



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for Fourth Graders

2018-2019

1. **dense** (*adjective*) crowded very close together.
2. **groan** (*noun*) a deep, sudden, unintentional sound that usually indicates pain, grief, or sometimes disapproval or annoyance.
3. **siren** (*noun*) an apparatus often electrically operated for producing a piercing warning sound of musical tones.
4. **angles** (*plural noun*) the directions from which someone or something is viewed, considered or approached.
5. **fend** (*verb*) to look out for oneself : manage.
6. **rubbish** (*noun*) assorted useless, valueless waste or rejected matter : trash.
7. **tuneful** (*adjective*) having a musical sound : melodious.
8. **artistic** (*adjective*) characterized by taste and judgment or by art and skill.
9. **squishy** (*adjective*) being soft, yielding and damp.
10. **clumsy** (*adjective*) not having ease in using the hands, skill, nimbleness or grace, such as in the use of the body or limbs or in the performance of an action.
11. **kibble** (*noun*) coarsely ground dried food products or grain.
12. **cues** (*plural noun*) signals (such as words or bits of stage business) to a performer to begin a specific speech or action.
13. **boasted** (*verb*) said or told something intended to give others a high opinion of yourself : bragged.
14. **prayer** (*noun*) an address (such as a petition or confession) to God or a god in word or thought.
15. **tireless** (*adjective*) seemingly not able to become weary or have your strength decrease or fail.
16. **factory** (*noun*) a building or collection of buildings with facilities (such as machines) for making goods often from raw materials.
17. **borrowed** (*verb*) received something (such as a book) from a library to use outside the library for a period of time.
18. **shavings** (*plural noun*) thin strips of wood pared off by a tool for smoothing or shaping wood.
19. **poodles** (*plural noun*) dogs of an old European breed of active, intelligent dogs that have a curly, dense, solid-colored coat and are grouped into standard, miniature and toy sizes.
20. **gravity** (*noun*) the tendency or state of being drawn to the mass of something in the sky (such as the earth, the moon or a planet) for bodies at or near its surface.
21. **abnormal** (*adjective*) differing from the typical.



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| 22. | sneakers | <i>(plural noun)</i> | shoes usually of canvas with flexible rubber soles worn especially for sports or hiking. |
| 23. | crackle | <i>(verb)</i> | to make small, sharp, sudden noises repeatedly. |
| 24. | inspire | <i>(verb)</i> | to encourage or motivate. |
| 25. | pleats | <i>(plural noun)</i> | fold in cloth made by doubling material over on itself and that is stitched, attached or held along one side. |
| 26. | shivery | <i>(adjective)</i> | frigid, cold. |
| 27. | briefing | <i>(noun)</i> | the process of being given usually essential information typically in little time and without unnecessary details. |
| 28. | obtain | <i>(verb)</i> | to gain possession or disposal of usually by some planned action or method. |
| 29. | portray | <i>(verb)</i> | to represent by drawing, painting or cutting something into the surface of a material. |
| 30. | squeeze | <i>(verb)</i> | to exert pressure especially on opposite sides or parts of : press together closely or tightly. |
| 31. | rumbling | <i>(verb)</i> | making a low, heavy rolling sound. |
| 32. | gangplank | <i>(noun)</i> | a long, narrow, movable platform or bridge used to get on or off a ship (as from a wharf). |
| 33. | scratched | <i>(verb)</i> | scraped or rubbed lightly with something pointed or rough in order to relieve itching. |
| 34. | distorted | <i>(verb)</i> | twisted out of a natural, normal or original shape or condition. |
| 35. | cardboard | <i>(noun)</i> | a stiff, thick kind of paper that sometimes has a coating and that can be used to make signs or for printed material. |
| 36. | interviews | <i>(verb)</i> | questions or talks with especially in order to gain information or learn personal qualities. |
| 37. | guilty | <i>(adjective)</i> | justly chargeable with or responsible for a fault or crime. |
| 38. | lunar | <i>(adjective)</i> | of, taking place on or relating to the moon. |
| 39. | custard | <i>(noun)</i> | a sweetened mixture of milk and eggs that is baked, boiled or frozen. |
| 40. | shriek | <i>(noun)</i> | a shrill, usually wild or unintentional cry (as of sudden or extreme terror or pain or of violent laughter). |
| 41. | ghost | <i>(noun)</i> | a supernatural appearance : apparition. |
| 42. | mission | <i>(noun)</i> | a specific task with which a person or group is charged. |
| 43. | tempting | <i>(adjective)</i> | alluring, enticing. |
| 44. | majestic | <i>(adjective)</i> | having, exhibiting, or marked by magnificent or commanding power, effect, or appearance : regal. |
| 45. | solution | <i>(noun)</i> | an answer to or a means of answering a problem : an explanation. |



