

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.	adds	<i>verb</i>	combines two or more numbers into one sum.
2.	sit	<i>verb</i>	to rest in an upright position balanced on the thighs or seat.
3.	cry	<i>noun</i>	an act of shedding tears.
4.	put	<i>verb</i>	to move in a specific direction or into a specific place.
5.	look	<i>verb</i>	to discover by using one's eyes.
6.	hey	<i>interjection</i>	— used to call attention or to express surprise, joy, or a question.
7.	tell	<i>verb</i>	to say.
8.	none	<i>pronoun</i>	not any.
9.	need	<i>noun</i>	poverty.
10.	poke	<i>noun</i>	a quick thrust : a jab.
11.	drag	<i>verb</i>	to trail along on the ground.
12.	off	<i>adverb</i>	to a state or condition of being separate.
13.	long	<i>adjective</i>	extending for a rather large distance.
14.	grass	<i>noun</i>	green narrow-leaved plants.
15.	came	<i>verb</i>	moved toward or away from something : approached.

**One Bee Study Words with Definitions for  
First Grade**

16.	make	<i>verb</i>	to bring something into being by forming, shaping, or altering material : to construct.
17.	had	<i>verb</i>	owned.
18.	trees	<i>plural noun</i>	tall plants with one main woody stem and lots of branches and leaves at the top.
19.	can	<i>noun</i>	a cylinder-shaped container that often holds liquids.
20.	not	<i>adverb</i>	— used as a function word to express the opposite of a word or group of words.
21.	plan	<i>verb</i>	to have in mind : to intend.
22.	sink	<i>noun</i>	an open container or vessel with sloping sides that sometimes is connected to a cabinet and usually has a water supply for washing and draining things.
23.	tote	<i>verb</i>	to carry by hand.
24.	hint	<i>noun</i>	a very small amount : a dash.
25.	rice	<i>noun</i>	a type of grass that has seeds that are used for food.
26.	doll	<i>noun</i>	a small-scale figure of a human being used as a child's plaything.
27.	bill	<i>noun</i>	the jaws of a bird and the hard covering of the jaws : beak.
28.	pants	<i>plural noun</i>	a piece of clothing that covers the legs : trousers.
29.	nets	<i>plural noun</i>	devices made of meshed threads or ropes that have been knotted together at regular intervals and that are used for catching fish, birds, or insects.
30.	pod	<i>noun</i>	a number of animals (such as whales) closely grouped together : a school.
31.	cups	<i>plural noun</i>	usually open bowl-shaped drinking vessels.
32.	page	<i>noun</i>	one of the leaves of a book or magazine.
33.	top	<i>adjective</i>	highest.

34.	trap	<i>noun</i>	a device for catching animals.
35.	map	<i>noun</i>	a drawing that shows an area (such as the surface of the earth) and indicates the position and size of selected details, such as countries, cities, and bodies of water.
36.	toys	<i>plural noun</i>	items for a child to play with.
37.	ten	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than nine in number.
38.	food	<i>noun</i>	material that is taken or absorbed into the body in order to support growth and to provide energy.
39.	five	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than four in number.
40.	tiny	<i>adjective</i>	very small.
41.	nose	<i>noun</i>	the part of the face on humans or other mammals that sticks out and has the nostrils.
42.	meal	<i>noun</i>	the food eaten at a particular time to satisfy hunger.
43.	moo	<i>verb</i>	to make the noise of a cow.
44.	share	<i>verb</i>	to use, experience, or enjoy with others.
45.	help	<i>verb</i>	to give assistance or support to : to aid.
46.	like	<i>preposition</i>	the same as or similar to (as in appearance).
47.	hot	<i>adjective</i>	having a high temperature.
48.	feel	<i>verb</i>	to touch.
49.	ears	<i>plural noun</i>	the organs of hearing and balance in mammals.
50.	cute	<i>adjective</i>	attractive or pretty.

