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Study Words for First Graders

2016-2017

fit	need	butter	folds	pantry
mad	darts	sharp	pages	sandbox
bus	straw	digging	boring	posters
dots	maybe	soap	corner	spider
spy	cried	bones	ferns	coast
job	shell	small	elbow	bother
row	wash	center <i>or</i> centre	taxi	mouse
tree	chew	lava	stuck	swift
ship	start	monster	grain	restless
name	first	bathtub	float	parents
ears	picky	ivy	awake	beehive
room	claws	nose	bird	shopping
case	great	tusk	snack	artwork
meal	stage	road	wear	chance
rang	open	oven	mane	lookout
tile	sadly	news	hardly	stroller
lost	brush	food	shirts	anyone
aim	cross	rules	moody	thumb
nest	hugged	braid	lawn	backdrop
tiny	trail	miles	branch	fuddy-duddy

This list includes 50 challenging first grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging second grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a first grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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First Grade | 2016-2017

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First Grade Source Books (the first 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*Dodsworth in New York*](#) by Tim Egan
- [*The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo*](#) by Judy Blume
- [*Dory Fantasmagory*](#) by Abby Hanlon
- [*Amazing Armadillos \(Step into Reading\)*](#) by Jennifer Mckerley
- [*Nate the Great*](#) by Marjorie Weinman Sharma

Second Grade Source Books (the last 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*The Year of Billy Miller*](#) by Kevin Henkes
- [*Ivy and Bean \(Book 1\)*](#) by Annie Barrows
- [*A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author*](#) by Ron Roy
- [*The Titanic: Lost and Found \(Step into Reading\)*](#) by Judy Donnelly
- [*My Father's Dragon*](#) by Ruth Stiles Gannett



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Study Words for Second Graders

2016-2017

ivy	awake	beehive	untidy	pebbles
nose	bird	shopping	curved	married
tusk	snack	artwork	leaky	chamber
road	wear	chance	interact	flicker
oven	mane	lookout	sturdy	onion
news	hardly	stroller	chatter	arcade
food	shirts	anyone	bakery	London
rules	moody	thumb	darkest	pounce
braid	lawn	backdrop	feast	shrill
miles	branch	fuddy-duddy	dollars	mayor
folds	pantry	paint	might	farewell
pages	sandbox	soul	subject	young
boring	posters	banana	dishes	supplies
corner	spider	frown	partly	beginning
ferns	coast	temper	forward	vacation
elbow	bother	burst	strange	skateboard
taxi	mouse	hungry	hitched	poem
stuck	swift	riddle	rather	snoozing
grain	restless	porch	puzzles	lotion
float	parents	silver	sign	prevented

This list includes 50 challenging second grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging third grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a second grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Third Grade Source Books (the last 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse*](#) by Tamera Will Wissinger
- [*The One and Only Ivan*](#) by Katherine Applegate
- [*The Mouse and the Motorcycle*](#) by Beverly Cleary
- [*Lulu and the Brontosaurus*](#) by Judith Viorst
- [*Who Was Isaac Newton?*](#) by Janet B. Pascal
- [*Mr. Popper's Penguins*](#) by Richard Atwater



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Study Words for Third Graders

2016-2017

paint	might	farewell	contract	climbed
soul	subject	young	anteater	teaspoon
banana	dishes	supplies	pouring	balance
frown	partly	beginning	lantern	knitting
temper	forward	vacation	subtracting	merely
burst	strange	skateboard	portable	furnish
hungry	hitched	poem	twine	passage
riddle	rather	snoozing	estate	complaints
porch	puzzles	lotion	umbrella	thunderbolt
silver	sign	prevented	timidly	nonsense
untidy	pebbles	smirk	observe	mansion
curved	married	destiny	trance	laundry
leaky	chamber	monkeys	elderly	available
interact	flicker	studio	liquid	lodging
sturdy	onion	nifty	deadline	portions
chatter	arcade	janitor	country	gallant
bakery	London	pottery	flexible	veins
darkest	pounce	wonderful	promote	mountain
feast	shrill	square	massive	whistling
dollars	mayor	belief	bronze	voyage

