

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.

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| 1. | thorax | <i>noun</i> | the portion of an insect body that is the middle of the three chief divisions. |
| 2. | tostones | <i>plural noun</i> | thick slices of green plantain that are fried, flattened, and then fried again. |
| 3. | bunions | <i>plural noun</i> | inflamed swellings of the small fluid-filled sacs on the first joints of the big toes. |
| 4. | bamboozled | <i>verb</i> | concealed one's true motives from (someone) by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end : hoodwinked. |
| 5. | Oman | <i>geographical entry</i> | country in Asia in southeastern Arabia bordering on the Arabian Sea; a sultanate; capital Muscat. |
| 6. | **flummox OR flummix OR flummux | <i>verb</i> | to throw into perplexity; embarrass greatly : confound. |
| 7. | inscrutable | <i>adjective</i> | not readily comprehensible : mysterious. |
| 8. | serenity | <i>noun</i> | the quality or state of being calm or peaceful. |
| 9. | congregation | <i>noun</i> | an assembly of persons meeting for worship and religious instruction. |
| 10. | sentinel | <i>noun</i> | one that watches or guards. |
| 11. | Arctic | <i>adjective</i> | relating to the region around the north pole to approximately 65 degrees north. |
| 12. | fluke | <i>noun</i> | an extraordinary stroke of good or bad luck. |
| 13. | captain | <i>noun</i> | an officer in charge of any ship and responsible for its navigation and for direction of its operations. |
| 14. | delegation | <i>noun</i> | one or more persons appointed or chosen to represent others (as in congress). |

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Two Bee Study Words with Definitions for Sixth Grade

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| 15. | verve | <i>noun</i> | energy, vitality. |
| 16. | Vaseline | <i>trademark</i> | a yellowish semisolid mass used primarily as a base for ointments and as a protective dressing (as for burns). |
| 17. | gastritis | <i>noun</i> | inflammation of the stomach especially of its mucous membrane. |
| 18. | platypus | <i>noun</i> | a small egg-laying aquatic mammal of southern and eastern Australia and Tasmania. |
| 19. | salute | <i>verb</i> | to give a sign of respect, courtesy, or goodwill to. |
| 20. | mantel OR mantle | <i>noun</i> | the shelf above a fireplace. |
| 21. | amphitheater | <i>noun</i> | a circular or semicircular building with rising tiers of seats about a central open space. |
| 22. | desecration | <i>noun</i> | the act or an instance of treating (an object of veneration or admiration) irreverently often in a way to provoke outrage on the part of others. |
| 23. | diode | <i>noun</i> | an electron tube having two electrodes, a cathode, and an anode. |
| 24. | mischievous | <i>adjective</i> | tending to cause annoyance, trouble, or minor injury to others. |
| 25. | bionic | <i>adjective</i> | having natural capability or performance enhanced by or as if by computerized or electromechanical devices. |
| 26. | syllables | <i>plural noun</i> | units of spoken language that consist of vowel or consonant sounds alone or accompanied by other consonant sounds. |
| 27. | sultanate | <i>noun</i> | a state or country governed by a king or ruling sovereign especially of a Muslim state. |
| 28. | turban | <i>noun</i> | a headdress consisting of a long cloth that is wrapped around a cap or directly around the head. |
| 29. | sausage | <i>noun</i> | highly seasoned ground meat that is stuffed in casings which are tied shut at both ends. |
| 30. | disgruntled | <i>verb</i> | put in bad humor : gave rise to peevish dissatisfaction in. |
| 31. | terrify | <i>verb</i> | to fill with stark fear : to frighten greatly. |
| 32. | quip | <i>verb</i> | to make witty or funny observations or responses on the spur of the moment. |

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| 33. | information | <i>noun</i> | knowledge of a particular event or situation. |
| 34. | incubator | <i>noun</i> | an apparatus for housing premature or sick babies in an environment of controlled humidity, oxygen supply, and temperature. |
| 35. | droll | <i>adjective</i> | having a whimsical, humorous, or odd character. |
| 36. | vultures | <i>plural noun</i> | large birds that are related to hawks, eagles, and falcons but have weaker claws and a usually naked head, and subsist chiefly or entirely on the dead and putrefying flesh of animals. |
| 37. | Arabic | <i>noun</i> | a Semitic language of parts of the Middle East and northern Africa that has numerous dialects but in the written form usually conforms to the classical standards of the Qur'an. |
| 38. | Brooklyn | <i>geographical entry</i> | a former city (1834–98) on Long Island that is now a borough of New York City. |
| 39. | sacred | <i>adjective</i> | religious in nature, association, or use. |
| 40. | reindeer | <i>noun</i> | any of several deers that inhabit the northern parts of Europe, Asia, and America that are often domesticated and used for drawing sleds and as a source of food. |
| 41. | disclaimer | <i>noun</i> | a denial or disavowal of legal demand for compensation, benefits, or payment. |
| 42. | quotation | <i>noun</i> | a passage referred to, repeated, or adduced especially as evidence or illustration. |
| 43. | superior | <i>adjective</i> | notably excellent of its kind : surpassingly good. |
| 44. | privilege | <i>noun</i> | a right granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favor. |
| 45. | fallow | <i>adjective</i> | left untilled or unsown after plowing : uncultivated. |
| 46. | replica | <i>noun</i> | a copy of an original work of art. |
| 47. | provision | <i>noun</i> | a stipulation (as a clause in a statute or contract) made in advance. |
| 48. | reference | <i>noun</i> | a book or a passage in a work to which a reader is directed. |
| 49. | havens | <i>plural noun</i> | places offering favorable opportunities or conditions. |
| 50. | voracious | <i>adjective</i> | excessively eager : avid, insatiable. |

