



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Two Bee Study Words for Fourth Grade 2020-2021

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The list below includes 50 challenging **fourth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your fourth 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. antsy *(adjective)* unable to stay still: jumpy or fidgety.
2. hover *(verb)* to float over something.
3. billow *(verb)* to move in wave-like surges.
4. posh *(adjective)* extremely luxurious or exquisite.
5. Canada *(geographical entry)* a North American country that stretches from the northern border of the United States to the Arctic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
6. toga *(noun)* a long cloth first worn as a garment by citizens of ancient Rome.
7. bison *(noun)* a large, shaggy cowlike mammal with short horns and a hump.
8. strum *(verb)* to play a stringed musical instrument.
9. dangerous *(adjective)* involving risk : requiring caution.
10. pluck *(verb)* to yank or pick out.
11. squid *(noun)* a type of 10-armed sea animal having a highly developed head, prehensile suckers or hooks, and the ability to swim rapidly by means of shooting a jet of water.

12. Frisbee	<i>(trademark)</i>	– used for a thin circular object made of plastic that is thrown between two or more people.
13. teeter	<i>(verb)</i>	to move in a wobbly or unsteady way.
14. chives	<i>(plural noun)</i>	plants related to onions that are used to add flavor to food.
15. rallies	<i>(verb)</i>	regains strength or comes back in an athletic contest.
16. pastry	<i>(noun)</i>	an individual piece of a type of sweet good that is made of baked dough.
17. coveralls	<i>(plural noun)</i>	clothes worn over others to protect them, generally consisting of shirts and loose trousers joined together.
18. ponytail	<i>(noun)</i>	a hairstyle where all the hair is pulled back and meant to look like the long hairs on the end of a horse.
19. clatter	<i>(noun)</i>	a loud noise as of solid objects colliding.
20. snout	<i>(noun)</i>	the lengthy projecting nose of any of several mammals, such as the pig.
21. tumbling	<i>(noun)</i>	the sport of performing the gymnastic skills of turning and rolling.
22. cradle	<i>(noun)</i>	a bed that typically rocks and is designed for use by a baby.
23. firefly	<i>(noun)</i>	a flying insect that emits intermittent light.
24. serious	<i>(adjective)</i>	grave in demeanor, personality, or appearance.
25. banners	<i>(plural noun)</i>	strips of cloth with messages or signs painted on them.
26. humor	<i>(verb)</i>	to soothe by indulging.
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27. mention	<i>(noun)</i>	a brief acknowledgment or citation.
28. spoken	<i>(adjective)</i>	delivered by word of mouth.
29. record	<i>(noun)</i>	a statement in writing giving the details of an event.
30. bridge	<i>(noun)</i>	something that is built over a low spot or obstacle in order to travel over it.
31. pinpoint	<i>(verb)</i>	to determine the place of with exceptional accuracy.
32. wisdom	<i>(noun)</i>	information gained over time.
33. slate	<i>(noun)</i>	a flat stone tile used for roofing and siding.
34. drape	<i>(verb)</i>	to cover loosely with a cloth.

35. countless	<i>(adjective)</i>	too many to be tallied : a great number.
36. hideout	<i>(noun)</i>	a haven, unseen shelter, or safe harbor.
37. ruins	<i>(plural noun)</i>	remnants of things that have been demolished.
38. Mexico	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a country in southern North America.
39. glazed	<i>(verb)</i>	became shiny like glass in appearance.
40. scanner	<i>(noun)</i>	a device that makes a digital copy of an image or document.
41. oncoming	<i>(adjective)</i>	approaching.
42. flimsy	<i>(adjective)</i>	not sturdy : weak.
43. launch	<i>(verb)</i>	to fling something with great effort.
44. rubble	<i>(noun)</i>	fractured pieces of rock and other materials produced by the deterioration or demolition of a building.
45. tourists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people who journey from one place to another for knowledge or enjoyment.
46. laughter	<i>(noun)</i>	the sound of air being expelled from the lungs in the expression of an emotion (such as joy).
47. window	<i>(noun)</i>	an opening in a wall or door that usually contains a sheet of glass and that allows light and air in and permits viewing.
48. meeting	<i>(noun)</i>	a coming together of people in a group for a specific purpose.
49. plush	<i>(adjective)</i>	markedly extravagant, lavish, or effortless : exceptional of its kind.
50. helmet	<i>(noun)</i>	a hard, protective head covering.



