

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.	Halloween	<i>noun</i>	the evening of October 31 observed especially by displaying jack-o'-lanterns, dressing up in disguise, and trick-or-treating in the evening.
2.	compliment	<i>verb</i>	to pay a formal expression (as by speech, gesture, or ceremony) of esteem, respect, affection, or admiration to.
3.	compromise	<i>verb</i>	to come to a settlement or agreement by mutual concession.
4.	incident	<i>noun</i>	an uncommon happening.
5.	Japanese	<i>adjective</i>	characteristic of a country in eastern Asia made up of islands in the western Pacific.
6.	investment	<i>noun</i>	the commitment of something other than money to a long-term interest or project.
7.	bifocals	<i>plural noun</i>	eyeglasses with lenses having one part that corrects for near vision and one for distant vision.
8.	cutlery	<i>noun</i>	tools used to cut, serve, and eat food.
9.	chisel	<i>noun</i>	a tool consisting of a metal bar with a sharpened edge at one end used for working on the surface of materials by chipping or carving.
10.	fundraiser	<i>noun</i>	an event or campaign organized to collect or gather money.
11.	geologist	<i>noun</i>	a specialist in the history of Earth and its life especially as recorded in rocks.
12.	bellowed	<i>verb</i>	made a loud deep hollow prolonged sound.
13.	organism	<i>noun</i>	a living being.
14.	quail	<i>noun</i>	a migratory game bird of Europe, Asia, and Africa that is about seven inches long.
15.	atmosphere	<i>noun</i>	the whole mass of air surrounding the earth.

16.	disappointment	<i>noun</i>	the act or an instance of failing to come up to expectations : the state or condition of being defeated in expectation or hope.
17.	truant	<i>adjective</i>	absent from school without permission.
18.	pamphlet	<i>noun</i>	an unbound publication with a small number of pages.
19.	helium	<i>noun</i>	a very light colorless inert gas used for diluting oxygen, inflating balloons, and in many chemical and metallurgical processes.
20.	suggested	<i>verb</i>	put an idea or proposition into the mind.
21.	chimpanzees	<i>plural noun</i>	anthropoid apes of equatorial Africa that are smaller and more arboreal than the gorillas.
22.	desperate	<i>adjective</i>	arising from or indicative of extreme need or pressure of circumstance.
23.	annoyance	<i>noun</i>	a source of irritation.
24.	interruption	<i>noun</i>	an act of preventing (one) from proceeding by intrusive or interpolated comment or action.
25.	concentrate	<i>verb</i>	to bring or direct toward a common center or objective : to focus.
26.	piñata	<i>noun</i>	a decorated vessel (as of papier-mâché) filled with candies, fruits, and gifts and hung up to be broken with sticks by blindfolded persons as part of especially Latin-American festivities.
27.	territory	<i>noun</i>	a geographical region that belongs to or is controlled by a political authority.
28.	stragglers	<i>plural noun</i>	ones that depart from the company to which they belong or from the direct or proper course.
29.	albino	<i>noun</i>	any organism exhibiting deficient pigmentation.
30.	ridiculous	<i>adjective</i>	unworthy of serious consideration : absurd : comical : preposterous.
31.	monorail	<i>noun</i>	a single track for railway cars that usually sit over it or hang suspended from it.
32.	exploratory	<i>adjective</i>	serving in or intended for an act or an instance of making a first or preliminary study of.
33.	indigo	<i>noun</i>	a dark grayish blue color.
34.	bratwurst	<i>noun</i>	fresh pork sausage for frying or grilling.

35.	alphabetical	<i>adjective</i>	proceeding according to the order of the letters of a language arranged in a customary order.
36.	integrity	<i>noun</i>	strict adherence to a code of moral values : incorruptibility.
37.	Oregon	<i>noun</i>	a state in the northwestern part of the U.S.
38.	rebuttal	<i>noun</i>	the act of contradicting.
39.	prejudice	<i>noun</i>	an irrational attitude of animosity or hostility focused against a person, a group of people, a race, or their supposed characteristics.
40.	solidarity	<i>noun</i>	an entire union of interests and responsibilities in a group.
41.	calico	<i>noun</i>	a blotched or spotted animal.
42.	sputnik	<i>noun</i>	a man-made object or vehicle intended to orbit Earth, the Moon, or other celestial body and usually instrumented for the transmission of space data.
43.	cartridge	<i>noun</i>	a case for holding integrated circuits containing a computer program.
44.	segregation	<i>noun</i>	the separation of a group of people based on their race, class, or ethnic group by such means as restricting where they live, the people with whom they interact, and which schools they can attend.
45.	tortillas	<i>plural noun</i>	round thin cakes of unleavened cornmeal bread usually eaten hot with a topping or filling that may include ground meat, cheese, and any of various sauces.
46.	civilian	<i>noun</i>	a resident of a country who is not on active duty in one of the armed forces.
47.	fertilizer OR fertiliser*	<i>noun</i>	a substance used to enrich soil.
48.	apprentice	<i>noun</i>	a person who is in training to learn a trade from a skilled worker.
49.	synthetic	<i>adjective</i>	produced by artificial processes : man-made.
50.	Caesar	<i>noun</i>	a powerful ruler : a dictator.

*British spelling



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