

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 **third** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your third-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.	ground	<i>noun</i>	the surface of the earth.
2.	shower	<i>noun</i>	a fall of rain that is of short duration or rapidly varying intensity over a limited area.
3.	endless	<i>adjective</i>	boundless : infinite.
4.	plunger	<i>noun</i>	a device that works by being thrust quickly and forcibly into a liquid or other medium.
5.	fireworks	<i>plural noun</i>	a display or exhibition of devices for producing a striking display (as of light) by the burning of explosive materials.
6.	dazzle	<i>verb</i>	to impress deeply, overpower, or stupefy with brilliance.
7.	climb	<i>verb</i>	to get to the top of or go over typically with some effort.
8.	April	<i>noun</i>	the fourth month of the year.
9.	subway	<i>noun</i>	a train built partly or entirely underground for local transit in metropolitan areas.
10.	broken	<i>adjective</i>	not working properly.
11.	stew	<i>noun</i>	a combination of fish or meat usually with vegetables prepared by cooking in a little liquid without boiling.
12.	shall	<i>verb</i>	— used to express what is inevitable or what seems likely to happen in the future.
13.	flowers	<i>plural noun</i>	plants grown or valued for their blossoms.
14.	angry	<i>adjective</i>	feeling and showing a high degree of strong displeasure and usually of antagonism.
15.	create	<i>verb</i>	to bring about by a course of action or behavior.

One Bee Study Words with Definitions for Third Grade

16.	drooped	<i>verb</i>	took up a slouched or bent posture (as from exhaustion).
17.	cluttered	<i>verb</i>	filled or covered with things in disorder or scattered at random.
18.	bursting	<i>verb</i>	being full to the point of breaking open or overflowing.
19.	edge	<i>noun</i>	the cutting side of the blade of an instrument.
20.	glasses	<i>plural noun</i>	a device used to correct defects of vision and consisting typically of two pieces of hard transparent material that are supported by a bridge resting on the nose and by sidepieces.
21.	gently	<i>adverb</i>	quietly, gradually, slowly.
22.	crown	<i>noun</i>	a headband or headpiece, often made of metal and decorated with jewels, that is worn by kings and queens as a symbol of power.
23.	shutters	<i>plural noun</i>	covers or screens for windows or doors that are designed to keep light out or shut out the view.
24.	corner	<i>noun</i>	the place where two streets or roads meet.
25.	barely	<i>adverb</i>	by the narrowest margin.
26.	able	<i>adjective</i>	having needed powers (as intelligence or strength) or resources to do something.
27.	present	<i>noun</i>	a gift.
28.	clearly	<i>adverb</i>	without doubt or question.
29.	really	<i>adverb</i>	in actual fact : actually.
30.	overcome	<i>verb</i>	to get the better of : to surmount or conquer.
31.	sketch	<i>verb</i>	to draw or paint a rough drawing representing an object or scene.
32.	evening	<i>noun</i>	the latter part and close of the day and early part of night.
33.	again	<i>adverb</i>	one more time.

34.	finally	<i>adverb</i>	after a certain space of time : at last : eventually.
35.	thumbs	<i>plural noun</i>	the short and thick first digits of human hands that are opposable to the other fingers.
36.	glittery	<i>adjective</i>	sparkling, twinkling.
37.	together	<i>adverb</i>	in or into one place or group or mass.
38.	while	<i>noun</i>	a period of time.
39.	mother	<i>noun</i>	a female parent.
40.	worth	<i>preposition</i>	having the value of : equal in value to.
41.	solve	<i>verb</i>	to find an answer, solution, or explanation for.
42.	credit	<i>noun</i>	recognition, acknowledgment.
43.	steel	<i>noun</i>	commercial iron that contains carbon in any amount up to about 1.7 percent.
44.	pour	<i>verb</i>	to dispense from a container.
45.	anybody	<i>pronoun</i>	a person out of an indefinite number.
46.	whisper	<i>verb</i>	to speak softly, especially with the aim of preserving secrecy.
47.	Thursday	<i>noun</i>	the day following Wednesday.
48.	music	<i>noun</i>	vocal or instrumental sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony.
49.	wears	<i>verb</i>	uses for clothing or adornment.
50.	thoughts	<i>plural noun</i>	whatever things are in one's mind : ideas, opinions.