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The list below includes 50 challenging **second** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your second-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.	barked	<i>verb</i>	made the short loud cry of a dog.
2.	sway	<i>verb</i>	to move in usually slow and rhythmic back and forth movements.
3.	harsh	<i>adjective</i>	physically disagreeable : uncomfortable.
4.	porch	<i>noun</i>	a covered entrance to a building usually with a roof.
5.	crops	<i>plural noun</i>	plants or animals that can be grown and harvested on a large scale for profit or food.
6.	order	<i>verb</i>	to require or request with authority that something be done : to command.
7.	stumped	<i>verb</i>	blocked the progress or efforts of : perplexed, confused.
8.	blue	<i>adjective</i>	having the color of the clear sky or the deep sea.
9.	sorry	<i>adjective</i>	feeling emotional suffering over the loss of some good; feeling sadness or regret.
10.	many	<i>adjective</i>	consisting of or amounting to a large but indefinite number : not few.
11.	blast	<i>noun</i>	an enjoyably exciting experience, occasion, or event.
12.	shelf	<i>noun</i>	a thin flat piece of wood or other material fastened horizontally at a distance from the floor (as on a wall or in a frame) to hold objects.
13.	chores	<i>plural noun</i>	recurring tasks performed at regular intervals in the running of a farm, home, or business.
14.	bottom	<i>noun</i>	the lower or lowest section, point, region, or level.
15.	busy	<i>adjective</i>	doing something requiring time or attention : not idle or at leisure.

16.	copy	<i>verb</i>	to try to be like or similar to : to follow especially in behavior or actions.
17.	tales	<i>plural noun</i>	stories.
18.	stairs	<i>plural noun</i>	steps of a series for going up or down to a different level (as within a building).
19.	white	<i>noun</i>	of a color like that of new snow or clean milk.
20.	speck	<i>noun</i>	a tiny bit of something : a small piece, particle, or amount.
21.	leave	<i>verb</i>	to go away or depart from.
22.	pace	<i>noun</i>	rate of performance or delivery : speed.
23.	party	<i>noun</i>	a social gathering of persons for entertainment or fun.
24.	smell	<i>verb</i>	to have an odor or scent : to give off an aroma.
25.	moon	<i>noun</i>	a body orbiting another of larger size in the sky.
26.	washing	<i>verb</i>	cleaning the body, especially the hands and face, with water.
27.	two	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than one in number.
28.	trash	<i>noun</i>	something worth relatively little or nothing : junk : rubbish.
29.	bobbed	<i>verb</i>	moved down and up or up and down suddenly and briefly and often repeatedly.
30.	some	<i>pronoun</i>	a part of a group.
31.	what	<i>pronoun</i>	— used in questions as a pronoun to ask about the identity of an object or matter.
32.	few	<i>plural pronoun</i>	not many persons or things.
33.	pail	<i>noun</i>	a cylindrical container for catching, holding, or carrying liquids or solids.
34.	area	<i>noun</i>	any particular amount of space or surface.

35.	story	<i>noun</i>	an account of some incident or event; often : a tale written or told especially for the entertainment of children.
36.	sheesh	<i>interjection</i>	— used to express disappointment, annoyance, or surprise.
37.	sole	<i>noun</i>	the part of a shoe or other article of footwear on which the bottom of the foot rests and upon which the wearer walks.
38.	files	<i>plural noun</i>	groups of related data records, such as for a computer.
39.	wiggle	<i>verb</i>	to move back and forth or up and down with quick jerky or shaking motions.
40.	baggy	<i>adjective</i>	loose, puffed out, or hanging.
41.	phone	<i>verb</i>	to call (a person) using a device for reproducing sounds, especially speech, at a distance.
42.	blame	<i>verb</i>	to express disapproval of : to find fault with.
43.	skipped	<i>verb</i>	passed over without notice, mention, or attention.
44.	crafty	<i>adjective</i>	skilled at deceiving others : cunning, wily.
45.	scars	<i>plural noun</i>	marks left in the skin where it has been injured (as by a burn or cut) and healed.
46.	table	<i>noun</i>	a piece of furniture consisting of a smooth flat slab fixed on legs.
47.	roots	<i>plural noun</i>	the underground parts of a plant.
48.	stinky	<i>adjective</i>	that sends out a strong and bad smell.
49.	only	<i>adjective</i>	alone in a class or category.
50.	bones	<i>plural noun</i>	the hard parts of the skeleton.

