



Scripps National Spelling Bee

One Bee Study Words for First Grade 2021-2022

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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. wide *(adjective)* having the length from side to side of a specific size.
2. part *(noun)* something less than a whole.
3. mink *(noun)* any of several slender-bodied semiaquatic carnivorous mammals that resemble and are closely related to the weasels.
4. tummy *(noun)* abdomen, belly, stomach.
5. goods *(plural noun)* evidence or proof of wrongdoing.
6. nook *(noun)* a secluded or out-of-the-way place or part.
7. jelly *(noun)* a dessert made usually by adding gelatin to fruit juices.
8. slow *(adjective)* exhibiting or characterized by delayed motion or speed.
9. tufts *(plural noun)* small bunches of hairs on the body.
10. cold *(adjective)* having a temperature notably below that compatible with human comfort.
11. lane *(noun)* a narrow passageway between fences or hedges that is not traveled as a main road.



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12.	son	<i>(noun)</i>	the male offspring of human beings.
13.	same	<i>(adjective)</i>	having one nature or individuality : of like nature or identity : identical.
14.	much	<i>(noun)</i>	a great deal.
15.	deer	<i>(noun)</i>	a wild animal with brown fur, four long thin legs and hooves, and with antlers on the males.
16.	silk	<i>(adjective)</i>	relating to or made of thread, yarn, or fabric made from a fine continuous protein fiber produced by various insect larvae.
17.	cove	<i>(noun)</i>	a small sheltered inlet or bay.
18.	thing	<i>(noun)</i>	an object whose name is not said or not known.
19.	try	<i>(verb)</i>	to make an attempt to achieve something or to carry out some action.
20.	duckling	<i>(noun)</i>	a young swimming bird of a family that is smaller than swans and geese.
21.	mask	<i>(noun)</i>	a covering for the mouth and nose to prevent droplets from being spread into the air.
22.	hike	<i>(noun)</i>	tramp, march; especially : a long walk undertaken for pleasure or exercise.
23.	car	<i>(noun)</i>	a private passenger automobile as distinguished from a bus or truck.
24.	rage	<i>(verb)</i>	to become stirred up violently.
25.	gift	<i>(noun)</i>	a special or notable capacity, talent, or endowment either inherent, acquired, or given by a deity.
26.	very	<i>(adverb)</i>	to a high degree : extremely.
27.	last	<i>(verb)</i>	to continue in time : to go on.
28.	well	<i>(noun)</i>	a deep hole that has been created in the earth in order to reach a supply of water.
29.	mess	<i>(noun)</i>	an untidy, dirty, or unpleasant state or condition.
30.	left	<i>(adjective)</i>	located on or toward the side of an observer's body having the hand that in most persons is weaker or directed as that hand would point.
31.	rush	<i>(noun)</i>	a sound of or as if of swift movement.
32.	gone	<i>(verb)</i>	passed from one point to or toward another that is regarded as farther away : left, departed.
33.	drill	<i>(noun)</i>	the approved or correct procedure for accomplishing something efficiently : routine.

34.	meet	<i>(verb)</i>	to be introduced to or made acquainted with.
35.	lid	<i>(noun)</i>	something that covers the opening of a hollow container (as a box).
36.	lisp	<i>(noun)</i>	a speech irregularity or affectation characterized by the imperfect pronunciation of sibilants, such as pronouncing /s/ or /z/ as /th/.
37.	post	<i>(verb)</i>	to publish, announce, or advertise by or as if by the use of a printed notice or sign.
38.	bent	<i>(noun)</i>	a special inclination that facilitates easy learning or mastery : a knack.
39.	mice	<i>(plural noun)</i>	small mobile manual devices that control movement of the cursor and selection of functions on a computer display.
40.	rope	<i>(noun)</i>	a large stout cord made of strands of natural or artificial fibers (as flax, cotton, or nylon) twisted or braided together.
41.	logs	<i>(plural noun)</i>	sticks of wood cut for fuel (as in a fireplace).
42.	hat	<i>(noun)</i>	an office symbolized by or as if by the wearing of a special head covering.
43.	swim	<i>(verb)</i>	to move or propel oneself progressively in water by natural means.
44.	read	<i>(verb)</i>	to cause another to become familiar with the contents of something written or printed.
45.	upon	<i>(preposition)</i>	in a high position on.
46.	idea	<i>(noun)</i>	a preliminary plan : conception, design; usually : a plan or purpose of action.
47.	singing	<i>(noun)</i>	the act or sound of one that produces musical tones by means of the voice.
48.	kites	<i>(plural noun)</i>	small hawks that have long narrow wings, a deeply forked tail, and feet adapted for taking prey, and that are noted for graceful sustained flight.
49.	feet	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the terminal parts of the vertebrate legs upon which an individual stands.
50.	must	<i>(noun)</i>	an item that cannot be done without : an essential.