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Two Bee Study Words for Fifth Grade 2020-2021

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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. whimper *(verb)* to whine softly.
2. bracelet *(noun)* a chain worn around the wrist for ornamentation.
3. inwardly *(adverb)* internally : privately to one's self.
4. mobility *(noun)* the ease with which a person or thing can move.
5. eddy *(noun)* a small swirl of air or water moving against the main current.
6. fanged *(adjective)* having the long sharp teeth of certain predatory animals, or being shaped like such teeth.
7. bough *(noun)* a tree branch.
8. listlessly *(adverb)* in a spiritless, languid manner.
9. cautioned *(verb)* warned about a danger.
10. flurry *(noun)* an instance of many things happening at once.
11. glisten *(verb)* to shine: to sparkle.
12. accuse *(verb)* to charge with a wrong.

13.	drowsy	<i>(adjective)</i>	sleepy.
14.	scoff	<i>(verb)</i>	to speak with contempt or ridicule.
15.	opposite	<i>(adjective)</i>	contrary : utterly different.
16.	instrument	<i>(noun)</i>	a device that is used to make music.
17.	blissfully	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner indicating absolute happiness.
18.	coarse	<i>(adjective)</i>	rough or crude in form or design.
19.	activists	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people who agitate and organize to achieve particular political goals.
20.	commute	<i>(verb)</i>	to journey back and forth between locations often or regularly.
21.	cocoa	<i>(noun)</i>	a warm drink of chocolate powder and water or milk.
22.	nutrients	<i>(plural noun)</i>	substances that nourish or promote growth or development.
23.	scarcely	<i>(adverb)</i>	just barely.
24.	stretcher	<i>(noun)</i>	a carrying device used to transport the dead, sick, or injured.
25.	lair	<i>(plural noun)</i>	places where wild animals live.
26.	hybrid	<i>(adjective)</i>	having a blend of traits from two different traditions or cultures.
27.	mustard	<i>(noun)</i>	a strong yellow condiment made of crushed seeds made into a paste.
28.	cruel	<i>(adjective)</i>	stern, harsh, and without pity or softness.
29.	schedule	<i>(noun)</i>	a list of events or activities marked with when each will take place.
30.	goblins	<i>(plural noun)</i>	fairy creatures, generally ugly and threatening.
31.	splutter	<i>(verb)</i>	to speak in a hasty or confused fashion.
32.	convince	<i>(verb)</i>	to get someone to agree or believe by arguing a point.
33.	grateful	<i>(adjective)</i>	expressing gratitude : wanting to give thanks.
34.	gesture	<i>(noun)</i>	a movement of the body that communicates an idea.
35.	formation	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of troops arranged in a particular order.
36.	previous	<i>(adjective)</i>	occurring earlier or before.

37. imposing	<i>(adjective)</i>	commanding attention due to magnificence, stature, size, or scope.
38. complicated	<i>(adjective)</i>	not easy to understand.
39. unnoticed	<i>(adjective)</i>	not observed or recognized.
40. agreement	<i>(noun)</i>	a plan or course of action that two or more people have decided upon.
41. dappled	<i>(adjective)</i>	spotted or speckled.
42. rustle	<i>(verb)</i>	to cause low, distinct sounds by moving.
43. chef	<i>(noun)</i>	a skilled cook who leads a kitchen, its staff, and its operations in a restaurant or other business.
44. crease	<i>(noun)</i>	a line or groove left in a flexible material through folding.
45. whales	<i>(plural noun)</i>	very large aquatic mammals that look like fish.
46. mislead	<i>(verb)</i>	to guide in an incorrect direction or into a mistaken belief or action : to deceive.
47. subtitles	<i>(plural noun)</i>	written translations of foreign language dialogue projected at the bottom of the screen of a motion picture.
48. fragment	<i>(noun)</i>	a portion broken off from a whole.
49. retreat	<i>(verb)</i>	to fall back or retire from a position.
50. implore	<i>(verb)</i>	to beseech.



