

The School Spelling Bee Study List is broken down into three levels of difficulty: One Bee, Two Bee and Three Bee. Three Bee words include words appropriate for seventh and eighth grade.

The list below includes 50 challenging **seventh** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your seventh-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 Three Bee words, and the One Bee and Two Bee words.

1.	newt	<i>noun</i>	any of various small semiaquatic salamanders.
2.	thrummed	<i>verb</i>	sounded with a repeated and often monotonous hum like a vibrating string on an instrument.
3.	embankment	<i>noun</i>	a structure (as of earth or gravel) raised usually to prevent water from overflowing a level tract of country, to retain water in a reservoir or a stream in its bed, or to carry a roadway or railroad.
4.	lapels	<i>plural noun</i>	a turned-back facing usually wide and pointed at the top and tapering to nothing at the bottom that is usually one of a pair along the front edges of a jacket, dress, or coat and extends from the collar or neckline to or toward the waistline.
5.	generosity	<i>noun</i>	the quality or state of being very free or openhanded in giving.
6.	burnished	<i>verb</i>	made shiny or lustrous : polished.
7.	mortar	<i>noun</i>	something that binds or holds together.
8.	unrelenting	<i>adjective</i>	not softening, yielding, or swerving in resolution or determination.
9.	wallowing	<i>verb</i>	becoming helpless or ineffectual : losing the ability to function naturally or efficiently.
10.	imperial	<i>adjective</i>	of or relating to a state as governing or being supreme over colonies or dependencies.
11.	persistent	<i>adjective</i>	continuing in a course of action without regard to opposition or previous failure.
12.	arsonists	<i>plural noun</i>	people who deliberately set fire to a building or other property.
13.	mewling	<i>verb</i>	making whimpering sounds : whining.
14.	generator	<i>noun</i>	a machine by which mechanical energy is changed into electrical energy.

15.	dominion	<i>noun</i>	a territory or country subject to a ruler or under the control of a particular government.
16.	authority	<i>noun</i>	power to require and receive submission : the right to expect obedience.
17.	panoramic	<i>adjective</i>	of, relating to, or resembling an unobstructed or complete and comprehensive view of a region in every direction.
18.	Doberman	<i>noun</i>	a short-haired German dog, typically with a black coat.
19.	lemmings	<i>plural noun</i>	small rodents that are usually colored tawny yellowish and that are notable for population fluctuations and recurrent mass migrations.
20.	decisively	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner having the power of resolving or putting an end to : conclusively.
21.	gauntlets	<i>plural noun</i>	gloves designed to protect the hand from injury.
22.	inanimate	<i>adjective</i>	not endowed with consciousness or animal life.
23.	frequency	<i>noun</i>	the fact or condition of occurring at short intervals : occurrence often repeated : common occurrence.
24.	auditory	<i>adjective</i>	of or relating to hearing.
25.	appetizing	<i>adjective</i>	appealing to the taste especially in appearance.
26.	sentinels	<i>plural noun</i>	ones that watch or guard : sentries.
27.	blithely	<i>adverb</i>	in a careless or inattentive manner.
28.	self-sufficient	<i>adjective</i>	able to maintain oneself or itself without outside aid : capable of providing for one's or its own needs.
29.	prospective	<i>adjective</i>	likely to be or become.
30.	subscription	<i>noun</i>	a purchase by prepayment of the future issues of a publication usually for a fixed period (such as a year).
31.	tenuous	<i>adjective</i>	having little substance or strength : flimsy : weak.
32.	conspicuous	<i>adjective</i>	undesirably noticeable by reason of violation of good taste or sense.
33.	preconception	<i>noun</i>	an idea formed prior to actual knowledge or experience.

34.	procession	<i>noun</i>	a group of people moving along on a particular course especially in a continuous, orderly, often formal or ceremonial way and usually arranged in a long line.
35.	saxophone	<i>noun</i>	a wind instrument that combines the reed mouthpiece of a clarinet with a usually curved conical metal tube made in various sizes.
36.	perpendicular	<i>adjective</i>	being or set at right angles to a given line or plane.
37.	hemisphere	<i>noun</i>	a half of the terrestrial globe as divided by the equator or into halves one of which contains Europe, Asia, and Africa and the other the Americas.
38.	seminal	<i>adjective</i>	having the character of an originative power, principle, or source : containing or contributing the seeds of later development.
39.	canter	<i>verb</i>	to move at or as if at a three-beat gait resembling but smoother and slower than the gallop.
40.	torrential	<i>adjective</i>	relating to or having the character of a rushing stream of water.
41.	reluctance	<i>noun</i>	the quality or state of being hesitant from dislike, doubt, fear, or scruple.
42.	consulate	<i>noun</i>	the premises or the residence of an official appointed by or with the authority of a government to reside in a foreign country to represent the interests of citizens of the appointing country.
43.	cuisine	<i>noun</i>	a manner of preparing food : a style of cooking.
44.	sauntered	<i>verb</i>	walked about idly and in a leisurely manner.
45.	propeller	<i>noun</i>	a mechanical device having one or more blades which when rotated about a central shaft produce a forward thrust due to the aerodynamic forces acting upon them.
46.	modish	<i>adjective</i>	fashionable.
47.	influenza	<i>noun</i>	an acute highly contagious infectious virus disease.
48.	juniper	<i>noun</i>	an evergreen shrub or tree having a prostrate or shrubby habit.
49.	settee	<i>noun</i>	a medium-sized sofa with arms and a back.
50.	unconscious	<i>adjective</i>	not knowing or perceiving : not aware.