrument that is held on the shoulder and played with a bow.
13.	binary	<i>(adjective)</i>	having to do with a number system that has two as its base.
14.	semicolon	<i>(noun)</i>	a punctuation mark used to separate parts of a sentence.
15.	patent	<i>(adjective)</i>	easy to see or understand : obvious.
16.	incantations	<i>(plural noun)</i>	charms or spells that are sung or said while performing magic or during rituals.
17.	treble	<i>(noun)</i>	the voice part that is the highest in vocal music.
18.	Baltic	<i>(adjective)</i>	having to do with Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.
19.	ventured	<i>(verb)</i>	dared to meet, attempt, or start something.
20.	deities	<i>(plural noun)</i>	goddesses or gods.
21.	feta	<i>(noun)</i>	a white cheese that is created from the milk of goats or sheep and preserved in salt water.
22.	proverb	<i>(noun)</i>	a common saying that is short and has a message.
23.	indecipherable	<i>(adjective)</i>	unable to be made out or understood.
24.	podium	<i>(noun)</i>	a platform or pedestal that is raised.
25.	terraced	<i>(adjective)</i>	organized into a row of houses or apartments situated on a slope.
26.	Aztec	<i>(noun)</i>	a people that founded a Mexican empire.
27.	laboratory	<i>(noun)</i>	a place to perform scientific experiments.
28.	sinister	<i>(adjective)</i>	evil or suggestive of evil.
29.	runes	<i>(plural noun)</i>	marks that are part of an ancient Scandinavian alphabet.
30.	ancestors	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people from whom one is descended and who are often more distant than a grandparent.
31.	convulsive	<i>(adjective)</i>	producing or characterized by violent, spasmodic muscle contractions.
32.	jasper	<i>(noun)</i>	a type of quartz that is not see-through and can be many colors.
33.	berth	<i>(noun)</i>	a place to sleep or sit.

34. deference	<i>(noun)</i>	a yielding of opinion or preference out of respect for someone else's position or opinion.
35. detergent	<i>(noun)</i>	a substance designed for cleaning.
36. sheathed	<i>(verb)</i>	enclosed a blade or other instrument in its tightly fitted case.
37. mantle	<i>(noun)</i>	a loose garment without sleeves that is worn over clothes.
38. streamlet	<i>(noun)</i>	a body of running water that is little.
39. strait	<i>(noun)</i>	a relatively narrow channel linking two sizeable bodies of water.
40. congratulate	<i>(verb)</i>	to wish joy to.
41. fountain	<i>(noun)</i>	the framework from which a spurt of water ascends.
42. curtly	<i>(adverb)</i>	marked by a rude or almost rude shortness of speech.
43. garish	<i>(adjective)</i>	flashy to the point of tastelessness.
44. gilded	<i>(adjective)</i>	covered with gold, or appearing as such.
45. contingent	<i>(noun)</i>	the troops provided by one participant in an allied military action.
46. swerve	<i>(verb)</i>	to depart from a straight course.
47. president	<i>(noun)</i>	the officer who presides over a body of government, such as a legislative assembly, council, or administrative board.
48. depths	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the parts that extend the furthest down.
49. Oregon	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a state in the northwestern United States that extends to the Pacific.
50. purpose	<i>(noun)</i>	an outcome to be kept in sight in a plan or operation.



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## Three Bee Study Words for Seventh Grade 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 School Spelling Bee Study List is broken down into three levels of difficulty: One Bee, Two Bee and Three Bee. Three Bee words include words appropriate for seventh and eighth grades.

The list below includes 50 challenging **seventh** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your seventh grade classroom bee. To prepare for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the full 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List, which includes these words, the remainder of the Three Bee words, and the One Bee and Two Bee words.