This list includes 50 challenging third grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging fourth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a third grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Third Grade | 2016-2017

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- [*Mr. Popper's Penguin's*](#) by Richard Atwater

Fourth Grade Source Books (the last 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*The Penderwicks*](#) by Jeanne Birdsall
- [*Flora & Ulysses*](#) by Kate DiCamillo
- [*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*](#) by Grace Lin
- [*The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius*](#) by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
- [*The Phantom Tollbooth*](#) by Norton Juster



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Study Words for Fourth Graders

2016-2017

smirk	observe	mansion	biology	caterpillar
destiny	trance	laundry	hangar	wistfully
monkeys	elderly	available	quality	annual
studio	liquid	lodging	saucepan	beckon
nifty	deadline	portions	invisible	creation
janitor	country	gallant	classical	dumbwaiter
pottery	flexible	veins	blurred	unbearable
wonderful	promote	mountain	contestants	cupboard
square	massive	whistling	farfetched	dimension
belief	bronze	voyage	bemused	initials
contract	climbed	hooves	clients	daunted
anteater	teaspoon	funnel	tightrope	settee
pouring	balance	gravely	innocent	digestive
lantern	knitting	hiccups <i>or</i> hiccoughs	dignified	lounge
subtracting	merely	performance	priority	marooned
portable	furnish	specific	delicate	poisonous
twine	passage	dowdy	applause	vinegar
estate	complaints	indicate	bargain	moisture
umbrella	thunderbolt	clause	fortune	terrier
timidly	nonsense	failure	vocabulary	gymnastics

This list includes 50 challenging fourth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging fifth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a fourth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Fourth Grade | 2016-2017

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Fifth Grade Source Books (the last 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*Out of My Mind*](#) by Sharon Draper
- [*Howl's Moving Castle*](#) by Diana Wynne Jones
- [*Matilda*](#) by Roald Dahl
- [*The Candymakers*](#) by Wendy Mass
- [*Byrd & Igloo: A Polar Adventure*](#) by Samantha Seiple
- [*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*](#) by L. Frank Baum



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Study Words for Fifth Graders

2016-2017

hooves	clients	daunted	thicket	tuition
funnel	tightrope	settee	naturalist	bedraggled
gravely	innocent	digestive	quashed	paisley
hiccups <i>or</i> hiccoughs performance	dignified	lounge	microscope	orchestra
specific	priority	marooned	cathedral	satchel
dowdy	delicate	poisonous	diligent	herring
indicate	applause	vinegar	auction	coronet
clause	bargain	moisture	sediment	precursor
failure	fortune	terrier	fervently	infuriating
biology	vocabulary	gymnastics	bushel	suet
hangar	caterpillar	vertical	clodhopper	forfeit
quality	wistfully	inlet	unappealing	partridge
saucepan	annual	botany	dandruff	arduous
invisible	beckon	linen	pensive	mastiff
classical	creation	esteem	gnarled	pauper
blurred	dumbwaiter	mildew	peculiar	armadillo
contestants	unbearable	gourd	cutlery	reggae
farfetched	cupboard	pitiful	equestrian	marionette
bemused	dimension	concise	oblivious	algae
	initials	perimeter	spatula	tortoise

This list includes 50 challenging fifth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging sixth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a fifth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Fifth Grade | 2016-2017

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Sixth Grade Source Books (the last 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*A Single Shard*](#) by Linda Sue Park
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- [*A Wrinkle in Time*](#) by Madeleine L'Engle
- [*Peter and the Starcatchers*](#) by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
- [*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition*](#) by William Kamkwamba
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Study Words for Sixth Graders

