



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Two Bee Study Words for Fourth Grade 2021-2022

The 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 grade.

The list below includes 50 challenging **fourth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your fourth 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. cleat *(noun)* a projecting strip or cone usually of leather, rubber, or metal fastened to or built into the sole or heel of a shoe to increase traction or provide a firm grip.
2. bustling *(adjective)* given to or full of noisy or energetic activity.
3. scarf *(noun)* a piece of cloth made in varying widths and lengths and worn for decoration or warmth across the shoulders, around the neck, over the head, or about the waist.
4. surface *(noun)* the outermost or uppermost boundary.
5. Nile *(geographical entry)* a river in eastern Africa.
6. scrolls *(verb)* causes text or graphics on a display screen to move vertically or horizontally usually one line or column at a time.
7. shimmery *(adjective)* tremulously shining : having a subdued but often tantalizing sparkle or sheen.
8. indent *(verb)* to set (as a line of a paragraph) in from a left-hand margin or sometimes from a right-hand margin.
9. sitcom *(noun)* a television series in which the same cast of characters are involved in different funny circumstances which are meant to make people laugh.



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10. detect	<i>(verb)</i>	to discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of.
11. blindfolded	<i>(adjective)</i>	having the eyes covered.
12. basically	<i>(adverb)</i>	in fundamental disposition or nature.
13. squints	<i>(verb)</i>	looks suspiciously or with envy, malice, or disapproval.
14. s'mores	<i>(plural noun)</i>	desserts consisting usually of toasted marshmallow and pieces of chocolate bar sandwiched between two graham crackers.
15. clobbered	<i>(verb)</i>	struck with crushing force.
16. relative	<i>(adjective)</i>	resulting from or existing in connection with or reference to something else : comparative.
17. cringed	<i>(verb)</i>	drew back in fear or servility.
18. drone	<i>(noun)</i>	one who does menial, routine, or boring work : a drudge.
19. rattled	<i>(verb)</i>	moved or proceeded with a clatter.
20. indie	<i>(noun)</i>	something (such as a record or film) produced by an unaffiliated company.
21. eyesore	<i>(noun)</i>	something offensive to the sight.
22. playlist	<i>(noun)</i>	an official roster used for organizing a personal digital music collection.
23. throat	<i>(noun)</i>	the passage through the neck to the stomach and lungs.
24. hull	<i>(noun)</i>	the frame or body of a ship exclusive of masts, yards, sails, and rigging.
25. outright	<i>(adverb)</i>	in one transaction.
26. squabbling	<i>(verb)</i>	quarrelling noisily and to no purpose : wrangling.
27. scuba	<i>(noun)</i>	an apparatus used for breathing while swimming under water.
28. trickster	<i>(noun)</i>	a dishonest person who defrauds or cheats others through crafty underhanded practices.
29. glib	<i>(adjective)</i>	lacking depth and substance : superficial, shallow, empty.
30. sneer	<i>(noun)</i>	an expression, remark, or saying that manifests derision, disdain, or contempt.
31. absent	<i>(adjective)</i>	not present or not attending.

32.	texture	<i>(noun)</i>	the visual or tactile surface characteristics and appearance of something.
33.	scuffle	<i>(noun)</i>	a rough haphazard struggle with scrambling and confusion.
34.	irregular	<i>(adjective)</i>	failing to accord with what is usual, proper, accepted, or right.
35.	**savor OR savour	<i>(verb)</i>	to taste or smell with pleasure : to relish.
36.	hedgehog	<i>(noun)</i>	any of several nocturnal insectivorous mammals that have hair mixed with prickles or spines and are able to roll themselves up so as to present the spines outwardly in every direction.
37.	stoats	<i>(plural noun)</i>	various weasels that have a black-tipped tail.
38.	talons	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the claws of a bird of prey.
39.	inclined	<i>(verb)</i>	bent the head or body forward : bowed.
40.	wardrobe	<i>(noun)</i>	a room or closet where clothes are kept or stored.
41.	revved	<i>(verb)</i>	increased – used with "up."
42.	dire	<i>(adjective)</i>	demanding immediate action to fend off disastrous consequences : urgent.
43.	masthead	<i>(noun)</i>	a block of matter usually on the editorial page of a newspaper consisting of the title of the publication and its address, the date of the issue, and sometimes the names of owners and editors.
44.	vibrant	<i>(adjective)</i>	pulsating with life, vigor, or activity.
45.	wizard	<i>(noun)</i>	a genius or prodigy especially in a particular field of endeavor.
46.	nudged	<i>(verb)</i>	urged into action.
47.	Leghorn	<i>(noun)</i>	a rather small hardy domestic fowl that has smooth yellow lower limbs, white ear lobes, and rose or single combs, and that lays white eggs.
48.	shrine	<i>(noun)</i>	an object, structure, or place that is considered sacred by a religious group and that serves as the focus of the performance of some ritual.
49.	Jamestown	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a ruined village in eastern Virginia, southwest of Williamsburg on the James River; the first permanent English settlement in America, settled in 1607.
50.	pineapple	<i>(noun)</i>	the fruit of a tropical plant with juicy flesh and that is crowned with a tuft of small leaves.