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| 46. | signals | <i>(plural noun)</i> | sounds or gestures made to give warning or command. |
| 47. | eliminate | <i>(verb)</i> | to get rid of. |
| 48. | universe | <i>(noun)</i> | the entire celestial cosmos. |
| 49. | locusts | <i>(plural noun)</i> | migratory grasshoppers that often travel in vast swarms and strip the areas they travel through of all vegetation. |
| 50. | guidance | <i>(noun)</i> | advice in choosing courses, preparing for a line of work or further education, or coping with personal problems given to students by a teacher or a professional counselor. |
| 51. | pored | <i>(verb)</i> | devoted oneself to attentive reading. |
| 52. | mulch | <i>(noun)</i> | a protective covering spread on the ground to reduce evaporation, maintain even soil temperature, prevent erosion, control weeds or enrich the soil. |
| 53. | coiled | <i>(verb)</i> | wound (something) into rings laid within or on top of one another or wound spirally about an object. |
| 54. | glands | <i>(plural noun)</i> | cells or groups of cells that selectively remove materials from the blood, modify them, and send them back out so the body can further use them or eliminate them. |
| 55. | axis | <i>(noun)</i> | a straight line a body or a three-dimensional figure rotates about or may be supposed to rotate. |
| 56. | radish | <i>(noun)</i> | the pungent, fleshy root of a plant that is typically eaten raw. |
| 57. | lure | <i>(verb)</i> | to attract : entice. |
| 58. | griddle | <i>(noun)</i> | a flat surface that is used to cook food using dry heat. |
| 59. | jerkily | <i>(adverb)</i> | in a manner marked by jolting. |
| 60. | stylish | <i>(adjective)</i> | conforming to an accepted standard and especially to one of current fashion. |
| 61. | knelt | <i>(verb)</i> | fell or rested on the knees. |
| 62. | frayed | <i>(verb)</i> | worn or worn off by or as if by rubbing. |
| 63. | sprouted | <i>(verb)</i> | grew, sprung up or came forth as a shoot from a plant. |
| 64. | relics | <i>(plural noun)</i> | souvenirs, mementos. |
| 65. | discomfort | <i>(noun)</i> | mental or physical uneasiness that isn't as intense or concentrated in one area as pain. |
| 66. | creatures | <i>(plural noun)</i> | lower animals; especially : farm animals. |
| 67. | dwelling | <i>(noun)</i> | a building or construction used as a home. |
| 68. | rickety | <i>(adjective)</i> | weak in the joints : tottering. |
| 69. | infested | <i>(verb)</i> | overrun. |
| 70. | despair | <i>(noun)</i> | total loss of hope. |
| 71. | thirst | <i>(noun)</i> | a sensation of dryness in the mouth and throat associated with a desire for liquids. |



