



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.