

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 **fourth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your fourth-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.	buttons	<i>plural noun</i>	disks or devices of other shapes that are used as fasteners on clothing or upholstery by passing them through a hole or loop.
2.	cuddle	<i>verb</i>	to hold close for warmth or comfort or in affection : to hug.
3.	puffy	<i>adjective</i>	swollen or tending to swell in size : bloated.
4.	tiptoed	<i>verb</i>	proceeded quietly or cautiously walking on or as if walking on the ends of the feet.
5.	clever	<i>adjective</i>	having mental quickness or intelligence.
6.	basement	<i>noun</i>	the part of a building that is either completely or partly below the ground level.
7.	burlap	<i>noun</i>	a coarse heavy plain-woven fabric typically made from hemp or jute that is used for bagging and wrapping items.
8.	wetlands	<i>plural noun</i>	lands containing much soil moisture, such as a swamp or bog.
9.	invite	<i>verb</i>	to request the presence or participation of : to solicit the company of : to ask.
10.	butterflies	<i>plural noun</i>	slender-bodied diurnal insects that have very large broad wings which are often strikingly colored and patterned.
11.	kelp	<i>noun</i>	a mass or growth of large seaweeds.
12.	property	<i>noun</i>	something that may be owned or possessed; specifically : a piece of real estate.
13.	carefully	<i>adverb</i>	with attention to precision or to details : cautiously.
14.	sniffing	<i>verb</i>	drawing air noisily up the nose repeatedly to prevent mucus running from the nose (as in a cold).
15.	beneath	<i>preposition</i>	immediately under.

16.	tractor	<i>noun</i>	a usually four-wheeled vehicle used mainly on farms to pull or drive equipment.
17.	permit	<i>verb</i>	to consent to expressly or formally.
18.	awning	<i>noun</i>	a usually canvas rooflike cover extended over a place as a shelter from the sun, rain, or wind.
19.	fickle	<i>adjective</i>	given to ready change, inconstancy, whimsical choice, or unpredictable variability.
20.	relief	<i>noun</i>	removal or lightening of something oppressive, painful, or distressing.
21.	lunar	<i>adjective</i>	of, taking place on, or relating to the moon.
22.	boycotting	<i>verb</i>	withholding social or business dealings from (a person, employer, or a nation) as an expression of disapproval or means of coercion.
23.	molten	<i>adjective</i>	fused or liquefied by heat : melted.
24.	elite	<i>adjective</i>	choice, superior, select.
25.	woven	<i>verb</i>	formed by interlacing strands, such as cloth.
26.	proclaim	<i>verb</i>	to declare openly or publicly.
27.	thimble	<i>noun</i>	a cuplike cover made usually of metal or plastic with a pitted surface and used to protect the end of a finger when pushing a needle through material.
28.	custody	<i>noun</i>	protection, care, maintenance, and tuition : guardianship.
29.	granola	<i>noun</i>	rolled oats mixed with other ingredients (such as brown sugar, raisins, coconut and nuts) and eaten for breakfast or as a snack.
30.	warrior	<i>noun</i>	a human engaged or experienced in battle or the close combat typical of ancient or medieval times.
31.	rigid	<i>adjective</i>	very firm rather than pliant in composition or structure : lacking flexibility.
32.	fierce	<i>adjective</i>	violently hostile or aggressive in temperament.
33.	laughter	<i>noun</i>	the sound of air being expelled from the lungs in the expression of an emotion (such as joy).

34.	salary	<i>noun</i>	fixed compensation paid regularly for services.
35.	disappear	<i>verb</i>	to cause to pass from view either suddenly or gradually.
36.	hurdler	<i>noun</i>	one that runs in a track event in which artificial barriers must be leaped.
37.	lounge	<i>verb</i>	to act or move idly or lazily : to stand, sit, or recline indolently.
38.	jovial	<i>adjective</i>	characterized by or showing marked good humor especially as exhibited in mirth, hilarity, or conviviality.
39.	inferior	<i>adjective</i>	of poor quality : second-rate.
40.	December	<i>noun</i>	the 12th month.
41.	duration	<i>noun</i>	a portion of time which is measurable or during which something exists, lasts, or is in progress.
42.	dictionary	<i>noun</i>	a reference source in print or electronic form containing words usually alphabetically arranged along with information about their forms, pronunciations, functions, etymologies, meanings, and syntactical and idiomatic uses.
43.	business	<i>noun</i>	a place where a commercial or industrial enterprise is carried on.
44.	reinstate	<i>verb</i>	to place again (as in possession or in a former position).
45.	examine	<i>verb</i>	to look over : to inspect visually or by use of other senses.
46.	versus	<i>preposition</i>	against.
47.	lullaby	<i>noun</i>	a song to quiet children or soothe them to sleep.
48.	opposite	<i>adjective</i>	utterly different : contrary.
49.	tissues	<i>plural noun</i>	thin gauzy papers.
50.	marlin	<i>noun</i>	a large oceanic game fish : a spearfish.