

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 **third** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your third-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.	illness	<i>noun</i>	an unhealthy condition of the body or mind.
2.	lead	<i>noun</i>	a soft metallic element that is bluish white when freshly cut but tarnishes readily in moist air to dull gray and is used often in solder, acid-resistant linings, and also shields against radioactivity.
3.	groan	<i>noun</i>	a deep, sudden, unintentional sound that usually indicates pain, grief, or sometimes disapproval or annoyance.
4.	sloth	<i>noun</i>	a slow-moving brownish or grayish mammal with very long front legs and long curved claws that hangs from branches and eats leaves and fruit.
5.	knit	<i>verb</i>	to form a fabric by the interlacing of a yarn or yarns in a series of connected loops by means of hand or machine needles.
6.	cloak	<i>noun</i>	a loose piece of outer clothing (such as a cape or an overcoat).
7.	parade	<i>noun</i>	a public procession : the movement of people or things in order.
8.	whistle	<i>noun</i>	a small wind instrument in which sound is produced by the forcible passage of breath through a slit in a short tube (as of wood or metal).
9.	total	<i>adjective</i>	constituting an entire number or amount.
10.	indoors	<i>adverb</i>	in a building.
11.	trouble	<i>noun</i>	a cause of disturbance, annoyance, or distress.
12.	relax	<i>verb</i>	to rest.
13.	finish	<i>verb</i>	to arrive at the end of : to complete.
14.	holiday	<i>noun</i>	a day on which one is free from usual everyday activity or work.
15.	safety	<i>noun</i>	freedom from exposure to danger.

16.	stout	<i>adjective</i>	characterized by physical or moral bravery : courageous : valiant.
17.	spiders	<i>plural noun</i>	arachnids having a short, usually unsegmented abdomen, poison fangs, and two or more pairs of spinnerets at the posterior end of the abdomen for spinning threads of silk for various uses (as in making cocoons for their eggs or webs to catch prey).
18.	entire	<i>adjective</i>	having nothing removed or left out : whole.
19.	library	<i>noun</i>	a room or section of a building given over to books, manuscripts, or other literary and sometimes artistic materials usually kept in some convenient order for use but not for sale.
20.	guide	<i>verb</i>	to direct or supervise especially toward some desirable end, course, way, or development.
21.	hospital	<i>noun</i>	an institution or place where sick or injured persons are given medical or surgical care.
22.	mustard	<i>noun</i>	a strong yellow condiment made of crushed seeds made into a paste.
23.	company	<i>noun</i>	an association of persons for carrying on a commercial or industrial enterprise or business.
24.	ginger	<i>noun</i>	an extremely pungent and aromatic rootlike plant stem that is usually dried and ground to a fine brownish powder and used as a spice.
25.	narrow	<i>adjective</i>	not as wide as usual or as expected.
26.	medium	<i>adjective</i>	intermediate in amount, quality, position, or degree : average.
27.	pennies	<i>plural noun</i>	cents of the U.S. or Canada.
28.	hiking	<i>verb</i>	marching, tramping, walking.
29.	foolish	<i>adjective</i>	lacking in judgment, fit consideration, or intelligence.
30.	afraid	<i>adjective</i>	filled with fear or alarm.
31.	remember	<i>verb</i>	to bring to mind again : to think of again.
32.	result	<i>verb</i>	to proceed, spring, or arise as a consequence.
33.	charming	<i>adjective</i>	fascinating and delighting : extremely pleasing : marked by compelling attraction or appeal.

34.	source	<i>noun</i>	a firsthand document or primary reference work.
35.	pearls	<i>plural noun</i>	dense concretions formed in various mollusks by deposition of thin layers of nacre about a foreign particle, that are typically round, and that exhibit various colors but are usually white or light-colored.
36.	tangy	<i>adjective</i>	having or suggestive of a sharp distinctive flavor that lingers on the tongue.
37.	beasts	<i>plural noun</i>	wild mammals fierce by nature; especially : carnivorous wild mammals.
38.	shivering	<i>verb</i>	trembling due to cold, fear, or physical pressure.
39.	barge	<i>noun</i>	a roomy usually flat-bottomed boat used principally in harbors or inland waterways for the transport of goods.
40.	grumpily	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner that is moodily cross, surly or ill-humored.
41.	smoothly	<i>adverb</i>	without roughness, abruptness, or interruption.
42.	cottage	<i>noun</i>	a small house typically used in the summer.
43.	humble	<i>adjective</i>	modest or meek in spirit, manner, or appearance : not proud or haughty.
44.	seventy	<i>noun</i>	seven tens : twice 35 : five times 14.
45.	dangle	<i>verb</i>	to hang loosely especially with a swinging or jerking motion.
46.	distance	<i>noun</i>	the length to be traveled.
47.	breeze	<i>noun</i>	a light, gentle soft-blowing wind.
48.	soared	<i>verb</i>	sailed or hovered in the air often at a great height : glided.
49.	frazzled	<i>adjective</i>	reduced to a state of extreme physical or nervous fatigue.
50.	bamboo	<i>noun</i>	a large woody plant having hollow stems that are so hard and durable as to be used for furniture and the young shoots of which are utilized as food.