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72.	youthful	<i>(adjective)</i>	having the lively character or freshness of a young person : vigorous.
73.	shrewd	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by cleverness or discernment : astute.
74.	molten	<i>(adjective)</i>	fused or liquefied by heat : melted.
75.	stalk	<i>(noun)</i>	the main stem of an herbaceous plant often with its dependent parts (such as leaves, twigs, fruit).
76.	aromas	<i>(plural noun)</i>	distinctive pleasing odors : fragrances.
77.	champion	<i>(noun)</i>	someone whose superiority is formally acknowledged especially after a test, contest or series of tests or contests.
78.	salesclerk	<i>(noun)</i>	a person employed to sell goods or services in a store.
79.	dollop or dallop	<i>(noun)</i>	a lump or blob of something semiliquid or mushy.
80.	gentlemen	<i>(plural noun)</i>	men whose conduct conforms to a certain standard of proper or correct behavior.
81.	captivity	<i>(noun)</i>	the state of being kept caged or fenced in.
82.	blathering	<i>(noun)</i>	foolish or nonsensical talk or writing.
83.	Venus	<i>(noun)</i>	the planet second in order from the sun.
84.	unwavering	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by steadiness : fixed.
85.	spectators	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people watching an exhibition (such as a sports event).
86.	construction	<i>(noun)</i>	the act of putting parts together to form a complete integrated object : fabrication.
87.	swindle	<i>(verb)</i>	to deprive of money or property by an instance or act of trickery or deceit.
88.	infinity	<i>(noun)</i>	an indefinitely great number or amount.
89.	mirror	<i>(noun)</i>	a polished or smooth substance that forms images by the reflection of light and that is usually made of glass with a reflective backing.
90.	resemble	<i>(verb)</i>	to be like or similar to.
91.	citizen	<i>(noun)</i>	a native or naturalized person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection and rights.
92.	pronounce	<i>(verb)</i>	to declare solemnly.
93.	taut	<i>(adjective)</i>	tightly drawn : tensely stretched.
94.	monopoly	<i>(noun)</i>	ownership that allows for the total control of the means of production or a market, usually for controlling prices.
95.	Florence	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a small administrative district in central Italy that is the capital of the region of Tuscany.
96.	leopard	<i>(noun)</i>	a large, strong cat of southern Asia and Africa that is usually light orangish brown with black spots, spends time in trees, and often lies in ambush for its prey – called also “panther.”
97.	comrades	<i>(plural noun)</i>	very close friends : companions.



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| 98. | <i>swiveled or swivelled</i> | <i>(verb)</i> | swung or turned on or as if on a part that pivots freely on or as if on a headed bolt or pin. |
| 99. | <i>Borneo</i> | <i>(geographical entry)</i> | an island of the Malay Archipelago southwest of the Philippines that is divided between Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia. |
| 100. | <i>scaffolding</i> | <i>(noun)</i> | a system of temporary or movable platforms that workers use to sit or stand on when working above the ground. |

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Vocabulary List for 4th Graders 2019-2020

151	barograph	<i>(noun)</i>	an automatic instrument which is used to record variations in atmospheric pressure.
152	charred	<i>(verb)</i>	partly burned on the outside.
153	Pakistan	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a country in southern Asia which borders the Arabian Sea.
154	pressure	<i>(noun)</i>	the burden of mental or physical distress.
155	surmised	<i>(verb)</i>	guessed : formed an opinion without substantial proof or certain knowledge.
156	teak	<i>(noun)</i>	the hard, strong, durable, yellowish brown wood of a tall East Indian timber tree which is highly resistant to insect attack and warping and is used for shipbuilding.
157	transit	<i>(noun)</i>	the public transportation of people by bus, subway train or other local system of conveyance.
158	cannonade	<i>(noun)</i>	a noisy persistent attack (as of questions).
159	appetite	<i>(noun)</i>	the desire to eat when food is available.
160	luggage	<i>(noun)</i>	suitcases, bags used for travel or other articles used to carry a traveler's belongings.
161	ramparts	<i>(plural noun)</i>	protective barriers.
162	vinyl	<i>(noun)</i>	any of a group of tough durable plastics based on resins that are used especially in the forming of films and sheeting, flooring, and sound records.
163	anemometers	<i>(plural noun)</i>	tools used to gauge the speed of the wind.
164	dainty	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by beauty that is delicate in nature.
165	buckle	<i>(verb)</i>	to secure two loose ends of something (such as a belt) with one end having a fastening and the other a catch.
166	vividly	<i>(adverb)</i>	intensely, sharply, keenly.
167	briny	<i>(adjective)</i>	salty.
168	pavement	<i>(noun)</i>	the surface of a public thoroughfare which is artificially covered.
169	garnet	<i>(noun)</i>	a brittle material which is typically red in color and occurs mainly in crystals.
170	furrow	<i>(verb)</i>	to cultivate or till as if with a plow.
171	sprawl	<i>(verb)</i>	to lie or sit with arms and legs stretched out : to spread out.
172	museum	<i>(noun)</i>	a building or institution which is devoted to the gathering, care, study and display of objects of lasting interest and value.
173	wren	<i>(noun)</i>	any of various small brown singing birds.
174	legend	<i>(noun)</i>	someone having a special status as a result of possessing extraordinary qualities that are typically partly real and partly mythical.
175	transistor	<i>(noun)</i>	an electronic device made of a small block of a semiconductor with three electrodes on it and that conducts electrons moving in one direction to the opposite direction.
176	amplify	<i>(verb)</i>	to expand, extend or enlarge a statement or idea by adding details or illustration.
177	security	<i>(noun)</i>	freedom from care, anxiety or fear.
178	refrain	<i>(noun)</i>	a phrase or verse that recurs regularly typically within a poem or song.
179	tactics	<i>(plural noun)</i>	methods : systems of procedure.
180	shepherd	<i>(noun)</i>	a man employed in tending, feeding and guarding sheep.

