

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 **sixth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your sixth-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.	sorceress	<i>noun</i>	a woman who practices black magic.
2.	glamorous	<i>adjective</i>	characterized by bewitching intangible irresistibly magnetic charm.
3.	salamanders	<i>plural noun</i>	small amphibians that resemble lizards, are covered with a soft soft moist skin, live in moist dark places, and feed on small animals such as aquatic worms and insects.
4.	suspension	<i>noun</i>	temporary forced withdrawal from the exercise of office, powers, or privileges as a member or communicant.
5.	singularity	<i>noun</i>	an unusual manifestation or eccentricity in manner or behavior.
6.	fictitious	<i>adjective</i>	of, relating to, suggestive of, or being an intentional fabrication.
7.	convertible	<i>noun</i>	an automobile having a top that may be folded back, lowered, or removed.
8.	snarkiness	<i>noun</i>	sarcastic, impertinent, or irreverent manner or tone.
9.	battalion	<i>noun</i>	a considerable body of troops organized to act together : an army.
10.	collateral	<i>adjective</i>	not resulting directly from an action or cause : indirect.
11.	initiation	<i>noun</i>	the rites or ceremonies with which one is made a member of a sect or society or is invested with a particular function or status.
12.	mascara	<i>noun</i>	a cosmetic for covering the eyelashes and eyebrows.
13.	perimeter	<i>noun</i>	the sum of the lengths of the line segments forming a polygon.

14.	precedent	<i>noun</i>	something done or said that may serve as an example or rule to authorize or justify a subsequent act of the same or an analogous kind.
15.	materialize OR materialise*	<i>verb</i>	to come into actual existence.
16.	magnesium	<i>noun</i>	a silver-white malleable metallic element that occurs abundantly in nature.
17.	meticulous	<i>adjective</i>	commendably thorough or precise : strict.
18.	haddock	<i>noun</i>	an important food fish that is usually smaller than the common cod and has a black lateral line and a dark spot just behind the gills.
19.	hypothermia	<i>noun</i>	subnormal temperature of the body.
20.	optometrist	<i>noun</i>	a specialist in the examination of the eye for defects and faults of refraction and the prescription of correctional lenses and exercises but not including the use of drugs or surgery.
21.	megahertz	<i>noun</i>	a unit of frequency equal to one million cycles per second.
22.	cosmodrome	<i>noun</i>	a Soviet aerospace center; especially : a Soviet spacecraft launching installation.
23.	arthritis	<i>noun</i>	inflammation of one or more joints due to infectious, metabolic, or constitutional causes.
24.	schnauzer	<i>noun</i>	a dog of a breed of terriers that have a long head with small ears and heavy eyebrows, mustache, beard, and wiry coat.
25.	insurrection	<i>noun</i>	an act or instance of revolting against civil or political authority or against an established government.
26.	regolith	<i>noun</i>	unconsolidated residual or transported material that overlies or covers the solid rock in place.
27.	pentathlete	<i>noun</i>	one participating in an athletic contest involving participation by each contestant in five different events.
28.	persnickety	<i>adjective</i>	excessively meticulous : fussy.
29.	fascism	<i>noun</i>	any program for setting up a centralized autocratic national regime that has severely nationalistic policies, exercises rigid censorship, and forcibly suppresses opposition.

* British Spelling

30.	pheasants	<i>plural noun</i>	large, often long-tailed, and brilliantly colored birds of mostly terrestrial habits.
31.	predecessor	<i>noun</i>	one who comes before in order of time; especially : a person who has previously occupied a position or office to which another has succeeded.
32.	Senegal	<i>geographical entry</i>	country in western Africa on the Atlantic; a republic of the French Community, formerly a territory of French West Africa.
33.	reservoir	<i>noun</i>	a place where water is collected and kept in quantity for use when wanted.
34.	duende	<i>noun</i>	the power to attract through personal magnetism and charm.
35.	conscious	<i>adjective</i>	mentally active : fully possessed of one's mental faculties : awake.
36.	Polaroid	<i>noun</i>	used for a light-polarizing material used especially in eyeglasses and lamps to prevent glare and in various optical devices.
37.	carrion	<i>noun</i>	the decaying flesh of a dead animal.
38.	matrilineal	<i>adjective</i>	relating to, based on, or tracing descent through the maternal line.
39.	piteously	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner deserving mercy or compassion.
40.	arnica	<i>noun</i>	the dried flower head of any herb of a large genus of herbs of the northern hemisphere used for bruises, sprains, and swellings.
41.	elliptical	<i>adjective</i>	of, relating to, or shaped like an elongated circle.
42.	glaucoma	<i>noun</i>	a disease of the eye marked by increased pressure within the eyeball that damages the optic disk and results in gradual loss of vision and ultimate blindness.
43.	iridium	<i>noun</i>	a heavy silver-white metallic element that is used especially in hardening platinum for alloys suitable for surgical instruments and jewelry.
44.	adrenaline	<i>noun</i>	a blood-pressure-raising hormone of the medulla of the glands adjacent to the kidneys, used chiefly as a heart stimulant.
45.	cemetery	<i>noun</i>	a graveyard : a burial ground.
46.	staccato	<i>adjective</i>	marked by short clear-cut playing or singing of tones or chords.

47.	rendezvous	<i>noun</i>	a meeting at an appointed place and time.
48.	romerillo	<i>noun</i>	a South American herb whose flower heads yield a yellow dye.
49.	dachshund	<i>noun</i>	a small dog of a breed of German origin having long drooping ears, commonly a short sleek coat, and the legs short in comparison with the body length.
50.	Aeolus	<i>noun</i>	the Greek god of the winds.