

The School Spelling Bee Study List is broken down into three levels of difficulty: One Bee, Two Bee and Three Bee. One Bee words include words appropriate for first, second and third grade.

The list below includes 50 challenging **first** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your first-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 One Bee words, and the Two Bee and Three Bee words.

1.	tag	<i>noun</i>	a game in which one player chases the others and tries to touch one to make them it.
2.	send	<i>verb</i>	to cause to go or be conveyed to another person or place.
3.	deck	<i>noun</i>	a flat structure that is built next to a house and that has no roof or walls.
4.	stuck	<i>verb</i>	attached by or as if by gluing or plastering.
5.	snug	<i>adjective</i>	at rest, warmly covered, and safe from cold.
6.	fish	<i>noun</i>	a cold-blooded animal that lives in the water and that has a spine, gills, and usually fins.
7.	hold	<i>verb</i>	to keep back : to not loose : to not let go.
8.	mind	<i>verb</i>	to become concerned or troubled : to care, worry.
9.	stay	<i>verb</i>	to remain somewhere or with someone instead of leaving.
10.	scrub	<i>verb</i>	to clean with a rubbing action (as by using a stiff brush).
11.	draw	<i>verb</i>	to make lines with a pen, a pencil, or another tool in order to create a picture.
12.	brown	<i>adjective</i>	of a color between red and yellow in hue, of medium to low lightness, and of moderate to low saturation.
13.	cozy* OR cosy	<i>adjective</i>	suggesting warmth and homey ease often within smallish or compact quarters.
14.	tint	<i>noun</i>	a usually slight or pale coloration.
15.	milk	<i>noun</i>	a white or yellowish fluid produced by female mammals for the nourishment of their young.

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16.	yawn	<i>verb</i>	to take a deep breath with your mouth wide open usually because you're bored or tired.
17.	tank	<i>noun</i>	a large container for holding liquid.
18.	want	<i>verb</i>	to desire or wish for something.
19.	crowd	<i>noun</i>	a large number of people especially when condensed into a compact group without order.
20.	pond	<i>noun</i>	a body of water that is smaller than a lake but larger than a pool, and that either occurs naturally or is confined through man-made means.
21.	skirt	<i>noun</i>	the part of an outer garment extending from the waist down that has a free hanging lower edge.
22.	sharks	<i>plural noun</i>	fishes that are usually of medium or large size and that may be active predators or sluggish bottom dwellers.
23.	quilt	<i>noun</i>	a bed covering made of two layers of cloth and having a filling of wool, cotton, or down held in place by stitched designs.
24.	twigs	<i>plural noun</i>	small shoots or branches usually without leaves.
25.	taffy	<i>noun</i>	a candy made usually of molasses or brown sugar boiled until caramelized and pulled until porous and light-colored.
26.	comfy	<i>adjective</i>	giving or promising physical ease, pleasurable feeling, or cheerful well-being.
27.	stretch	<i>verb</i>	to reach out : to extend.
28.	tight	<i>adjective</i>	fitting closely and usually too closely.
29.	candy	<i>noun</i>	a sweet food made with sugar and often flavoring (such as chocolate) and filling.
30.	scrunch	<i>verb</i>	to squeeze together.
31.	ruby	<i>noun</i>	a valuable red gemstone.
32.	close	<i>verb</i>	to block or shut off against entry or passage.
33.	tackle	<i>verb</i>	to come to grips with : to take on.

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34.	wire	<i>noun</i>	metal in the form of a usually very flexible thread.
35.	skater	<i>noun</i>	one that glides along on a short board mounted on small wheels propelled by the alternate action of the legs.
36.	giant	<i>adjective</i>	extremely large.
37.	bucket	<i>noun</i>	a typically round and wooden vessel for drawing up water from a well.
38.	chance	<i>noun</i>	opportunity.
39.	baskets	<i>plural noun</i>	lightweight containers in which berries, fruits, or vegetables are packed, shipped, or sold.
40.	tender	<i>adjective</i>	easily broken, cut, or hurt: not hard or tough.
41.	paste	<i>verb</i>	to stick things together using a substance made for this purpose.
42.	melon	<i>noun</i>	either of two soft-fleshed sweet-flavored gourds that are usually eaten raw as a fruit.
43.	farmer	<i>noun</i>	a person who grows crops such as fruits or vegetables, or raises livestock such as cows or pigs.
44.	parent	<i>noun</i>	a father or mother or one who acts as such.
45.	tail	<i>noun</i>	a thin extension of the body that comes out of the back area of many mammals.
46.	hockey	<i>noun</i>	a game played on an ice rink by two teams of six players on skates whose object is to direct a puck into the opponents' goal with a curved stick.
47.	slime	<i>noun</i>	a gluey substance.
48.	insects	<i>plural noun</i>	small invertebrate animals that are more or less obviously segmented (such as spiders, mites, ticks, centipedes, sowbugs).
49.	teeth	<i>plural noun</i>	the hard bony parts attached to the jaws in the walls of the mouth that serve especially for the seizing and chewing of food.
50.	shortcut	<i>noun</i>	a route more direct or more quickly traveled than the one ordinarily taken.

*chiefly British spelling