181	Angus	<i>(noun)</i>	any of a breed of hornless black or red beef cattle originally from Scotland.
182	mulish	<i>(adjective)</i>	stubborn, inflexible or uncompromising.
183	rivalry	<i>(noun)</i>	competition.
184	siblings	<i>(plural noun)</i>	two or more people with the same parents.
185	chestnut	<i>(noun)</i>	any of a genus of deciduous trees or shrubs native to temperate regions of the northern hemisphere that have a fruit consisting of a single nut.
186	minivan	<i>(noun)</i>	a small multipurpose vehicle with rear or side doors and side panels with windows that is used to transport passengers.
187	plaid	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a cross-barred multicolored pattern.
188	tissue	<i>(noun)</i>	an aggregate of cells together with their intercellular substance that form one of the structural materials out of which the body of a plant or an animal is made.
189	scoundrel	<i>(noun)</i>	a bold selfish person who is equipped with low ethical standards.
190	amino	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to or containing the group NH ₂ united to a radical other than an acid radical.
191	menthol	<i>(noun)</i>	an alcohol that occurs naturally in peppermint oil and Japanese mint oil and can be made artificially.
192	Tabasco	<i>(trademark)</i>	— used for a condiment sauce made from capsicum berries.
193	obvious	<i>(adjective)</i>	easily perceived by the mind.
194	pulse	<i>(noun)</i>	a regular wave of distension in the arteries that is a result of blood progressing through an artery at each contraction of the ventricles of the heart.
195	cottage	<i>(noun)</i>	a small house typically used in the summer.
196	garland	<i>(noun)</i>	a wreath of leaves or flowers that is worn on the head or used for decoration.
197	gnaw	<i>(verb)</i>	to bite or chew on with the teeth.
198	comfort	<i>(noun)</i>	enjoyment in physical or mental well-being.
199	caroling OR carolling	<i>(verb)</i>	traveling outside in a group to sing Christmas songs on Christmas Eve.
200	foolishness	<i>(noun)</i>	the state of lacking seriousness : folly.

