

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.	confident	<i>adjective</i>	characterized by a strong, bold belief in oneself, and by freedom from fear, doubt, and worry.
2.	vision	<i>noun</i>	something seen otherwise than by the ordinary sight.
3.	diamond	<i>noun</i>	the area of a baseball or softball field enclosed in a square with a base at each corner – called also “infield.”
4.	stitchery	<i>noun</i>	work (as embroidery, knitting, needlepoint) other than plain sewing : needlework.
5.	fiddlehead	<i>noun</i>	one of the young unfurling fronds of certain ferns that are often eaten as greens.
6.	hobbit	<i>noun</i>	a member of a fictitious peaceful and genial race of small, humanlike creatures in the stories of J.R.R. Tolkien.
7.	doughnut OR donut	<i>noun</i>	a small cake usually shaped like a ring and fried in deep fat.
8.	precious	<i>adjective</i>	of great value or high price.
9.	wafting	<i>verb</i>	causing to move or go lightly by or as if by the impulse of wind or waves.
10.	occupy	<i>verb</i>	to reside in as an owner or tenant.
11.	Afrobeat	<i>noun</i>	urban popular music originating in Nigeria in the late 1960s that emphasizes percussion rhythms and features elements of jazz and funk.
12.	termite	<i>noun</i>	pale-colored soft-bodied social insects that live in colonies and feed on wood.
13.	insulation	<i>noun</i>	material that slows the passage of heat, electricity, or sound.
14.	intertwine	<i>verb</i>	to become mutually entangled or involved : to be twisted about one another.
15.	recital	<i>noun</i>	an exhibition concert given by music pupils.

16.	furniture	<i>noun</i>	articles of convenience or decoration (as tables and chairs) for use in living quarters, offices, and public and private buildings.
17.	ambush	<i>noun</i>	the act of attacking by surprise from a concealed position.
18.	squire	<i>noun</i>	a shield bearer or armor-bearer of a knight.
19.	submerged	<i>verb</i>	plunged into water or other fluid.
20.	saucer	<i>noun</i>	a small shallow dish for holding a cup.
21.	gloaming	<i>noun</i>	twilight : dusk.
22.	engulf	<i>verb</i>	to flow over and enclose : to overwhelm.
23.	graduate	<i>noun</i>	one that has received an academic degree, a diploma, or a certificate.
24.	fascinated	<i>verb</i>	commanded the attention or interest of strongly or irresistibly.
25.	composition	<i>noun</i>	a written exercise done for a course in writing in school and usually intended to show study and care in arrangement.
26.	wisdom	<i>noun</i>	information gained over time.
27.	ourselves	<i>plural pronoun</i>	those identical ones that are we.
28.	invisible	<i>adjective</i>	incapable of being seen through lack of physical substance.
29.	completely	<i>adverb</i>	fully : entirely.
30.	poisonous	<i>adjective</i>	having the qualities or effects of a substance that in the right amounts can harm or kill a living thing.
31.	intimidate	<i>verb</i>	to make fearful.
32.	drawers	<i>plural noun</i>	sliding boxes that are opened by pulling out and closed by pushing in.
33.	disdain	<i>noun</i>	a feeling of contempt for something regarded as unworthy of or beneath one : scorn.
34.	deliberately	<i>adverb</i>	in a slow, unhurried, and steady manner.

35.	spacious	<i>adjective</i>	affording much room : not narrow or constricted : roomy.
36.	forearms	<i>plural noun</i>	the parts of the upper limbs between the elbow and the wrist in primates.
37.	gratitude	<i>noun</i>	thankfulness.
38.	appreciation	<i>noun</i>	expression of gratification and approval or gratitude.
39.	devotion	<i>noun</i>	strong attachment : zeal, enthusiasm.
40.	inscription	<i>noun</i>	text that is written or otherwise marked upon an object so as to create a lasting or public record.
41.	inventory	<i>noun</i>	an itemized list of current assets.
42.	wheezy	<i>adjective</i>	inclined to breathe with difficulty with a usually audible whistling sound.
43.	possible	<i>adjective</i>	falling within the bounds of what may be done or be conceived within the framework of nature, custom, or manners.
44.	replace	<i>verb</i>	to provide a substitute for.
45.	crookedly	<i>adverb</i>	in a bent or twisted manner.
46.	fragrant	<i>adjective</i>	having a sweet smell or pleasing odor.
47.	fowl	<i>noun</i>	a chicken; especially : an adult hen.
48.	responsible	<i>adjective</i>	answerable as the primary cause, motive, or agent.
49.	awfully	<i>adverb</i>	extremely, very.
50.	manual	<i>adjective</i>	designed for use or operation with the hands : worked by hand.