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Two Bee Study Words for Sixth Grade 2020-2021

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1. lento *(adverb)* in a slow way – used as a direction in music.
2. Scandinavia *(geographical entry)* Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.
3. haggis *(noun)* a soft, sausage-like food popular in Scotland made of parts of a sheep or calf mixed with suet, onions, oats, and seasonings and boiled in a bag.
4. dolce *(noun)* a dessert that is sweet.
5. opus *(noun)* a musical composition.
6. pedestrian *(noun)* a person who walks rather than using other transportation.
7. snorkels *(plural noun)* plastic tubes for breathing with a mouthpiece at one end and a valve at the other, used when swimming at the surface with the face under the water.
8. lullaby *(noun)* a tune to calm children or cause them to sleep or rest peacefully.
9. FORTRAN *(noun)* a language in computer programming resembling algebra in its notation and frequently used in science.
10. tangents *(plural noun)* digressions.

11. expression	<i>(noun)</i>	a meaningful phrase or word.
12. violin	<i>(noun)</i>	a small four-stringed instrument that is held on the shoulder and played with a bow.
13. binary	<i>(adjective)</i>	having to do with a number system that has two as its base.
14. semicolon	<i>(noun)</i>	a punctuation mark used to separate parts of a sentence.
15. patent	<i>(adjective)</i>	easy to see or understand : obvious.
16. incantations	<i>(plural noun)</i>	charms or spells that are sung or said while performing magic or during rituals.
17. treble	<i>(noun)</i>	the voice part that is the highest in vocal music.
18. Baltic	<i>(adjective)</i>	having to do with Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.
19. ventured	<i>(verb)</i>	dared to meet, attempt, or start something.
20. deities	<i>(plural noun)</i>	goddesses or gods.
21. feta	<i>(noun)</i>	a white cheese that is created from the milk of goats or sheep and preserved in salt water.
22. proverb	<i>(noun)</i>	a common saying that is short and has a message.
23. indecipherable	<i>(adjective)</i>	unable to be made out or understood.
24. podium	<i>(noun)</i>	a platform or pedestal that is raised.
25. terraced	<i>(adjective)</i>	organized into a row of houses or apartments situated on a slope.
26. Aztec	<i>(noun)</i>	a people that founded a Mexican empire.
27. laboratory	<i>(noun)</i>	a place to perform scientific experiments.
28. sinister	<i>(adjective)</i>	evil or suggestive of evil.
29. runes	<i>(plural noun)</i>	marks that are part of an ancient Scandinavian alphabet.
30. ancestors	<i>(plural noun)</i>	people from whom one is descended and who are often more distant than a grandparent.
31. convulsive	<i>(adjective)</i>	producing or characterized by violent, spasmodic muscle contractions.
32. jasper	<i>(noun)</i>	a type of quartz that is not see-through and can be many colors.
33. berth	<i>(noun)</i>	a place to sleep or sit.

34. deference	<i>(noun)</i>	a yielding of opinion or preference out of respect for someone else's position or opinion.
35. detergent	<i>(noun)</i>	a substance designed for cleaning.
36. sheathed	<i>(verb)</i>	enclosed a blade or other instrument in its tightly fitted case.
37. mantle	<i>(noun)</i>	a loose garment without sleeves that is worn over clothes.
38. streamlet	<i>(noun)</i>	a body of running water that is little.
39. strait	<i>(noun)</i>	a relatively narrow channel linking two sizeable bodies of water.
40. congratulate	<i>(verb)</i>	to wish joy to.
41. fountain	<i>(noun)</i>	the framework from which a spurt of water ascends.
42. curtly	<i>(adverb)</i>	marked by a rude or almost rude shortness of speech.
43. garish	<i>(adjective)</i>	flashy to the point of tastelessness.
44. gilded	<i>(adjective)</i>	covered with gold, or appearing as such.
45. contingent	<i>(noun)</i>	the troops provided by one participant in an allied military action.
46. swerve	<i>(verb)</i>	to depart from a straight course.
47. president	<i>(noun)</i>	the officer who presides over a body of government, such as a legislative assembly, council, or administrative board.
48. depths	<i>(plural noun)</i>	the parts that extend the furthest down.
49. Oregon	<i>(geographical entry)</i>	a state in the northwestern United States that extends to the Pacific.
50. purpose	<i>(noun)</i>	an outcome to be kept in sight in a plan or operation.