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Vocabulary List for 5th Graders 2019-2020

201	constellation	<i>(noun)</i>	any of the 88 configurations of stars.
202	sundering	<i>(verb)</i>	breaking or forcing apart.
203	junction	<i>(noun)</i>	a seam or joint.
204	exploits	<i>(verb)</i>	takes undue advantage of.
205	rabble-rouser	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who stirs up the masses of the people (such as to violence or hatred).
206	profound	<i>(adjective)</i>	hard to understand or comprehend.
207	wreath	<i>(noun)</i>	a crown or band of intertwined flowers or leaves worn or given as a mark of honor.
208	profile	<i>(noun)</i>	a representation of something in outline.
209	untoward	<i>(adjective)</i>	unfortunate or unlucky.
210	memorial	<i>(adjective)</i>	commemorative.
211	industrial	<i>(adjective)</i>	of or belonging to a department of a craft, business or manufacture.
212	barrier	<i>(noun)</i>	an object or objects that serve to separate or keep items apart.
213	gratingly	<i>(adverb)</i>	with an irritating or harsh effect or sound.
214	brayed	<i>(verb)</i>	made a loud harsh cry — used of a donkey.
215	Harlem	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	section of New York City in northern Manhattan that was a center of African American culture in the 1920s.
216	messenger	<i>(noun)</i>	someone who delivers a written or oral communication : a courier.
217	beacons	<i>(plural noun)</i>	fires placed on a hill or tower that are used to communicate signals.
218	generation	<i>(noun)</i>	development, rise.
219	coverage	<i>(noun)</i>	the amount of reporting given to a news event.
220	deters	<i>(verb)</i>	turns aside or discourages from acting.
221	Nepal	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	landlocked country in Asia in the Himalayas on the northeast border of India.
222	disinfectant	<i>(noun)</i>	a chemical that destroys vegetative forms of harmful microorganisms.
223	campaign	<i>(noun)</i>	a period of continuous and often competitive activity in any seasonal occupation or industry.
224	starvation	<i>(noun)</i>	the instance of suffering from extreme hunger.
225	gamma	<i>(noun)</i>	the third letter of the Greek alphabet.
226	spleen	<i>(noun)</i>	an abdominal organ that plays a role in the maintenance of blood volume, the production of blood cells, the recovery of material from worn-out blood cells and the production of antibodies.
227	utensils	<i>(plural noun)</i>	tools or instruments used in a kitchen.
228	depot	<i>(noun)</i>	a bus station.
229	incident	<i>(noun)</i>	an uncommon happening.
230	brambles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	prickly and rough vines or shrubs.
231	trifecta	<i>(noun)</i>	a bet in which the bettor selects the first, second and third finishers in a contest or race in the correct order.
232	shingle	<i>(noun)</i>	coarse and rounded detritus found on the seashore and which is different from regular gravel due to its large size.
233	mason	<i>(noun)</i>	a skilled artisan who builds using stone, brick or concrete.
234	avoid	<i>(verb)</i>	to stay clear of : to keep away from.
235	static	<i>(adjective)</i>	stable, stagnant.
236	samples	<i>(plural noun)</i>	portions to represent a whole.

237	modern	<i>(adjective)</i>	contemporary : relating to the present time.
238	chalk	<i>(noun)</i>	the prepared form of a soft limestone, earthy in texture and white, gray or buff in color used for marking or drawing.
239	concentrate	<i>(verb)</i>	to bring all one's powers, faculties or activities to bear.
240	proud	<i>(adjective)</i>	elated : highly pleased.
241	expiration	<i>(noun)</i>	termination, close, extinction.
242	batteries	<i>(plural noun)</i>	level of enthusiasm or energy.
243	centuries	<i>(plural noun)</i>	time spans of 100 years.
244	differed	<i>(verb)</i>	varied : changed from time to time.
245	fearsome	<i>(adjective)</i>	arousing from fright or terror.
246	fiercest	<i>(adjective)</i>	characterized by the most furious unrestrained vehemence or zeal.
247	residence	<i>(noun)</i>	the place where one lives or has their home.
248	abated	<i>(verb)</i>	lessened : decreased in force.
249	scattering	<i>(verb)</i>	spreading widely and randomly by throwing about.
250	toppled	<i>(verb)</i>	tumbled down : fell from top-heaviness.