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1.	marry	<i>verb</i>	to take a husband or a wife : to wed.
2.	swept	<i>verb</i>	removed pieces of dirt from the surface of something with a broom or brush.
3.	chunks	<i>plural noun</i>	short thick pieces of something often roughly formed : lumps.
4.	forget	<i>verb</i>	to not be able to think of or remember.
5.	rare	<i>adjective</i>	not often occurring or appearing : unusual, uncommon.
6.	feedback	<i>noun</i>	evaluative or corrective information communicated about an action, event, process, or product to the original source.
7.	scared	<i>verb</i>	frightened.
8.	lousy	<i>adjective</i>	miserably poor or inferior.
9.	coop	<i>noun</i>	a cage or small enclosure for poultry.
10.	during	<i>preposition</i>	at some point in the course of.
11.	faith	<i>noun</i>	firm trust or confidence in the value, power, or effectiveness of something.
12.	bandmates	<i>plural noun</i>	fellow members of a group of musicians that play music together.
13.	quiet	<i>adjective</i>	making no noise : acting or resting in silence.
14.	minute	<i>noun</i>	a unit of time equal to the 60th part of an hour and containing 60 seconds.
15.	streak	<i>noun</i>	a continuous series (as of victories or defeats).

**One Bee Study Words with Definitions for  
Third Grade**

16.	freedom	<i>noun</i>	the quality or state of being released.
17.	stuttered	<i>verb</i>	spoke with disruption of speech that is not by choice (as by repetition of vocal sounds).
18.	fudge	<i>verb</i>	to cheat or act dishonestly in a way that is usually subtle or not easily noticeable.
19.	damaged	<i>verb</i>	caused harm to : hurt, injured.
20.	frantic	<i>adjective</i>	marked by fast and nervous, disordered activity.
21.	clash	<i>verb</i>	to be completely and sharply in disagreement, or to lack harmony or consistency.
22.	funky	<i>adjective</i>	odd or quaint in appearance or feeling.
23.	tower	<i>noun</i>	a building or structure that is taller than it is wide, and is high compared to its surroundings.
24.	swoop	<i>verb</i>	to plunge suddenly or move in a sweeping curved path.
25.	greasy	<i>adjective</i>	containing an unusual amount of animal fat that has been extracted and clarified by melting.
26.	gravy	<i>noun</i>	any of several thickened sauces served especially with meat or potatoes.
27.	display	<i>noun</i>	an exhibiting or showing of something.
28.	growling	<i>verb</i>	making a low heavy rolling sound : rumbling.
29.	visit	<i>verb</i>	to go somewhere and spend time with someone socially.
30.	blessings	<i>plural noun</i>	things that tend to promote happiness or welfare.
31.	peacock	<i>noun</i>	a male peafowl with long tail feathers tipped with eyelike spots that are spread into a fan shimmering with iridescent color.
32.	Ohio	<i>geographical entry</i>	a state in northeast central U.S.
33.	elves	<i>plural noun</i>	small mythical beings in human form that have magical powers and interfere in human affairs.
34.	uplift	<i>verb</i>	to improve the condition of someone or something, especially spiritually or intellectually.



35.	everyone	<i>pronoun</i>	each person.
36.	another	<i>adjective</i>	being one more in addition to one or another number : additional.
37.	beetle	<i>noun</i>	an insect with four wings and an armored body that is sometimes a pest to crops.
38.	sights	<i>plural noun</i>	aims, goals.
39.	choose	<i>verb</i>	to elect.
40.	wonder	<i>verb</i>	to be curious about : to wish to know.
41.	belongs	<i>verb</i>	is a member of a club or similar organization — used with “to.”
42.	model	<i>noun</i>	a usually miniature three-dimensional representation of something.
43.	fasting	<i>noun</i>	the act of choosing to not eat food often as a form of religious observance.
44.	until	<i>conjunction</i>	up to the time that.
45.	nobody	<i>pronoun</i>	no person : not anyone.
46.	color OR *colour	<i>noun</i>	the tint typical of good health and spirits or of outdoor activity.
47.	curly	<i>adjective</i>	twisting into round shapes or coils.
48.	heavy	<i>adjective</i>	having great weight.
49.	build	<i>verb</i>	to construct for a home.
50.	greeting	<i>noun</i>	a formal, often traditional gesture of welcome.

\*chiefly British spelling