



Scripps National Spelling Bee

One Bee Study Words for First Grade 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 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 grades.

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. gel *(noun)* an elastic and jellylike substance.
2. train *(noun)* a chain of connected railroad cars.
3. sport *(verb)* to wear something with delight or satisfaction.
4. rich *(adjective)* having large amounts of wealth.
5. eel *(noun)* a snakelike fish with smooth skin.
6. fans *(plural noun)* people who enthusiastically support a sport or activity.
7. dome *(noun)* a circular roof or ceiling that is vaulted.
8. tall *(adjective)* above average in height.
9. better *(adjective)* improved in well-being.
10. hit *(verb)* to strike something with an object in order to move it.
11. peanut *(noun)* the edible, oily seed of a plant that ripens to have seed pods each with one to three seeds inside.
12. cake *(noun)* a sweet baked good that is usually covered with icing.

13. bite *(noun)* a snack.
14. noon *(noun)* twelve o'clock : the part of the day when the sun is highest.
15. gummy *(adjective)* sticky and gluey.
16. sting *(verb)* to cause sharp mental suffering.
17. ray *(noun)* a line of light coming out of a bright object.
18. dusk *(noun)* the darker part of twilight.
19. mops *(plural noun)* household devices that consist of rags or yarn attached to a handle and that are used to clean floors.
20. thanks *(plural noun)* kind thoughts : gratitude.
21. dash *(noun)* a touch of something.
22. skin *(noun)* the covering of a fruit.
23. star *(noun)* an object in the sky that gives off light you can generally only see at night.
24. began *(verb)* started an action or activity.
25. grew *(verb)* arose and came into full development.
26. fine *(adjective)* excellent in character or nature.
27. day *(noun)* the period of light between sunrise and sunset.
28. upset *(verb)* to disturb the peace of : to cause emotional distress.
29. father *(noun)* a male who is also a parent.
30. jam *(noun)* a sweet thick food made from fruit and sugar.
31. mugs *(plural noun)* cups with handles used for drinking beverages.
32. fair *(noun)* an event with games, rides, and other attractions.
33. dinner *(noun)* the main meal of the day, eaten in the evening.
34. rats *(plural noun)* members of the rodent family that are larger than mice, sometimes live near humans, and are often considered undesirable pests that can carry disease.
35. fed *(verb)* gave food to.

36. sir *(noun)* — used as a form of address showing respect to a person of greater age or authority.
37. boom *(noun)* a hollow sound that is deep.
38. wave *(verb)* to move the hands or something held in the hands in order to communicate.
39. trunk *(noun)* an item of luggage with rigid construction that is generally too big to be carried by one person.
40. sleepy *(adjective)* feeling ready to rest.
41. full *(adjective)* holding the maximum amount.
42. huge *(adjective)* extremely big.
43. born *(adjective)* having certain qualities from the time of birth.
44. jumping *(adjective)* given to or characterized by making leaps.
45. damp *(adjective)* a little bit wet.
46. from *(preposition)* — used to indicate a starting point when expressing how far one place is in relation to another.
47. hunch *(noun)* an intuitive feeling that is strong.
48. each *(adjective)* being one of two or more individuals that make up a group.
49. shade *(noun)* a place protected from the sun.
50. ribs *(plural noun)* the curved bony rods found in pairs that occur usually between the neck and the abdomen in mammals and that protect the organs.



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One Bee Study Words for Second Grade 2020-2021

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1. forever (*adverb*) for a boundless amount of time : endlessly.
2. freeze (*verb*) to stay perfectly still.
3. scorch (*verb*) to destroy or damage with fire or intense heat.
4. motor (*noun*) an engine that runs on gasoline.
5. talking (*verb*) saying, uttering.
6. money (*noun*) something that is used to pay for goods or services.
7. couch (*noun*) a piece of furniture that one can sit or lie down on.
8. nibble (*verb*) to bite little pieces at a time.
9. strands (*plural noun*) pieces of something (such as thread or yarn) that form something that is woven together.
10. chapter (*noun*) a main section of a book.
11. chess (*noun*) a two-player game with the objective being to checkmate the opponent's king by moving pieces according to specific rules.
12. slimy (*adjective*) having a gluey, sticky quality.

13. squeak *(verb)* to make a cry or sound that is short and shrill.
14. friend *(noun)* a person whose company is desirable because of the kind feeling or attachment one has for them.
15. laptop *(noun)* a microcomputer that can be battery-powered and is capable of being easily transported.
16. movie *(noun)* a string of images appearing very quickly so as to produce the effect of one continuous moving picture.
17. known *(adjective)* that is understood through the senses or mentally.
18. suffer *(verb)* to experience pain or distress.
19. double *(adjective)* twice as many.
20. watch *(verb)* to look out for someone or something.
21. ahoy *(interjection)* — used in greeting or beckoning by calling to.
22. dream *(noun)* a sequence of images or thoughts experienced while sleeping.
23. whine *(verb)* to make a high-pitched sound that is pained or sad.
24. beans *(plural noun)* pods containing seeds that are eaten as vegetables.
25. child *(noun)* a young person who is not yet an adult.
26. space *(noun)* the area lying beyond the atmosphere of Earth.
27. princess *(noun)* a member of a royal family who is female, especially the daughter or granddaughter of a ruler.
28. piper *(noun)* a person who performs music on a type of wind instrument.
29. hear *(verb)* to notice something by use of the ear.
30. sprint *(verb)* to run at top speed.
31. awe *(noun)* a feeling of mingled respect and fear.
32. afar *(adverb)* at or from a great distance.
33. bowl *(noun)* a round and hollow container.
34. sweat *(noun)* a salty fluid produced by glands in the skin : perspiration.
35. cost *(noun)* the amount that is paid for an item or service.
36. sleek *(adjective)* glossy and smooth.