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Two Bee Study Words for Fourth 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 **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. antsy *(adjective)* unable to stay still: jumpy or fidgety.
2. hover *(verb)* to float over something.
3. billow *(verb)* to move in wave-like surges.
4. posh *(adjective)* extremely luxurious or exquisite.
5. Canada *(geographical entry)* a North American country that stretches from the northern border of the United States to the Arctic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
6. toga *(noun)* a long cloth first worn as a garment by citizens of ancient Rome.
7. bison *(noun)* a large, shaggy cowlike mammal with short horns and a hump.
8. strum *(verb)* to play a stringed musical instrument.
9. dangerous *(adjective)* involving risk : requiring caution.
10. pluck *(verb)* to yank or pick out.
11. squid *(noun)* a type of 10-armed sea animal having a highly developed head, prehensile suckers or hooks, and the ability to swim rapidly by means of shooting a jet of water.

12. Frisbee	<i>(trademark)</i>	– used for a thin circular object made of plastic that is thrown between two or more people.
13. teeter	<i>(verb)</i>	to move in a wobbly or unsteady way.
14. chives	<i>(plural noun)</i>	plants related to onions that are used to add flavor to food.
15. rallies	<i>(verb)</i>	regains strength or comes back in an athletic contest.
16. pastry	<i>(noun)</i>	an individual piece of a type of sweet good that is made of baked dough.
17. coveralls	<i>(plural noun)</i>	clothes worn over others to protect them, generally consisting of shirts and loose trousers joined together.
18. ponytail	<i>(noun)</i>	a hairstyle where all the hair is pulled back and meant to look like the long hairs on the end of a horse.
19. clatter	<i>(noun)</i>	a loud noise as of solid objects colliding.
20. snout	<i>(noun)</i>	the lengthy projecting nose of any of several mammals, such as the pig.
21. tumbling	<i>(noun)</i>	the sport of performing the gymnastic skills of turning and rolling.
22. cradle	<i>(noun)</i>	a bed that typically rocks and is designed for use by a baby.
23. firefly	<i>(noun)</i>	a flying insect that emits intermittent light.
24. serious	<i>(adjective)</i>	grave in demeanor, personality, or appearance.
25. banners	<i>(plural noun)</i>	strips of cloth with messages or signs painted on them.
26. humor OR humour	<i>(verb)</i>	to soothe by indulging.
27. mention	<i>(noun)</i>	a brief acknowledgment or citation.
28. spoken	<i>(adjective)</i>	delivered by word of mouth.
29. record	<i>(noun)</i>	a statement in writing giving the details of an event.
30. bridge	<i>(noun)</i>	something that is built over a low spot or obstacle in order to travel over it.
31. pinpoint	<i>(verb)</i>	to determine the place of with exceptional accuracy.
32. wisdom	<i>(noun)</i>	information gained over time.
33. slate	<i>(noun)</i>	a flat stone tile used for roofing and siding.
34. drape	<i>(verb)</i>	to cover loosely with a cloth.

35. countless	<i>(adjective)</i>	too many to be tallied : a great number.
36. hideout	<i>(noun)</i>	a haven, unseen shelter, or safe harbor.
37. ruins	<i>(plural noun)</i>	remnants of things that have been demolished.
38. Mexico	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a country in southern North America.
39. glazed	<i>(verb)</i>	became shiny like glass in appearance.
40. scanner	<i>(noun)</i>	a device that makes a digital copy of an image or document.
41. oncoming	<i>(adjective)</i>	approaching.
42. flimsy	<i>(adjective)</i>	not sturdy : weak.
43. launch	<i>(verb)</i>	to fling something with great effort.
44. rubble	<i>(noun)</i>	fractured pieces of rock and other materials produced by the deterioration or demolition of a building.
45. tourists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people who journey from one place to another for knowledge or enjoyment.
46. laughter	<i>(noun)</i>	the sound of air being expelled from the lungs in the expression of an emotion (such as joy).
47. window	<i>(noun)</i>	an opening in a wall or door that usually contains a sheet of glass and that allows light and air in and permits viewing.
48. meeting	<i>(noun)</i>	a coming together of people in a group for a specific purpose.
49. plush	<i>(adjective)</i>	markedly extravagant, lavish, or effortless : exceptional of its kind.
50. helmet	<i>(noun)</i>	a hard, protective head covering.