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One Bee Study Words for Second Grade
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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. turning *(verb)* thinking over : pondering.
2. wanted *(verb)* wished earnestly.
3. sprung *(verb)* came out with speed and force : broke out.
4. zoomed *(verb)* moved with a loud buzzing sound.
5. large *(adjective)* big.
6. closed *(verb)* blocked or shut off against entry or passage.
7. plates *(plural noun)* shallow usually circular utensils (as of china or plastic) from which food is eaten.
8. matching *(verb)* pairing up or putting in a set as having equal or harmonizing qualities.
9. track *(noun)* detectable evidence that something has passed (such as the wake of a ship, a line of footprints, or a wheel rut).
10. chart *(verb)* to lay out a plan for, typically in orderly outline.
11. bread *(noun)* a food made of a dough of flour or meal from grain with added liquid, shortening, and a leavening agent.

12. clock *(verb)* to time (a person or a performance) with a stopwatch or by an electric timing device.
13. crusts *(plural noun)* the hard exterior parts of bread.
14. pain *(noun)* a state of physical or mental uneasiness that ranges from mild discomfort to acute often unbearable agony and is caused by being injured or hurt or through disease.
15. loud *(adjective)* producing a sound marked by intensity or volume.
16. flapped *(verb)* swayed loosely usually with a noise of striking and especially when moved by wind.
17. cell *(noun)* one of the compartments of a honeycomb.
18. cheese *(noun)* the curd of milk that has been pressed and ripened for use as a food.
19. beak *(noun)* the bill of a bird.
20. cog *(noun)* one that functions as a necessary but subordinate part of a larger process or system.
21. poor *(adjective)* worthy of being pitied.
22. power *(noun)* social sway : influence.
23. foam *(noun)* a light whitish mass of fine bubbles that is formed in or on the surface of a liquid by agitation (as of ocean waves) or fermentation or effervescence : froth.
24. clutch *(adjective)* successful in a crucial situation.
25. knife *(noun)* a simple instrument used for cutting that has a sharp-edged blade with a handle.
26. place *(noun)* specific locality : spot.
27. oil *(noun)* a greasy substance that may be of animal, vegetable, mineral, or synthetic origin, and that depending on type is used as fuel, as food, in soap, and in perfumes.
28. gushed *(verb)* poured, issued, flowed, or spouted copiously or violently – often used with “forth” or “out.”
29. china *(noun)* earthenware or porcelain tableware.
30. stopped *(verb)* stood still : halted.
31. also *(adverb)* in addition : as well : too.
32. floor *(verb)* to knock down; broadly: to silence, to defeat.

33. frames *(plural noun)* the constituent of a pair of glasses other than the lenses.
34. studied *(verb)* undertook formal application of the mental faculties to the acquisition of knowledge of a subject or course.
35. spikes *(plural noun)* pointed pieces of metal set with the point upward or outward.
36. speech *(noun)* communication or expression of thoughts in spoken words.
37. shoe *(noun)* an outer covering for the human foot usually made of leather, with a thick or stiff sole and an attached heel.
38. prize *(adjective)* having been awarded or being worthy of an honor or reward striven for in a competitive contest.
39. smug *(adjective)* marked by belief in one's own superiority, virtue, and respectability.
40. rapids *(plural noun)* parts of a river where the current moves swiftly and where the surface is usually broken by obstructions.
41. slide *(noun)* a chute with a flat polished bed sloping down from the top of a mounting ladder.
42. goals *(plural noun)* the ends toward which effort or ambition is directed : aims, purposes.
43. shelter *(noun)* something that covers or affords protection especially from the elements.
44. creak *(verb)* to make a grating or squeaking sound.
45. gutter *(noun)* a low area, course, ditch, or furrow (as at a roadside) to carry off surface water (as to a sewer).
46. booth *(noun)* a small enclosure designed to hold one person at a time.
47. frankly *(adverb)* indeed : to tell the truth : to be sure : undoubtedly.
48. knot *(noun)* a looping or tangling of a flexible length of something in such a way as to produce a tying together, fastening, or connecting of the length on, to, or with itself or some other thing.
49. search *(noun)* an endeavor to find, ascertain, recover, or bring into view.
50. crouched *(verb)* stooped with the limbs close to the body.



