

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 **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.	purchase	<i>noun</i>	something obtained for a price in money or its equivalent.
2.	shrivel	<i>verb</i>	to shrink and form wrinkles.
3.	limbering	<i>verb</i>	making flexible or pliant : loosening.
4.	sockets	<i>plural noun</i>	various hollows in body structures in which some other part normally lodges.
5.	squinched	<i>verb</i>	contorted the face as a signal or as an involuntary sign (as of pain).
6.	orca	<i>noun</i>	a relatively small toothed whale that is black above with white underparts and white oval-shaped patches behind the eyes : killer whale.
7.	newt	<i>noun</i>	any of various small semiaquatic salamanders.
8.	camel	<i>noun</i>	either of two large ruminant mammals used as draft and saddle animals in desert regions especially of Africa and Asia and peculiarly adapted to desert life.
9.	**spick-and-span OR spic-and-span	<i>adjective</i>	spotlessly clean.
10.	arrows	<i>plural noun</i>	missile weapons shot from a bow and usually consisting of a straight slender shaft that has a point or sharp head of stone or metal and feathers fastened near the end.
11.	tomorrow	<i>adverb</i>	on or for the day after today.
12.	distracted	<i>verb</i>	drew attention to a different object or compellingly and confusingly attracted in divergent directions at once.
13.	balance	<i>noun</i>	stability as a result of equally spreading your weight.
14.	probably	<i>adverb</i>	without much doubt : with practical certainty : very likely.

\*\*preferred spelling

15.	pottery	<i>noun</i>	an article made of fired clay.
16.	beyond	<i>preposition</i>	greater than the grasp or power of.
17.	twelve	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than 11 in number.
18.	respond	<i>verb</i>	to say something in return : to make an answer.
19.	grimy	<i>adjective</i>	full of or covered with soil, such as soot or dirt.
20.	arrive	<i>verb</i>	to reach a destination : to come to the end of a journey.
21.	archers	<i>plural noun</i>	persons skilled in the use of the bow and arrow.
22.	slather	<i>verb</i>	to spread thickly or lavishly.
23.	compute	<i>verb</i>	to make sense.
24.	switcheroo	<i>noun</i>	a reversal or surprising variation of a familiar or expected action or manner.
25.	donkeys	<i>plural noun</i>	domestic mammals of the genus Equus that are smaller than horses, with shorter manes and shorter hair on the tail, and with long ears.
26.	disband	<i>verb</i>	to break up the organization of : to dissolve.
27.	constant	<i>noun</i>	something that does not vary or change in its relationship or in an essential relationship with other things.
28.	balm	<i>noun</i>	a healing ointment.
29.	traditional	<i>adjective</i>	following or conforming to a cultural feature (as an attitude, belief, custom, institution) preserved or evolved from the past.
30.	bandage	<i>noun</i>	a narrow length of fabric used to cover a wound, hold a dressing in place, immobilize an injured part, or apply pressure.
31.	floral	<i>adjective</i>	of, relating to, or associated with a flower.
32.	bruise	<i>noun</i>	an injury, especially one produced by a blow or collision, that does not break the surface it injures.

**Two Bee Study Words with Definitions for Fifth Grade**

33.	astride	<i>preposition</i>	on or above and with one leg on each side of.
34.	actually	<i>adverb</i>	in point of fact : in truth — used to imply that one would expect the fact to be the opposite of what is stated.
35.	decide	<i>verb</i>	to make a choice or reach a solution.
36.	exciting	<i>adjective</i>	absorbingly interesting.
37.	smooshed	<i>verb</i>	squashed or mashed.
38.	shawl	<i>noun</i>	a usually square or oblong piece of fabric used especially as a covering for the head or shoulders.
39.	murals	<i>plural noun</i>	paintings or other works applied to and made integral with wall surfaces.
40.	casa	<i>noun</i>	a dwelling house.
41.	kneeling	<i>verb</i>	falling or resting on the joints in the middle part of the human leg.
42.	potion	<i>noun</i>	a liquid mixture or dose of a medicine or drug.
43.	devoured	<i>verb</i>	ate up greedily : consumed ravenously.
44.	rifled	<i>verb</i>	leafed through (as a book) rapidly or hastily.
45.	adorable	<i>adjective</i>	extremely charming or lovable : delightful.
46.	section	<i>verb</i>	to cut or separate into parts.
47.	puttering	<i>verb</i>	moving or acting without plan or purpose : occupying oneself aimlessly.
48.	python	<i>noun</i>	a large constricting snake (as a boa or anaconda).
49.	apartment	<i>noun</i>	a room or a set of rooms used as a dwelling and located in a private house, a hotel, or a building containing only such rooms or suites with hallways.
50.	yurt	<i>noun</i>	a circular domed tent of skins or felt used by herding peoples of inner Asia.