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Two Bee Study Words for Fifth Grade 2021-2022

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The list below includes 50 challenging **fifth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your fifth 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. crockery (*noun*) vessels formed of fired clay especially for domestic use : earthenware.
2. gauze (*noun*) haze, mist.
3. exception (*noun*) something offered or offerable as objection or as a ground of objection or taken as objectionable — now usually used with “take.”
4. cavity (*noun*) a space hollowed out (as by decay).
5. Neptune (*noun*) the planet eighth in order from the sun.
6. notification (*noun*) a piece of written or printed matter that provides information.
7. ogre (*noun*) a hideous giant in fairy tales and folklore : a monster.
8. simplicity (*noun*) innocence, naïveté.
9. lavished (*verb*) expended or bestowed with profusion : squandered.
10. archduke (*noun*) a prince of the imperial family of Austria.
11. dingoes (*plural noun*) wild dogs of Australia with a wolfish face, bushy tail, and usually a reddish brown color.

12. passersby *(plural noun)* people who go beyond without stopping or noticing usually by chance.
13. nada *(noun)* nothing.
14. Juneteenth *(noun)* the 19th day of the sixth month of the year, observed as a general holiday especially in Texas in celebration of the anniversary of the emancipation of slaves in the state.
15. parsnips *(plural noun)* the long edible tapering roots of a European biennial herb.
16. curtains *(plural noun)* end : definitive conclusion; especially : death.
17. adorned *(verb)* decorated : added to the pleasantness, attractiveness, splendor, or beauty of.
18. loneliness *(noun)* a state of dejection or grief caused by being away from others of one's own kind.
19. caverns *(plural noun)* underground chambers often large or indefinite in extent.
20. novice *(noun)* a beginner.
21. invasions *(plural noun)* hostile entrances or armed attacks on the property or territory of another for conquest or plunder.
22. dedicated *(adjective)* devoted to a cause, ideal, or purpose.
23. symbol *(noun)* a visible sign of something (such as a concept or an institution) that is invisible.
24. reduce *(verb)* to make smaller : to lessen.
25. destination *(noun)* a place worthy of travel or an extended visit — often used before another noun.
26. ostriches *(plural noun)* swift-footed flightless birds each having a downy neck and head, a feathered body, nearly bare thighs, two-toed feet, and valuable wing and tail plumes.
27. grudgingly *(adverb)* in a manner that is unwilling, reluctant, illiberal, or ungenerous.
28. canopy *(noun)* a formation of branches affording a cover of foliage; specifically : the uppermost spreading branchy layer of a forest.
29. scrawny *(adjective)* lean, thin, rawboned : ill-nourished.
30. classified *(adjective)* forbidden to be disclosed outside a specified ring of secrecy for reasons of national security.
31. telescope *(noun)* an optical instrument for viewing distant objects by means of the refraction of light rays through a lens.
32. fidgeting *(verb)* tinkering or playing nervously or absently — used with “with.”

33. mulberry *(noun)* the edible usually dark purple fruit of a tree of the same name.
34. surrounded *(verb)* formed a ring around.
35. associated *(verb)* joined or connected in any of various intangible or unspecified ways.
36. furthermore *(adverb)* in addition to what precedes : besides : moreover.
37. weird *(adjective)* odd, unusual.
38. dependable *(adjective)* trustworthy.
39. summit *(noun)* the highest point, ridge, or level of a mountain or other feature : peak.
40. conkers *(plural noun)* a game popular in England in which each player swings a horse chestnut threaded on a string to try to break one held by an opponent.
41. mutual *(adjective)* shared in common : enjoyed by each.
42. dormitories *(plural noun)* residence halls providing separate rooms or suites for individuals or for groups of two, three, or four with common toilet and bathroom facilities.
43. tuxedo *(noun)* semiformal evening clothing for men consisting of a jacket, a stiff or soft pleated shirt, and usually a cummerbund.
44. decimal *(adjective)* subdivided into 10th or 100th units.
45. alibi *(noun)* the plea of having been elsewhere at the time an act was committed.
46. orientation *(noun)* the act of determining one's bearings or settling one's sense of direction.
47. inlaid *(adjective)* set into a surface so as to form a decorative design, or decorated with a design so formed.
48. cobblestone *(noun)* a smooth, rounded rock once commonly used in paving a street and in other construction.
49. devious *(adjective)* hard to pin down or bring to agreement; often : shifty, tricky, unscrupulous, unfair.
50. sardine *(noun)* any of several small or immature fishes that are suitable for preserving for food.



