



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Third Graders

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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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Sources for Your Spelling Bee Study List

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Where do my study words come from?

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Vocabulary Builder



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Third Grade Source Books (the first 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 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