

Three Bee Study Words with Definitions for Seventh Grade

The School Spelling Bee Study List is broken down into three levels of difficulty: One Bee, Two Bee and Three Bee. Three Bee words include words appropriate for seventh and eighth grade.

The list below includes 50 challenging **seventh** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your seventh-grade classroom bee. To prepare for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the full 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List, which includes these words, the remainder of the Three Bee words, and the One Bee and Two Bee words.

1.	hematology	<i>noun</i>	a branch of biology that deals with the blood and blood-forming organs.
2.	efficient	<i>adjective</i>	marked by qualities, characteristics, or equipment that facilitate the serving of a purpose or the performance of a task in the best possible manner.
3.	unacknowledged	<i>adjective</i>	not generally known and openly stated to be real or true : not recognized, accepted, or admitted.
4.	brooding	<i>verb</i>	dwelling continuously or moodily on a subject.
5.	pioneered	<i>verb</i>	acted as one that begins or helps develop something new and prepares a way for others to follow : led the way.
6.	sedan	<i>noun</i>	an automobile having four or two doors and an enclosed body with permanent top of one compartment seating four to seven persons including the driver.
7.	menacing	<i>adjective</i>	presenting, suggesting, or constituting a threat : threatening.
8.	tiara	<i>noun</i>	a decorative band or semicircular ornament for the head often made of flowers, fabric, or metal for wear on formal occasions.
9.	homeopathic	<i>adjective</i>	of or relating to the belief in or practice of a system of medical practice that treats a disease especially by the administration of minute doses of a remedy that would in larger amounts produce in healthy persons symptoms similar to those of the disease.
10.	exhilaration	<i>noun</i>	the feeling or the state of being refreshed, invigorated, or stimulated.
11.	feisty	<i>adjective</i>	having or showing a lively aggressiveness : spunky.
12.	configuration	<i>noun</i>	relative arrangement of parts.
13.	ruckus	<i>noun</i>	a noisy fight; especially : one involving a number of people.

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14.	dissolute	<i>adjective</i>	unrestrained or lawless in conduct.
15.	confiscated	<i>verb</i>	seized by or as if by public authority.
16.	enamel	<i>noun</i>	a hard substance that forms a thin layer capping the teeth.
17.	retribution	<i>noun</i>	something given or exacted in compensation; especially : punishment.
18.	aggravate	<i>verb</i>	to make worse, more serious, or more severe : to intensify.
19.	acrid	<i>adjective</i>	unpleasantly or irritatingly sharp or strong to the taste or to the smell : stingingly bitter.
20.	ballast	<i>noun</i>	something that gives stability or weight especially in character, conduct, ideas, or morals.
21.	encompass	<i>verb</i>	to bring within : to include.
22.	ordained	<i>verb</i>	invested with ministerial or priestly functions.
23.	dais	<i>noun</i>	a platform raised usually above the floor of a hall or large room to give distinction or prominence to those occupying it.
24.	serum	<i>noun</i>	a clear fluid containing antibodies that is used in treatment of disease.
25.	batten	<i>verb</i>	to fasten by or as if by means of a reinforcing strip.
26.	ambient	<i>adjective</i>	surrounding on all sides : encompassing, enveloping.
27.	geopolitics	<i>plural noun</i>	a study of the influence of such physical factors as geography, economics, and demography upon the politics and especially the foreign policy of a state.
28.	broached	<i>verb</i>	opened up a subject for discussion or debate.
29.	appendages	<i>plural noun</i>	persons accompanying or in constant attendance on another, usually as subordinates : hangers-on.
30.	tenets	<i>plural noun</i>	principles, dogmas, beliefs, or doctrines generally held to be true; especially : ones held in common by members of an organization, group, movement, or profession.

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31.	seminary	<i>noun</i>	an institution for the training of candidates for the priesthood, ministry, or rabbinate.
32.	intubated	<i>verb</i>	treated by the introduction of a tube into a hollow organ (as the trachea or intestine) to keep the the organ open or to restore its openness if obstructed.
33.	counterfeit	<i>noun</i>	an imitation or replica markedly close or faithful to an original and typically made to deceive for gain.
34.	antidote	<i>noun</i>	a remedy to counteract the effects of poison.
35.	pomade	<i>noun</i>	a fragrant usually medicated ointment for the hair or scalp.
36.	Manhattan	<i>geographical entry</i>	an island 13 miles long in southeastern New York.
37.	humbug	<i>noun</i>	something empty of sense or meaning : drivel, nonsense.
38.	embossed	<i>verb</i>	adorned (as leather or metal) with raised work.
39.	smite	<i>verb</i>	to inflict punishment (such as destruction, death, or severe injury) upon as if by a stroke.
40.	provocation	<i>noun</i>	the act or process of stirring up or bringing about : stimulation, incitement.
41.	crevices	<i>plural noun</i>	narrow openings of some depth caused especially by a split : narrow recess-like slits.
42.	maniacal	<i>adjective</i>	indicating or suggestive of madness.
43.	defunct	<i>adjective</i>	having finished the course of life or existence : dead, deceased, extinct.
44.	deviation	<i>noun</i>	noticeable or marked departure from accepted societal norms of behavior.
45.	reenactment	<i>noun</i>	the process of performing again.
46.	offhandedly	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner showing no premeditation or preparation.
47.	churned	<i>verb</i>	produced, proceeded with, or experienced violent motion or agitation.
48.	mutiny	<i>noun</i>	refusal to obey authority.

