

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 **sixth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your sixth-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	zombielike	<i>adjective</i>	of or relating to a person markedly strange or abnormal in mentality, appearance, or behavior.
2	warlock	<i>noun</i>	one given to black magic : sorcerer, wizard.
3	colossus	<i>noun</i>	one marked by great size, strength, or power, and able to dwarf or dominate others.
4	convulsively	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner producing or accompanied by an unnatural, violent, and involuntary contraction or series of contractions of the muscles.
5	dimensional	<i>adjective</i>	of or relating to magnitude and size.
6	garishly	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner that is tastelessly showy or overdecorated : flamboyant.
7	graffitist	<i>noun</i>	one who makes an inscription, figure, or design scratched on rocks or walls or on artifacts made of plaster, stone, or clay.
8	Everest	<i>noun</i>	the highest point : climax, apex.
9	dexterity	<i>noun</i>	skill and ease in using the hands.
10	cavorting	<i>verb</i>	bounding, prancing, or frisking about.
11	marauder	<i>noun</i>	one who roams about and makes irregular sudden small-scale attacks, raids, or incursions for the sake of obtaining loot.
12	conscience	<i>noun</i>	the sense of right or wrong within the individual.
13	battlements	<i>plural noun</i>	parapets that consist of alternate solid parts and open spaces that is used in fortified buildings for defense.
14	deferential	<i>adjective</i>	showing courteous or ingratiating regard for another's wishes.

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15	albatross	<i>noun</i>	any of a number of large web-footed seabirds that are related to the petrels and that include the largest of the seabirds, being capable of long-continued flight and appearing often at great distances from land chiefly over southern seas.
16	khaki	<i>noun</i>	a durable cotton or woolen cloth used for military uniforms.
17	opalescent	<i>adjective</i>	having a colored smooth surface that gives the effect of cloudiness and diffusion due to the intentional presence of fissures, striae, and bubbles.
18	asphalt	<i>noun</i>	a mixture of gravel, sand and petroleum products that is used for pavement.
19	Yiddish	<i>noun</i>	a High German language spoken by Jews chiefly in eastern Europe and areas to which Jews from eastern Europe have migrated and commonly written in Hebrew characters.
20	talcum	<i>noun</i>	a soft mineral that is a basic magnesium silicate and is usually whitish, greenish or grayish with a soapy feel.
21	tranquilizer	<i>noun</i>	a drug used to reduce anxiety and tension states or mental disturbances in people and animals.
22	equestrian	<i>adjective</i>	related to horseback riding.
23	plaited	<i>adjective</i>	braided : interwoven.
24	monsieur	<i>noun</i>	mister.
25	manticores	<i>plural noun</i>	legendary animals having the head of a man often with horns, the body of a lion, and the tail of a dragon or scorpion.
26	prestigious	<i>adjective</i>	esteemed in general opinion : honored.
27	fraidycat	<i>noun</i>	one that is timid or easily frightened.
28	guttural	<i>adjective</i>	being a speech sound that is formed in the throat.
29	lo mein	<i>noun</i>	a Chinese dish consisting of sliced vegetables, soft noodles, and usually meat or shrimp in bite-size pieces stir-fried in a seasoned sauce.
30	courier	<i>noun</i>	one who carries messages, news, or information either with urgent haste or in accordance with a regular schedule.

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31	sans serif	<i>noun</i>	a letter or typeface with letters that have no short lines stemming from and at an angle to the upper and lower ends of the strokes of each letter.
32	psyche	<i>noun</i>	the soul, self, or personality.
33	stucco	<i>noun</i>	a fine plaster of high quality used in the decoration and ornamentation of interior walls.
34	Frankenstein	<i>noun</i>	a work or agency that proves troublesomely uncontrollable especially to its creator; especially : one that ultimately destroys or ruins its creator.
35	schema	<i>noun</i>	a diagrammatic depiction of a typical or average situation; broadly: an abridged or generalized presentation : a framework of reference.
36	et cetera	<i>noun</i>	and others especially of the same kind : and so on : and so forth.
37	vidimus	<i>noun</i>	an official or legal inspection (as of a document); also : an attested copy of a document.
38	delphine	<i>adjective</i>	of or relating to any of various small marine toothed whales that have the snout more or less elongated into a beak and the neck vertebrae partially fused.
39	slough	<i>noun</i>	a state of moral degradation or spiritual dejection into which one sinks or from which one cannot free oneself : an engulfing depth.
40	archipelago	<i>noun</i>	a group or cluster of islands.
41	serape** OR sarape	<i>noun</i>	a woolen blanket often of bright geometric patterns worn by Spanish-American men as a cloak or poncho.
42	puissance	<i>noun</i>	ability to coerce or sway : controlling influence : power.
43	pinioning	<i>verb</i>	disabling or restraining by binding the arms usually to the body.
44	chignon	<i>noun</i>	a smooth knot, twist, or arrangement of hair worn at the back of the head especially at the nape of the neck.
45	pheromone	<i>noun</i>	a chemical substance that is produced by an animal and serves as a specific stimulus to other individuals of the same species for one or more behavioral responses.
46	galleon	<i>noun</i>	a heavy chiefly square-rigged sailing ship of the 15th to early 18th centuries used for war or commerce especially by the Spanish.

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47	magnanimous	<i>adjective</i>	having, showing or suggesting nobility of feeling and generosity of mind.
48	chartreuse	<i>noun</i>	a variable color averaging a brilliant yellow green.
49	wainscoting	<i>verb</i>	lining (as a wall) with or as if with boards or paneling.
50	Nehru	<i>adjective</i>	having a long narrow cut and a mandarin collar — usually used of a jacket.

****Preferred spelling**