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.  | hesitate                | verb        | to delay or pause typically for a moment.   |
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| 2.  | scorcher                | noun        | something very hot.   |
| 3.  | scavenger               | noun        | an organism that typically feeds on refuse or carrion.  |
| 4.  | fragments               | plural noun | parts broken off: imperfect or incomplete parts.  |
| 5.  | deflated                | verb        | released air or gas from.   |
| 6.  | unleash                 | verb        | to let loose from control or restraint.   |
| 7.  | ration                  | noun        | the food allowance of one person or one animal for one day.   |
| 8.  | cosmetics               | plural noun | preparations to be applied to the human body for<br>beautifying, preserving, or altering the appearance<br>of a person or for cleansing, coloring, conditioning,<br>or protecting the skin, hair, nails, lips, eyes, or<br>teeth. |
| 9.  | crawdad                 | noun        | any of numerous freshwater crustaceans resembling the lobster but usually much smaller in size.   |
| 10. | frustration             | noun        | something that induces feelings of discouragement.  |
| 11. | unruly                  | adjective   | not readily ruled, disciplined, or managed : turbulent, uncontrollable.   |
| 12. | mascot                  | noun        | something regarded as a cherished emblem or symbol (as of a group or institution).  |
| 13. | aroma                   | noun        | any smell or odor.  |
| 14. | moustache** OR mustache | noun        | the hair growing on a man's or a woman's upper lip<br>or that on either side of the upper lip.  |







| 15. | artifacts**<br>OR artefacts | plural noun        | usually simple objects showing human<br>workmanship or modification as distinguished<br>from natural objects; especially: objects remaining<br>from a particular period. |
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| 16. | perfume                     | noun               | a fluid containing essences of flowers or synthetics which is used for its scent.  |
| 17. | sinister                    | adjective          | evil or suggestive of evil.  |
| 18. | tuxedo                      | noun               | semiformal evening clothing for men consisting of a jacket, a stiff or soft pleated shirt, and usually a cummerbund.   |
| 19. | discoveries                 | plural noun        | acts or instances of finding or finding out.   |
| 20. | lurches                     | verb               | moves unsteadily or in a series of stops and starts : staggers.  |
| 21. | language                    | noun               | the words, their pronunciation, and the methods of<br>combining them used and understood by a<br>considerable community and established by long<br>usage.                |
| 22. | prognosis                   | noun               | the act or art of foretelling the course of a disease.   |
| 23. | Buffalo                     | geographical entry | city and port on Lake Erie and the Niagara River in western New York.  |
| 24. | sequins                     | plural noun        | a small ornament usually of shiny metal or plastic<br>pierced with a hole for sewing onto cloth in<br>decorative designs.  |
| 25. | gallop                      | noun               | the natural 3-beat gait of a horse.  |
| 26. | fabulous                    | adjective          | outstanding or remarkable especially in some acceptable or pleasing quality.   |
| 27. | lanky                       | adjective          | tall, somewhat thin, and usually loose-jointed.  |
| 28. | fluently                    | adverb             | in a manner that is easy and flowing: pleasingly graceful.   |
| 29. | mysterious                  | adjective          | difficult or impossible to understand : obscure.   |
| 30. | brandished                  | verb               | shook or waved (a weapon) menacingly.  |
| 31. | sardines                    | plural noun        | any of several small or immature fishes that are suitable for preserving for food.   |



| 32. | anguish   | noun      | extreme pain or distress.   |
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| 33. | conical   | adjective | resembling or having the shape of a solid bounded<br>by a circular or other closed plane base and the<br>surface formed by line segments joining every point<br>of the boundary of the base to a common vertex. |
| 34. | rickety   | adjective | weak in the joints : tottering.   |
| 35. | lilt      | noun      | a rhythmical swing, flow, or cadence.   |
| 36. | pediatric | adjective | of or relating to the care and medical treatment of children.   |
| 37. | porridge  | noun      | a soft food of legumes or grains that are boiled in water or milk until they are thick.   |
| 38. | democracy | noun      | a government by the people : rule of the majority.  |
| 39. | rummage   | verb      | to make a thorough search in : look through every section of : ransack.   |
| 40. | beige     | adjective | of a variable color averaging light grayish yellowish brown.  |
| 41. | ancestral | adjective | of or belonging to one or more persons from whom one is descended.  |
| 42. | grimace   | noun      | a deliberate or involuntary distortion of the face expressive of some feeling (as contempt or disapprobation).  |
| 43. | gaunt     | adjective | thin and angular : attenuated especially by fasting or suffering.   |
| 44. | enormous  | adjective | marked by extraordinarily great size, number, degree or significance.   |
| 45. | geranium  | noun      | any of a widely distributed genus of plants having regular flowers without spurs and with glands that alternate with the petals.  |
| 46. | nautical  | adjective | of, relating to or associated with sailors, navigation or ships.  |
| 47. | dubious   | adjective | questionable as to value, quality, origin, or character : open to question.   |
| 48. | ebony     | adjective | of very low lightness: black, dark — used of color.   |



| 49. | foreign | adjective | born in, belonging to, derived from, intended for, or characteristic of some place or country (as nation) other than the one under consideration: not native or domestic. |
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| 50. | paltry  | adjective | inferior, trashy, worthless.  |

\*\*preferred spelling