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| 49. | apex | <i>noun</i> | the highest or uppermost point : summit, top, peak. |
| 50. | subsidence | <i>noun</i> | the act or process of sinking to the bottom or settling : a falling, lowering, or flattening out. |
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Three Bee Study Words with Definitions for Eighth Grade

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The list below includes 100 challenging **eighth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your eighth-grade classroom bee. To prepare for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the full 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List, which includes these words, the remainder of the Three Bee words, and the One Bee and Two Bee words.

1.	effigy	<i>noun</i>	a full or partial representation especially of a person.
2.	vestments	<i>plural noun</i>	garments worn during the rites of the Christian church.
3.	Lithuania	<i>geographical entry</i>	a country in north central Europe bordering on the Baltic Sea.
4.	Azores	<i>geographical entry</i>	islands of the North Atlantic constituting an autonomous region of Portugal and lying about 800 miles off the coast of mainland Portugal.
5.	tankard	<i>noun</i>	a tall one-handed drinking vessel; especially : a mug of silver or pewter with a lid.
6.	starboard	<i>noun</i>	the right side of a ship or airplane looking forward.
7.	maneuverable	<i>adjective</i>	capable of being guided or directed with skill and design.
8.	lurid	<i>adjective</i>	highly colored : extravagant, sensational.
9.	blasphemous	<i>adjective</i>	speaking or writing that is irreverent toward something considered sacred or held in high regard.
10.	chemotherapy	<i>noun</i>	the administration of one or more cytotoxic drugs to destroy or inhibit the growth and division of malignant cells in the treatment of cancer.
11.	proscribed	<i>verb</i>	condemned or forbidden as harmful : prohibited.
12.	emigrate	<i>verb</i>	to leave a home (such as a country) for life or residence elsewhere.
13.	Zimbabwe	<i>geographical entry</i>	a landlocked country in southern Africa south of the Zambezi River whose capital is Harare.
14.	impudence	<i>noun</i>	an attitude marked by disrespect or insolence : cocky self-assurance.
15.	oncologist	<i>noun</i>	a specialist in the study of tumors.

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16.	inaudible	<i>adjective</i>	incapable of being heard.
17.	telenovelas	<i>plural noun</i>	soap operas produced in Latin America and televised in or from many Latin-American countries.
18.	mullioned	<i>verb</i>	furnished with slender vertical usually nonstructural bars or piers forming a division between the lights of windows, doors, or screens.
19.	benighted	<i>adjective</i>	being in a state of intellectual, moral, or social darkness : unenlightened.
20.	philology	<i>noun</i>	the study of human speech especially as the vehicle of literature and as a field of study that sheds light on cultural history.
21.	prophetically	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner tending to indicate what is going to happen : like or characteristic of one who foretells future events.
22.	cul-de-sac	<i>noun</i>	a street that is closed at one end but usually has a circular area for turning around at that end.
23.	pell-mell	<i>adverb</i>	in mingled confusion or disorder.
24.	Sanskrit	<i>noun</i>	the ancient classical language of India and of Hinduism.
25.	parathas	<i>plural noun</i>	unleavened Indian wheat breads that are usually fried on a griddle.
26.	rejoinder	<i>noun</i>	a reply.
27.	preternaturally	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner lying beyond or outside ordinary experience : in a manner inexplicable by ordinary means.
28.	canid	<i>noun</i>	a member of a family of carnivorous mammals including the dogs, wolves, jackals, foxes, and extinct related animals.
29.	forsooth	<i>adverb</i>	in truth : certainly.
30.	masa	<i>noun</i>	a dough used in Mexican cuisine (as for tortillas and tamales) that is made from ground corn soaked in a lime and water solution.
31.	Leander	<i>noun</i>	in Greek mythology, a youth who swims the Hellespont nightly to visit Hero and who ultimately drowns in one of the crossings.
32.	pneumonia	<i>noun</i>	a severe disease that is marked by inflammation of lung tissue, is characterized by fever, chills, and difficulty in breathing, and is typically caused by an infectious agent (such as a bacterium, virus, or fungus).