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1. found (*verb*) came upon (a material object) by searching or effort.
2. gloves (*plural noun*) coverings for the hands having separate sections or openings for each of the fingers and the thumb and often extending part way up the arm that are used to protect the hand or as a dress accessory – often used with “pair.”
3. pretty (*adverb*) moderately : fairly.
4. baskets (*plural noun*) lightweight containers in which berries, fruits, or vegetables are packed, shipped, or sold.
5. bonnet (*noun*) a woman’s head covering of cloth or straw usually tied under the chin with ribbons or strings, now worn chiefly by children or as part of a uniform or habit.
6. rodeo (*noun*) a public performance that features especially contests in calf roping and bull riding.
7. salad (*noun*) a cooked or uncooked food prepared with a savory or piquant dressing and usually served cold.
8. cousin (*noun*) a child of one’s uncle or aunt.
9. camera (*noun*) a lightproof box fitted with a lens through the aperture of which the image of an object is recorded.



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10.	wrenches	<i>(plural noun)</i>	hand tools that are used for holding, twisting, or turning bolts, nuts, screwheads, pipes, or other objects.
11.	goggles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	eye coverings resembling spectacles but with shields at the sides used to protect the eyes (as from water, light, dust, or cold) – often used with “pair.”
12.	inflate	<i>(verb)</i>	to swell or distend with air or gas.
13.	single	<i>(noun)</i>	a one-dollar bill.
14.	polish	<i>(verb)</i>	to make smooth and glossy by a mechanical process usually by friction.
15.	dolphin	<i>(noun)</i>	a synchronized swimming stunt in which the body from a back floating position is arched and goes down headfirst to describe a complete circle back to the starting position.
16.	skiing	<i>(noun)</i>	the sport of sliding and jumping on a pair of narrow strips of wood, metal, or plastic of varying length and width and curving upward in front that are used especially for gliding over snow.
17.	Texas	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	state in the southern U.S. bordering on Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico.
18.	mumble	<i>(verb)</i>	to utter with a low voice that cannot be understood.
19.	direct	<i>(adjective)</i>	leading by the short or shortest way to a point or end.
20.	detail	<i>(noun)</i>	a part of a whole; such as : a small and subordinate part.
21.	alas	<i>(interjection)</i>	– used to express unhappiness, sorrow, pity, or concern.
22.	barrels	<i>(verb)</i>	travels at a high speed.
23.	clerks	<i>(plural noun)</i>	salespersons in a store : those who work at sales or service counters.
24.	forty	<i>(adjective)</i>	being one more than 39 in number.
25.	embers	<i>(plural noun)</i>	slowly cooling emotions, memories, ideas, or responses from past experience that are still capable of being enlivened.
26.	paddles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	wooden poles with broad fairly flat blades at one end or sometimes at both ends that are used for propelling and steering or stopping canoes or other small boats.
27.	whiskers	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the long hairs growing near an animal's mouth.
28.	condition	<i>(noun)</i>	something established or agreed upon as a requisite to the doing or taking effect of something else : a stipulation, provision.
29.	slumped	<i>(verb)</i>	dropped suddenly : fell in a heap : slid down : collapsed.

30.	blurted	<i>(verb)</i>	uttered abruptly and impulsively.
31.	wallet	<i>(noun)</i>	a pocketbook that contains compartments for change, photographs, cards, and keys and often has a snap or zipper fastener.
32.	focus	<i>(verb)</i>	to concentrate attention or effort.
33.	circus	<i>(noun)</i>	a spectacular public entertainment given usually in a large tent and made up of acts of physical skill and daring and comedy by clowns.
34.	aware	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by realization or knowledge.
35.	mango	<i>(noun)</i>	a yellowish red oblong to pear-shaped tropical fruit that has a firm skin and hard central stone.
36.	firmly	<i>(adverb)</i>	steadfastly, resolutely, soundly, solidly, strongly.
37.	imagined	<i>(verb)</i>	thought, supposed, guessed.
38.	reveal	<i>(verb)</i>	to make (something secret or hidden) publicly known : to divulge.
39.	ached	<i>(verb)</i>	suffered a dull, persistent, and sometimes throbbing pain.
40.	fabric	<i>(noun)</i>	cloth of a particular kind.
41.	detour	<i>(verb)</i>	to proceed by a change from a direct course or the usual procedure.
42.	impolite	<i>(adjective)</i>	lacking in courteous behavior, in etiquette, or in consideration of others.
43.	squiggles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	short wavy twists or lines : scribbles.
44.	because	<i>(conjunction)</i>	since : for the reason that.
45.	teachers	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people who instruct or impart knowledge.
46.	ordinary	<i>(adjective)</i>	not uncommon or exceptional.
47.	capture	<i>(verb)</i>	to get control or secure domination of : to take over.
48.	feline	<i>(adjective)</i>	resembling or suggesting a cat in manner or quality: sleekly graceful.
49.	gusto	<i>(noun)</i>	vitality marked by an overabundance of healthy positive and often unrefined vigor and enthusiasm.
50.	kitchen	<i>(noun)</i>	the personnel that prepares, cooks, and serves food.