1. cladding *(verb)* putting clothes on.
2. scallion *(noun)* a small green onion, usually eaten raw.
3. stealthily *(adverb)* in a manner designed to evade observation : secretive.
4. warden *(noun)* someone who takes care of or has the charge of something : guardian.
5. copious *(adjective)* plentiful.
6. hurtle *(verb)* to rush along : to move at great speeds.
7. fester *(verb)* to decay : to show signs of serious deterioration.
8. intoxicating *(adjective)* causing excitement from joy or happiness.
9. outlandish *(adjective)* highly unusual or unfamiliar.
10. porcupine *(noun)* a fairly large rodent with sharp bristles that are able to stand up mixed in with its fur.
11. lurching *(verb)* staggering.
12. ineffective *(adjective)* not able to perform a required task : incapable.

13. trough	<i>(noun)</i>	a long, large, shallow container used particularly to hold food or water for domestic animals.
14. parchment	<i>(noun)</i>	a thin sheet of a type of paper made for recording writing.
15. leach	<i>(verb)</i>	to dissolve out or remove through the action of a liquid.
16. wrath	<i>(noun)</i>	a feeling of great anger.
17. corporate	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to a group of people that carry on commercial or industrial business.
18. propane	<i>(noun)</i>	a highly flammable gas that is primarily used as fuel and for making chemicals.
19. dissuade	<i>(verb)</i>	to successfully encourage a person not to do something by reasoning with them.
20. profusion	<i>(noun)</i>	a lavish quantity : a huge amount.
21. appalling	<i>(adjective)</i>	causing dismay, shock, or offense.
22. divulge	<i>(verb)</i>	to reveal, especially something secret.
23. meditation	<i>(noun)</i>	a solitary practice involving reflection on a religious topic.
24. franchise	<i>(noun)</i>	the right bestowed on an individual or group by a company to sell that company's goods in a specific region.
25. pretentious	<i>(adjective)</i>	making claims of being superior : having an exaggerated sense of self-importance.
26. embellishes	<i>(verb)</i>	makes attractive with adornments : decorates.
27. appropriate	<i>(verb)</i>	to set aside for a particular purpose and none other.
28. rummages	<i>(verb)</i>	thoroughly searches through.
29. constricting	<i>(verb)</i>	causing to become narrower (such as a mouth or tunnel).
30. inevitable	<i>(adjective)</i>	certain to occur.
31. engrossed	<i>(adjective)</i>	totally absorbed or occupied.
32. strife	<i>(noun)</i>	a state of distrust, or conflict that can be bitter and violent.
33. hindmost	<i>(adjective)</i>	last : the farthest back.
34. eviction	<i>(noun)</i>	the legal process of removing a person from property.
35. protruding	<i>(verb)</i>	projecting beyond the surrounding surface.

36. substantial	<i>(adjective)</i>	rather large in number, worth, or value.
37. hooley	<i>(noun)</i>	nonsense : something that is absurd.
38. blight	<i>(noun)</i>	something that upsets one's plans or dashes one's hopes.
39. fronds	<i>(plural noun)</i>	fern leaves.
40. authority	<i>(noun)</i>	the power to presume obedience from someone or something.
41. minimize OR minimise	<i>(verb)</i>	to lessen to the smallest degree possible.
42. flamingos OR flamingoes	<i>(plural noun)</i>	aquatic birds with long legs and necks, webbed feet, beaks sharply bent downward, and which are usually rosy-white in color.
43. mechanics	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people who are adept in the operation or construction of machinery.
44. bankrupt	<i>(adjective)</i>	declared legally unable to pay debts and with any assets seized by the courts to be shared among creditors.
45. insurance	<i>(noun)</i>	a method of protecting assets against a potential loss as dictated by certain conditions and provided for a set amount of money.
46. dismayed	<i>(verb)</i>	worried : upset.
47. offspring	<i>(noun)</i>	the result or product of something.
48. pillage	<i>(verb)</i>	to loot.
49. anguish	<i>(noun)</i>	extreme pain or distress.
50. increments	<i>(plural noun)</i>	expansions or growths in size, number, or value.