



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Fifth Graders

2017-2018

canal	abroad	grocery	balloonist	appointed
shilling	superb	pastures	improvise	regents
halter	Norse	neglected	altitude	infraction
basting	custody	receptions	sparsely	Pacific
hornet	sullen	energetic	musician	affirmation
Viking	Bollywood	plantations	practically	cipher* <i>or</i> cypher
chapel	clambering	decent	testament	administration
pouted	strident	survival	simulate	geometry
aspect	severely	disguise	disengage	consecutive
rotating	manure	undesirable	Mohawk	scavenger
crooked	intersect	tonic	exterior	defensiveness
warmth	slobery	enlisted	scenery	vegetation
craggy	valuables	tomes	opponent	sconces
Icelandic	expensive	levied	allowance	Cyclops
temple	Venice	bookmobile	committee	aerospace
engraved	breakfast	nursery	bulletin	correctional
newlyweds	salvation	shortage	hoarsely	segregation
protested	unison	precise	automated	instantaneous
amusing	diagram	roundabout	subdivision	nausea
cinders	spinster	handiwork	heralded	Chesapeake

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.

*preferred U.S. spelling



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- [*Guts & Glory: The Vikings*](#) by Ben Thompson
- [*The Hundred and One Dalmatians*](#) by Dodie Smith
- [*The Thief Lord*](#) by Cornelia Funke
- [*Save Me a Seat*](#) by Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks
- [*Moo: A Novel*](#) by Sharon Creech

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

- [*Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition*](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly
- [*The Twenty-One Balloons*](#) by William Pène du Bois
- [*The False Prince*](#) by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- [*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*](#) by Leslie Connor
- [*Book Scavenger*](#) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