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Two Bee Study Words for Sixth Grade 2021-2022

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1. contraption (*noun*) a newfangled or complicated device – usually used in mild scorn or indulgence.
2. technique (*noun*) the manner in which a dancer or athlete uses basic physical movements in performance.
3. flaxen (*adjective*) made of a flowering plant that is widely cultivated for its long silky fibers which are used in textile manufacture and are the source of linen.
4. triplicate (*adjective*) made in three identical copies.
5. emboldened (*verb*) gave courage to : instilled with bravery or resolution enough to overcome timidity or misgiving.
6. Javas (*plural noun*) birds of a breed of large general-purpose domestic chickens developed in the U.S. from Asian stock.
7. biome (*noun*) a particular ecological system considered in terms of the plants and animals that generally exist there, such as a grassland or coniferous forest.
8. Wales (*geographical entry*) a country in southwestern Great Britain.
9. Avalon (*noun*) in Arthurian legend, a paradise to which King Arthur is carried after his death.

10.	corridor	<i>(noun)</i>	a densely populated strip of land including two or more major cities.
11.	cardigan	<i>(noun)</i>	a sweater that opens the full length of the center front and usually has a round or V-shaped collarless neck.
12.	columns	<i>(plural noun)</i>	vertical arrangements of items printed or written on a page or otherwise inscribed : vertical lists.
13.	cubicle	<i>(noun)</i>	a small room or compartment often nearly square in plan.
14.	interjected	<i>(verb)</i>	threw in between or among other things : interposed, interpolated.
15.	withered	<i>(verb)</i>	decayed, declined, faded.
16.	cambric	<i>(noun)</i>	a closely woven plain white linen fabric.
17.	hackles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	temper, dander.
18.	faltered	<i>(verb)</i>	hesitated in purpose or action : wavered, flinched.
19.	Lincoln	<i>(noun)</i>	an English breed of long-wool mutton type sheep with a characteristic tuft of wool on the forehead.
20.	granite	<i>(noun)</i>	unyielding firmness or endurance.
21.	radiation	<i>(noun)</i>	the act or process of sending out in or as if in lines of light.
22.	wattles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	materials (as rods, branches, and reeds) used for building construction.
23.	tartan	<i>(noun)</i>	a twilled woolen fabric with a plaid textile design of Scottish origin consisting of stripes of varying width and color against a solid ground.
24.	surveyed	<i>(verb)</i>	examined and ascertained the state of : appraised.
25.	emitting	<i>(verb)</i>	giving utterance to (as words, ideas, or emotions) : expressing.
26.	preened	<i>(verb)</i>	trimmed or dressed with or as if with the beak or the tongue.
27.	wretched	<i>(adjective)</i>	squalid : dismal : foul.
28.	contorted	<i>(verb)</i>	twisted especially in a strained or violent manner : bent.
29.	charlotte	<i>(noun)</i>	a dessert made by lining a dish with strips of bread, cake, or ladyfingers and filling it with fruit, whipped cream, custard, or other filling.
30.	elation	<i>(noun)</i>	high spirits or joy.

31.	expanse	<i>(noun)</i>	something that is spread out typically over a wide area: such as : an extensive and usually unbroken stretch of land or sea.
32.	chai	<i>(noun)</i>	a beverage that is traditionally made from a blend of black tea, honey, spices, and milk.
33.	metropolis	<i>(noun)</i>	a city regarded as the center of a particular activity.
34.	mousse	<i>(noun)</i>	a dessert of sweetened and flavored whipped cream or thin cream and gelatin, frozen without stirring.
35.	contessa	<i>(noun)</i>	the wife or widow of a European nobleman in the Continental nobility.
36.	acutely	<i>(adverb)</i>	felt, perceived, or experienced in an intense or powerful manner.
37.	granules	<i>(plural noun)</i>	little grains (as of sugar) : small particles (as of pollen); especially : particles forming a larger unit.
38.	pedestals	<i>(plural noun)</i>	bases of upright structures (as statues, vases, lamps, harps).
39.	wreaked	<i>(verb)</i>	brought about harm : caused, inflicted.
40.	renowned	<i>(adjective)</i>	celebrated.
41.	colleagues	<i>(plural noun)</i>	associates or co-workers typically in a profession or in a civil or ecclesiastical office and often of similar rank or state.
42.	invigorating	<i>(adjective)</i>	causing (something) to become more active and lively : stimulating.
43.	sudoku	<i>(noun)</i>	a logic puzzle in which a grid must be filled in with numbers in such a way that every row, column, and subsection contains each of the numerals 1 through 9 only once.
44.	dutifully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner of willing obedience.
45.	mournful	<i>(adjective)</i>	full of sorrow : sad.
46.	professional	<i>(adjective)</i>	exhibiting a courteous, conscientious, and generally businesslike manner in the workplace.
47.	exerts	<i>(verb)</i>	brings (as a force, an influence) to bear especially with sustained effort or lasting effect.
48.	arid	<i>(adjective)</i>	without moisture : dry.
49.	deceptively	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner tending to mislead.
50.	sustenance	<i>(noun)</i>	food, refreshments.