



Third grade

2024-2025 School Spelling Bee Study List with Definitions

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| 286. | committee | <i>noun</i> | a group of people delegated to consider, investigate, or act on and usually to report on some matter or business. |
| 287. | mirage | <i>noun</i> | an optical phenomenon observed on still days over deserts or hot pavements that has the mirrorlike appearance of a quiet pool of water. |
| 288. | newfangled | <i>adjective</i> | recently made or of the most up-to-date style. |
| 289. | surcharge | <i>noun</i> | a price demanded for a thing or service in excess of the usual or normal amount. |
| 290. | marksmanship | <i>noun</i> | the art or skill of a person practiced at hitting a target especially with firearms. |
| 291. | column | <i>noun</i> | one of a building's vertical supporting structures. |
| 292. | plaque**
OR placque | <i>noun</i> | an inscribed metal tablet that identifies a site or commemorates an individual or event. |
| 293. | rebuke | <i>verb</i> | to criticize sharply; to reprimand. |
| 294. | adversity | <i>noun</i> | a condition of suffering, destitution, or affliction often implying previous prosperity or well-being. |
| 295. | symphony | <i>noun</i> | a large piece for orchestra usually in three or four contrasting movements. |
| 296. | aquamarine | <i>noun</i> | a pale blue to light greenish blue. |
| 297. | altar | <i>noun</i> | a tablelike construction used in the Christian church in celebrating the Eucharist : communion table. |



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261.	onyx	<i>adjective</i>	of the color jet black.
262.	demigod	<i>noun</i>	a mythological divine or semidivine being (as the offspring of a deity and a mortal).
263.	trek	<i>noun</i>	a trip or movement especially when involving difficulties or complex organization.
264.	teriyaki	<i>noun</i>	a dish of Japanese origin consisting of meat or fish that is grilled or broiled after being marinated in a seasoned soy sauce.
265.	contribute	<i>verb</i>	to add (as knowledge or effort) to a common interest or activity.
266.	hocus-pocus** OR hokus-pokus	<i>noun</i>	something that confuses, misleads, or is difficult to comprehend.
267.	narwhal** OR narwal	<i>noun</i>	an arctic cetacean that has no dorsal fin, is marbled black and white in color, reaches a length of about 16 feet, and possesses in the male one or rarely two long, spirally twisted pointed tusks.
268.	melancholy	<i>adjective</i>	depressed in spirits : mournful.
269.	merfolk	<i>plural noun</i>	legendary peoples of the sea having human head, trunk, and arms and the tail of a fish.
270.	gargoyles	<i>plural noun</i>	spouts often having the form of a grotesque figure or animal and projecting from a roof gutter to throw rainwater clear of a building.
271.	pavilions	<i>plural noun</i>	light sometimes ornamental structures in gardens, parks, or places of recreation that are used for entertainment or shelter.
272.	skeptical OR sceptical	<i>adjective</i>	characterized by an attitude of doubt or disposition in regard to something particular (such as a supposed fact).



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236.	voyage	<i>noun</i>	a journey by water : cruise.
237.	advantage	<i>noun</i>	a more favorable or improved position or condition.
238.	applause	<i>noun</i>	approval publicly expressed (as by clapping hands).
239.	nostrils	<i>plural noun</i>	the external openings of the nose or nasal cavity of a vertebrate.
240.	television	<i>noun</i>	a medium of communication whereby images and sounds are transmitted.
241.	mattress	<i>noun</i>	a resilient pad for use as a resting place alone or supported on a bedstead.
242.	soldier	<i>noun</i>	a person engaged in military service.
243.	trousers** OR trowsers	<i>plural noun</i>	an outer garment extending from the waist to the ankle or sometimes only to or just below the knee.
244.	albums	<i>plural noun</i>	one or more recordings produced as a single unit.
245.	muscles	<i>plural noun</i>	tissues that function to produce motion and are made up of variously modified elongated cells capable of contracting when stimulated.
246.	diploma	<i>noun</i>	a document that records that a person has completed a course or graduated from a school.
247.	harpoons	<i>plural noun</i>	throwing weapons used in hunting large fish and sea animals.
248.	rampage	<i>noun</i>	a state of being turbulently active, wildly agitated, or destructive.



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| 213. | ointment | <i>noun</i> | a salve or unguent for application to the skin; specifically : a semisolid medicinal preparation usually having a base of fatty or greasy material. |
| 214. | Gothic | <i>adjective</i> | of, relating to or having the characteristics of a European style of architecture from the 12th to the 16th centuries that is characterized by slender vertical piers and counterbalancing buttresses, and with pointed arches and vaulting. |
| 215. | midair | <i>noun</i> | any point or region in the air not immediately adjacent to the ground or other solid or liquid surface beneath it. |
| 216. | hurricane | <i>noun</i> | a tropical cyclone with winds of 73 miles per hour or greater. |
| 217. | laurel | <i>noun</i> | a recognition of superior achievement : a mark of public esteem : an honor. |
| 218. | lollygag**
OR lallygag | <i>verb</i> | to fool around : to loiter, dawdle. |
| 219. | vermin | <i>plural noun</i> | small common harmful animals (such as bedbugs and mice) that tend to occur in great numbers and are difficult to control. |
| 220. | argument | <i>noun</i> | the act or process of contending or disagreeing in words : a disputation. |
| 221. | wreckage | <i>noun</i> | the remains of the destruction, disorganization, or serious injury of something especially by violence. |
| 222. | dolphin | <i>noun</i> | any of various small marine toothed whales that have the snout more or less elongated into a beak and the neck vertebrae partially fused. |
| 223. | infinite | <i>adjective</i> | having no end : extending indefinitely. |