37. bottle *(noun)* a rigid or mostly rigid usually plastic or glass container with a small round mouth, no handle, and a cap, screw top, or plug as a lid.
38. smart *(adjective)* displaying close attention to detail in dressing and appearance.
39. stared *(verb)* gazed for a long time at something or off into space.
40. plopped *(verb)* let the body fall down in a heavy manner.
41. darted *(verb)* moved quickly and suddenly.
42. angry *(adjective)* feeling or acting full of wrath : mad.
43. sidekick *(noun)* someone who associates with and assists a person who is usually in a superior position.
44. stuff *(noun)* various personal possessions, such as clothing.
45. least *(adjective)* the lowest in terms of rank or importance.
46. little *(adjective)* tiny.
47. felt *(noun)* a type of cloth made of fibers of wool and fur that are combined through heat, pressure, moisture, or chemicals.
48. summer *(noun)* the season that consists of June, July, and August.
49. carefully *(adverb)* cautiously.
50. would *(verb)* — used to indicate determination when paired with a verb.



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One Bee Study Words for Third Grade 2020-2021

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1. shambles *(plural noun)* a highly disorganized scene.
2. taillight *(noun)* a red lamp on the back of an automobile.
3. quicken *(verb)* to cause to come to life.
4. presence *(noun)* the state of actually being somewhere.
5. sizzle *(verb)* to make a noise that sounds like a hiss.
6. hatchling *(noun)* an animal that has just emerged from an egg.
7. razz *(verb)* to make fun of.
8. followed *(verb)* went behind someone or something on the same path.
9. purple *(adjective)* of a color that is between blue and red.
10. entire *(adjective)* having nothing removed or left out : whole.
11. December *(noun)* the 12th month.
12. sudden *(adjective)* changing unexpectedly : abrupt.

13.	slither	<i>(verb)</i>	to glide in a snakelike way.
14.	combed	<i>(verb)</i>	made straight : arranged properly.
15.	patrol	<i>(verb)</i>	to cover a police beat either by walking or driving it.
16.	epic	<i>(adjective)</i>	going far beyond the typical or the ordinary.
17.	vital	<i>(adjective)</i>	of the highest importance.
18.	pocket	<i>(noun)</i>	a cloth pouch with an open end sewed on a piece of clothing.
19.	project	<i>(verb)</i>	to jut out past a certain point.
20.	goofy	<i>(adjective)</i>	silly.
21.	insisted	<i>(verb)</i>	strongly maintained a certain position.
22.	remember	<i>(verb)</i>	to call to mind once more.
23.	travel	<i>(verb)</i>	to go from one place to another : to go on a journey.
24.	cranky	<i>(adjective)</i>	subject to ill temper or impatience : irritable.
25.	career	<i>(noun)</i>	a job for which a person trains, with plans to pursue it for the rest of their life.
26.	disease	<i>(noun)</i>	sickness, illness.
27.	trophy	<i>(noun)</i>	a physical award given to recognize the winner in a contest.
28.	theater OR theatre	<i>(noun)</i>	a structure where dramatic performances are presented, usually with a stage and an auditorium.
29.	athlete	<i>(noun)</i>	a person skilled at physical activities or sports.
30.	jotted	<i>(verb)</i>	wrote quickly and informally.
31.	swirled	<i>(verb)</i>	had a coil, winding, or twist.
32.	amount	<i>(noun)</i>	the sum total.
33.	sighed	<i>(verb)</i>	exhaled audibly in order to express various emotions such as tiredness, regret, grief, or relief.
34.	sheen	<i>(noun)</i>	a surface glow of reflected light.
35.	worse	<i>(adjective)</i>	more sick.
36.	sandwich	<i>(noun)</i>	two pieces of bread with meat or cheese or a mixture of foods placed between them.

37. duo *(noun)* a pair.
38. gleaming *(adjective)* luminous with indirect or reflected light.
39. repress *(verb)* to bring under control by force or power.
40. clothes *(plural noun)* the garments and accessories worn by a person.
41. either *(adjective)* one or the other of a pair.
42. rely *(verb)* to trust.
43. chose *(verb)* selected one thing instead of another.
44. belle *(noun)* a charming, attractive, popular woman.
45. else *(adjective)* indicating something additional.
46. picture *(noun)* a depiction (as of a building, person, or landscape) on paper, canvas, or another material created by drawing, painting, photography, or engraving.
47. prepare *(verb)* to make something ready in advance.
48. percent *(adjective)* calculated on the basis of something whole that is split into one hundred pieces.
49. afraid *(adjective)* fearful.
50. rescue *(verb)* to save from danger or evil.