2016-2017

vertical	clodhopper	forfeit	nonviolent	implacable
inlet	unappealing	partridge	enchantment	opinionated
botany	dandruff	arduous	perilous	javelin
linen	pensive	mastiff	servitude	lyre
esteem	gnarled	pauper	derelict	artillery
mildew	peculiar	armadillo	charismatic	stratagems
gourd	cutlery	reggae	heredity	austere
pitiful	equestrian	marionette	prosthetic	venerable
concise	oblivious	algae	treatise	Icarus
perimeter	spatula	tortoise	avian	oracle
thicket	tuition	varsity	indifference	antiquated
naturalist	bedraggled	antidote	epithets	pearlescent
quashed	paisley	emperor	compatriots	bestial
microscope	orchestra	mystic	petrifying	tenaciously
cathedral	satchel	resonate	tremendous	cavalcade
diligent	herring	zodiac	engineering	burglarious
auction	coronet	ravine	alliance	scrumptiously
sediment	precursor	hovel	discreetly	boulevards
fervently	infuriating	sentries	enumerated	laburnums
bushel	suet	rendition	feckless	thaumaturge

This list includes 50 challenging sixth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging seventh grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a sixth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Seventh Grade Source Books (the last 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*Wildwood*](#) by Colin Meloy
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Study Words for Seventh Graders

2016-2017

varsity	indifference	antiquated	insulin	legitimately
antidote	epithets	pearlescent	allegiance	vagabonds
emperor	compatriots	bestial	Dantean	affectionately
mystic	petrifying	tenaciously	perpetrator	habanero
resonate	tremendous	cavalcade	avalanche	overweening
zodiac	engineering	burglarious	bedlam	vengeance
ravine	alliance	scrumptiously	Mylar	gladiatorial
hovel	discreetly	boulevards	exquisite	semaphore
sentries	enumerated	laburnums	assailant	inconceivable
rendition	feckless	thaumaturge	functionary	pilgrimages
nonviolent	implacable	marvelous <i>or</i> marvellous	inadvertent	Holocaust
enchantment	opinionated	vulpine	Mandarin	nuisance
perilous	javelin	catastrophic	physicists	enervating
servitude	lyre	quandary	Einstein	sanctum sanctorum
derelict	artillery	Honolulu	tremulous	undulating
charismatic	stratagems	uranium	aperture	Jacobean
heredity	austere	collision	prodigious	hypotenuse
prosthetic	venerable	alpinist	Stilton	machete
treatise	Icarus	mahogany	unscrupulous	silhouetted
avian	oracle	neutron	concussion	conflagration

This list includes 50 challenging seventh grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging eighth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a seventh grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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- [*The Hobbit*](#) by J.R.R. Tolkien

Eighth Grade Source Books (the last 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*](#) by Alan Bradley
- [*Uglies*](#) by Scott Westerfeld
- [*The Princess Bride*](#) by William Goldman
- [*Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*](#) by Steve Sheinkin
- [*The Terrifying Tales*](#) by Edgar Allan Poe



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Study Words for Eighth Graders

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marvelous <i>or</i> marvellous	inadvertent	Holocaust	recusant	outré
vulpine	Mandarin	nuisance	Patagonia	pterodactyl
catastrophic	physicists	energizing	syncope	aspidistra
quandary	Einstein	sanctum sanctorum	pirouetted	chevalier
Honolulu	tremulous	undulating	crustaceans	toccatà
uranium	aperture	Jacobean	eucalyptus	rheumatic
collision	prodigious	hypotenuse	moiety	tumulus
alpinist	Stilton	machete	remonstrance	gendarme
mahogany	unscrupulous	silhouetted	prestidigitation	malacca
neutron	concussion	conflagration	tetanus	Huguenot
insulin	legitimately	churlish	Cotswold	hors de combat
allegiance	vagabonds	mandrill	pertinacity	phrenologists
Dantean	affectionately	ascetic	cayenne	veillee
perpetrator	habanero	pugnacious	Lilliput	ague
avalanche	overweening	gesticulations	patronymic	netsuke
bedlam	vengeance	interminableness	castellated	recherché
Mylar	gladiatorial	potentialities	ebullience	supererogation
exquisite	semaphore	decrepitude	Hebrides	au fait
assailant	inconceivable	promulgate	phosphine	wallah <i>or</i> walla
functionary	pilgrimages	constabulary	nautilus	a posteriori

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