

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 **first** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your first-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.	sky	<i>noun</i>	the space surrounding the earth.
2.	wow	<i>interjection</i>	— used as an exclamation of happiness, surprise, or strong feeling.
3.	hug	<i>verb</i>	to put one’s arms around and press tightly.
4.	snap	<i>verb</i>	to break apart or into pieces.
5.	tape	<i>noun</i>	a narrow strip of material coated on one side with a sticky mixture and used for many purposes.
6.	sips	<i>plural noun</i>	small tastes of a drink.
7.	hard	<i>adjective</i>	not easy.
8.	why	<i>adverb</i>	for what cause or reason.
9.	first	<i>adjective</i>	being number one in a series.
10.	tide	<i>noun</i>	the rising and falling of the surface of the ocean and other water bodies caused by gravity.
11.	bow	<i>noun</i>	a knot formed by doubling a string into two loops which can be drawn through the knot to untie it.
12.	back	<i>noun</i>	the rear part of the human body extending from the neck to the end of the spine.
13.	find	<i>verb</i>	to come upon (something) by looking carefully.
14.	name	<i>noun</i>	a specific word or phrase that is used to refer to a person or thing.
15.	oops	<i>interjection</i>	— used to express mild apology, surprise, or dismay.

16.	more	<i>adjective</i>	additional.
17.	toss	<i>verb</i>	to throw gently often with an underhand motion.
18.	chin	<i>noun</i>	the lower portion of the face lying below the lower lip.
19.	park	<i>noun</i>	a piece of land maintained by a city or town as a place of beauty or play.
20.	bike	<i>verb</i>	to ride a vehicle that has two wheels one behind the other, a steering handle, and a seat and usually moves by the action of the rider's feet upon pedals.
21.	nest	<i>noun</i>	the place a bird builds for laying eggs and caring for its young.
22.	rude	<i>adjective</i>	offensive in manner or action : lacking courtesy or good manners.
23.	deal	<i>noun</i>	an offering of a combination of products at a special price.
24.	store	<i>noun</i>	a place where things are available to buy.
25.	roads	<i>plural noun</i>	the parts of streets over which cars and other traffic move.
26.	cool	<i>adjective</i>	moderately cold : lacking in warmth.
27.	wake	<i>verb</i>	to rouse from sleep.
28.	vase	<i>noun</i>	a vessel that is used most often for decoration or for flowers.
29.	tune	<i>noun</i>	a musical composition.
30.	coat	<i>noun</i>	an outer garment usually with long sleeves, a collar, and a front opening and that varies in length and style according to fashion and use.
31.	four	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than three in number.
32.	block	<i>noun</i>	a toy made of wood or plastic that is usually a cube and is used for building.
33.	heap	<i>noun</i>	a pile.

34.	ladder	<i>noun</i>	a usually portable structure for use in climbing up or down that consists of two parallel sidepieces joined by a series of crosspieces that serve as rests for the feet.
35.	tug	<i>verb</i>	to pull hard.
36.	spoon	<i>noun</i>	an eating or cooking implement consisting of a small shallow bowl with a handle.
37.	spark	<i>noun</i>	a small particle of a burning substance.
38.	later	<i>adverb</i>	at some time after a given time : afterward.
39.	hair	<i>noun</i>	the coating of individual slender threadlike fibers on a human head.
40.	open	<i>verb</i>	to move (as a door or lid) from its shut position.
41.	this	<i>pronoun</i>	the person or thing that is present or that has just been mentioned.
42.	his	<i>adjective</i>	relating to him as possessor or owner.
43.	May	<i>noun</i>	the fifth month of the calendar.
44.	grid	<i>noun</i>	a network of uniformly spaced horizontal and perpendicular lines.
45.	wag	<i>verb</i>	to move the tail to and fro or up and down.
46.	near	<i>preposition</i>	close to.
47.	zip	<i>verb</i>	to move or act with speed and usually with force, vigor, or enthusiasm.
48.	rug	<i>noun</i>	a piece of thick heavy fabric that is used to cover part of a floor.
49.	dots	<i>plural noun</i>	small round marks made on a surface with a pointed instrument.
50.	pat	<i>verb</i>	to stroke or tap gently with the hand.