



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Sixth Graders

2016-2017

vertical	clodhopper	forfeit	nonviolent	implacable
inlet	unappealing	partridge	enchantment	opinionated
botany	dandruff	arduous	perilous	javelin
linen	pensive	mastiff	servitude	lyre
esteem	gnarled	pauper	derelict	artillery
mildew	peculiar	armadillo	charismatic	stratagems
gourd	cutlery	reggae	heredity	austere
pitiful	equestrian	marionette	prosthetic	venerable
concise	oblivious	algae	treatise	Icarus
perimeter	spatula	tortoise	avian	oracle
thicket	tuition	varsity	indifference	antiquated
naturalist	bedraggled	antidote	epithets	pearlescent
quashed	paisley	emperor	compatriots	bestial
microscope	orchestra	mystic	petrifying	tenaciously
cathedral	satchel	resonate	tremendous	cavalcade
diligent	herring	zodiac	engineering	burglarious
auction	coronet	ravine	alliance	scrumptiously
sediment	precursor	hovel	discreetly	boulevards
fervently	infuriating	sentries	enumerated	laburnums
bushel	suet	rendition	feckless	thaumaturge

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.



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

- [*A Single Shard*](#) by Linda Sue Park
- [*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*](#) by Jacqueline Kelly
- [*A Wrinkle in Time*](#) by Madeleine L'Engle
- [*Peter and the Starcatchers*](#) by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
- [*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition*](#) by William Kamkwamba
- [*Little Lord Fauntleroy*](#) by Frances Hodgson Burnett

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

- [*Wildwood*](#) by Colin Meloy
- [*Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths*](#) by Bernard Evslin
- [*Cinder*](#) by Marissa Meyer
- [*The Boys in the Boat \(Young Readers Adaptation\): Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*](#) by Daniel James Brown
- [*The Hobbit*](#) by J.R.R. Tolkien