



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Sixth Graders

2017-2018

tonic	exterior	defensiveness	despondency	repugnance
enlisted	scenery	vegetation	composure	impeccable
tomes	opponent	sconces	jauntily	contagious
levied	allowance	Cyclops	Hispaniola	stevedores
bookmobile	committee	aerospace	quantum	commendable
nursery	bulletin	correctional	calamine	incessant
shortage	hoarsely	segregation	exasperation	ricochet
precise	automated	instantaneous	sophomore	tribulations
roundabout	subdivision	nausea	reprobate	azalea
handiwork	heralded	Chesapeake	annoyance	fluorescent
balloonist	appointed	atoll	paralysis	reservoir
improvise	regents	miracle	chimpanzee	truculently
altitude	infraction	callous	peroxide	generalissimo
sparsely	Pacific	grandiose	amputation	vociferous
musician	affirmation	dexterity	conspiracy	merengue
practically	cipher* <i>or</i> cypher	barrette	sinewy	claustrophobic
testament	administration	cordial	flabbergasted	Methuselah
simulate	geometry	alacrity	boisterously	entrepreneurs
disengage	consecutive	marmalade	linoleum	monsieur
Mohawk	scavenger	orchids	tapirs	pièce de résistance

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.

*preferred U.S. spelling



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- [*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

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

- [*No Better Friend: Young Readers Edition: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II*](#) by Robert Weintraub
- [*Treasure Island*](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson
- [*Laugh with the Moon*](#) by Shana Burg
- [*Finding Perfect*](#) by Elly Swartz
- [*Redwall*](#) by Brian Jacques

