

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 **third** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your third-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.	unicorn	<i>noun</i>	an imaginary animal that has the body of a horse, the back legs of a stag, the tail of a lion and a single horn in the middle of its head.
2.	faraway	<i>adjective</i>	distant in space.
3.	heater	<i>noun</i>	a device that gives off warmth.
4.	pirates	<i>plural noun</i>	robbers on the high seas.
5.	understand	<i>verb</i>	to comprehend.
6.	wooden	<i>adjective</i>	lacking in ease, grace, charm, liveliness, lifelikeness, interest, or zest : awkward, clumsy, dry, lifeless, dull.
7.	leaning	<i>verb</i>	casting one's weight by inclining or bearing down to one side.
8.	breakfast	<i>noun</i>	the first meal of the day.
9.	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.
10.	acrobat	<i>noun</i>	one who performs gymnastic feats or exercises.
11.	message	<i>noun</i>	a written or oral communication or other transmitted information sent by messenger or by some other means (as by signals).
12.	chocolate	<i>noun</i>	a small candy with a center (as of fondant, nougat, or nut) and a coating of a food obtained by grinding roasted cacao beans that have been freed from germ and shell.
13.	forepaw	<i>noun</i>	the foot of a quadruped on a front leg.

One Bee Study Words with Definitions for Third Grade

14.	elephant	<i>noun</i>	any of a family of thickset extremely large nearly hairless herbivorous mammals that have a snout elongated into a muscular trunk and two incisors in the upper jaw developed especially in the male into large ivory tusks.
15.	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.
16.	recipe	<i>noun</i>	a list of ingredients and a statement of the procedure to be followed in making an item of food or drink.
17.	garbage	<i>noun</i>	trash of any kind.
18.	surprise** OR surprise	<i>noun</i>	something unexpected or astonishing.
19.	mermaid	<i>noun</i>	an imaginary sea creature usually represented as having the upper body of a woman and the lower part like the tail of a fish.
20.	bombarded	<i>verb</i>	attacked vigorously or persistently (as with questions or petitions).
21.	disability	<i>noun</i>	a physical or mental illness, injury, or condition that incapacitates in any way.
22.	incredible	<i>adjective</i>	hard to believe real or true : unlikely : improbable.
23.	leather	<i>noun</i>	the skin of an animal tanned or otherwise dressed for use to render it relatively soft and flexible when dry.
24.	countess	<i>noun</i>	a woman who holds in her own right the rank of earl or a corresponding rank.
25.	nervous	<i>adjective</i>	fearful of what may be coming.
26.	peppercorn	<i>noun</i>	a dried berry of a plant of the genus Piper.
27.	cartwheel	<i>noun</i>	a sideways handspring with arms and legs extended.
28.	raise	<i>verb</i>	to lift higher.
29.	weather	<i>noun</i>	meteorological or atmospheric condition.

30.	zooming	<i>verb</i>	moving with or making a loud but low hum or buzz.
31.	attacked	<i>verb</i>	began to injure, damage, or eat.
32.	turnout	<i>noun</i>	a gathering of people for a special purpose.
33.	eaten	<i>adjective</i>	taken in through the mouth as food.
34.	streetlights	<i>plural noun</i>	electric lamps usually mounted on poles at intervals along a public road or highway.
35.	journey	<i>noun</i>	an act of traveling from one place to another.
36.	courtyard	<i>noun</i>	an enclosure attached to a house, castle, palace, or other building.
37.	shouting	<i>noun</i>	speaking in a loud voice.
38.	asleep	<i>adjective</i>	lacking sensation or feeling : numb.
39.	curious	<i>adjective</i>	showing interest in finding or searching out information.
40.	dinosaur	<i>noun</i>	a member of a group of extinct reptiles.
41.	brilliant	<i>adjective</i>	showing great intelligence, originality, or resourcefulness.
42.	vacuum	<i>verb</i>	to remove by means of an electrical appliance for cleaning by suction.
43.	gorgeous	<i>adjective</i>	dazzlingly beautiful or attractive.
44.	monsoon	<i>noun</i>	the season of heavy rainfall in India and adjacent countries.
45.	dangerous	<i>adjective</i>	involving risk : demanding caution or care as extremely unsafe.
46.	avocado	<i>noun</i>	the pulpy green or purple somewhat pear-shaped edible fruit of various tropical American trees — called also “alligator pear.”
47.	valentine	<i>noun</i>	something sent or given especially to a sweetheart on a day of the same name.
48.	February	<i>noun</i>	the second month of the Gregorian calendar.

49.	formation	<i>noun</i>	a group of troops arranged in a particular order.
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50.	especially	<i>adverb</i>	in particular : particularly.
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