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Two Bee Study Words for Fifth 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 **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. whimper *(verb)* to whine softly.
2. bracelet *(noun)* a chain worn around the wrist for ornamentation.
3. inwardly *(adverb)* internally : privately to one's self.
4. mobility *(noun)* the ease with which a person or thing can move.
5. eddy *(noun)* a small swirl of air or water moving against the main current.
6. fanged *(adjective)* having the long sharp teeth of certain predatory animals, or being shaped like such teeth.
7. bough *(noun)* a tree branch.
8. listlessly *(adverb)* in a spiritless, languid manner.
9. cautioned *(verb)* warned about a danger.
10. flurry *(noun)* an instance of many things happening at once.
11. glisten *(verb)* to shine: to sparkle.
12. accuse *(verb)* to charge with a wrong.

13.	drowsy	<i>(adjective)</i>	sleepy.
14.	scoff	<i>(verb)</i>	to speak with contempt or ridicule.
15.	opposite	<i>(adjective)</i>	contrary : utterly different.
16.	instrument	<i>(noun)</i>	a device that is used to make music.
17.	blissfully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner indicating absolute happiness.
18.	coarse	<i>(adjective)</i>	rough or crude in form or design.
19.	activists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people who agitate and organize to achieve particular political goals.
20.	commute	<i>(verb)</i>	to journey back and forth between locations often or regularly.
21.	cocoa	<i>(noun)</i>	a warm drink of chocolate powder and water or milk.
22.	nutrients	<i>(plural noun)</i>	substances that nourish or promote growth or development.
23.	scarcely	<i>(adverb)</i>	just barely.
24.	stretcher	<i>(noun)</i>	a carrying device used to transport the dead, sick, or injured.
25.	lair	<i>(plural noun)</i>	places where wild animals live.
26.	hybrid	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a blend of traits from two different traditions or cultures.
27.	mustard	<i>(noun)</i>	a strong yellow condiment made of crushed seeds made into a paste.
28.	cruel	<i>(adjective)</i>	stern, harsh, and without pity or softness.
29.	schedule	<i>(noun)</i>	a list of events or activities marked with when each will take place.
30.	goblins	<i>(plural noun)</i>	fairy creatures, generally ugly and threatening.
31.	splutter	<i>(verb)</i>	to speak in a hasty or confused fashion.
32.	convince	<i>(verb)</i>	to get someone to agree or believe by arguing a point.
33.	grateful	<i>(adjective)</i>	expressing gratitude : wanting to give thanks.
34.	gesture	<i>(noun)</i>	a movement of the body that communicates an idea.
35.	formation	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of troops arranged in a particular order.
36.	previous	<i>(adjective)</i>	occurring earlier or before.

37.	imposing	<i>(adjective)</i>	commanding attention due to magnificence, stature, size, or scope.
38.	complicated	<i>(adjective)</i>	not easy to understand.
39.	unnoticed	<i>(adjective)</i>	not observed or recognized.
40.	agreement	<i>(noun)</i>	a plan or course of action that two or more people have decided upon.
41.	dappled	<i>(adjective)</i>	spotted or speckled.
42.	rustle	<i>(verb)</i>	to cause low, distinct sounds by moving.
43.	chef	<i>(noun)</i>	a skilled cook who leads a kitchen, its staff, and its operations in a restaurant or other business.
44.	crease	<i>(noun)</i>	a line or groove left in a flexible material through folding.
45.	whales	<i>(plural noun)</i>	very large aquatic mammals that look like fish.
46.	mislead	<i>(verb)</i>	to guide in an incorrect direction or into a mistaken belief or action : to deceive.
47.	subtitles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	written translations of foreign language dialogue projected at the bottom of the screen of a motion picture.
48.	fragment	<i>(noun)</i>	a portion broken off from a whole.
49.	retreat	<i>(verb)</i>	to fall back or retire from a position.
50.	implore	<i>(verb)</i>	to beseech.