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33.	subservient	<i>adjective</i>	useful in an inferior capacity: subordinate.
34.	mercenary	<i>adjective</i>	serving merely for pay or gain : seeking sordid advantage.
35.	trey	<i>noun</i>	a three-point shot in basketball.
36.	urchins	<i>plural noun</i>	impudent or roguish youngsters.
37.	xylem	<i>noun</i>	a complex tissue in the vascular system of higher plants, functioning chiefly in conduction but also in support and storage, and typically constituting the woody element (as of a stem).
38.	fumatorium	<i>noun</i>	an airtight compartment in which vapor may be generated to destroy fungal or insect pests (as on growing plants).
39.	deign	<i>verb</i>	to stoop to a less dignified level.
40.	catastrophe	<i>noun</i>	a momentous tragic and usually sudden event marked by effects ranging from extreme misfortune to utter overthrow or ruin.
41.	infrared	<i>adjective</i>	lying outside the visible spectrum at its red end.
42.	mausoleum	<i>noun</i>	a magnificent tomb.
43.	incontrovertible	<i>adjective</i>	not open to question : indisputable, certain.
44.	assimilation	<i>noun</i>	the act or process of receiving into the mind, considering, and thoroughly comprehending.
45.	conjugate	<i>verb</i>	to give in some prescribed order the various inflectional forms of.
46.	commemoration	<i>noun</i>	something marked by some ceremony or observation.
47.	conifers	<i>plural noun</i>	plants of an order of chiefly evergreen trees and shrubs having needle-like, linear, or lanceolate leaves and a woody cone or fleshy aril.
48.	Beijing	<i>geographical entry</i>	municipality constituting a special administrative unit in northeastern China and serving as the national capital.
49.	architrave	<i>noun</i>	the molded band, group of moldings, or other architectural member around a door or other opening especially if rectangular in form.

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50.	andromeda	<i>noun</i>	a plant of a genus of low evergreen boreal or arctic shrubs with leathery leaves and drooping white or pinkish flowers.
51.	Spandau	<i>geographical entry</i>	a western section of Berlin, Germany, on the Spree River.
52.	estampies	<i>plural noun</i>	monophonic musical works of the late Middle Ages consisting of several repeated units that probably accompanied a dance.
53.	Penelope	<i>noun</i>	the wife of Odysseus who waits faithfully for him during his 20 years' absence.
54.	roulette	<i>noun</i>	a gambling game in which players bet on which numbered red or black compartment of a revolving wheel a small ball spun in the opposite direction will come to rest in.
55.	lustrum	<i>noun</i>	a period of five years.
56.	Arcturus	<i>noun</i>	a giant fixed star of the first magnitude that is the brightest star in the constellation Boötes.
57.	hobbledehoy	<i>noun</i>	a usually awkward callow adolescent male : a gawky youth.
58.	**eurhythmics OR eurythmics	<i>plural noun</i>	a method of musical training for young people that involves specific body movements in response to changing accent patterns and pitches.
59.	miscellaneous	<i>adjective</i>	comprising members or items of different kinds.
60.	sackbuts	<i>plural noun</i>	medieval trombones.
61.	tilapia	<i>noun</i>	a type of African food fish that lives in fresh water and looks much like an American sunfish.
62.	caparisoned	<i>verb</i>	adorned.
63.	doppelgänger	<i>noun</i>	a living person who closely resembles another living person.
64.	Piraeus	<i>geographical entry</i>	a city in eastern Greece that serves as the port for Athens.
65.	**misericords OR misericordes	<i>plural noun</i>	small projections on the bottom of hinged church seats that give support to a standing worshiper when the seats are turned up; also : the seats themselves.
66.	aye-aye	<i>noun</i>	a nocturnal lemur found in Madagascar that has incisor teeth like those of a rodent and long fingers with sharp nails.

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67.	trilby	<i>noun</i>	a soft felt hat with an indented crown.
68.	Jicarilla	<i>noun</i>	an Apache people of the western group ranging through southeastern Colorado, northern New Mexico, and adjacent sections of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.
69.	thurible	<i>noun</i>	a vessel for burning incense that is used in religious services.
70.	Vesuvian	<i>adjective</i>	marked by uncertainty or sudden outbursts : furious.
71.	saltarellos	<i>plural noun</i>	Italian dances characterized by a lively hop step at the beginning of each measure.
72.	chatelaine	<i>noun</i>	an ornamental chain, pin, or clasp usually worn at a woman's waist to which trinkets, keys, a purse, or other articles are attached.
73.	cuirass	<i>noun</i>	any ancient close-fitting body armor.
74.	chachalacas	<i>plural noun</i>	large chiefly arboreal game birds that somewhat resemble wild turkeys but have a well-developed feathered crest and that are native to Central America and Mexico with one variety extending into southern Texas.
75.	urad	<i>noun</i>	a small-seeded Indian pulse resembling the related mung bean.
76.	hurdy-gurdy	<i>noun</i>	a stringed musical instrument resembling a lute in which the sound is produced by the friction of a rosined wheel turned by a crank against the strings and the pitches are varied by a set of keys.
77.	Alhambra	<i>noun</i>	the palace of the Moorish kings at Granada, Spain.
78.	kumkum	<i>noun</i>	red turmeric powder used for making the distinctive Hindu mark on the forehead.
79.	kirpan	<i>noun</i>	the sacred dagger of the Sikhs.
80.	**biryani OR biriani	<i>noun</i>	an Indian dish of meat, fish, or vegetables cooked with rice flavored especially with saffron or turmeric.
81.	Sikhism	<i>noun</i>	a monotheistic religion of India founded about 1500 and characterized by its allegiance to sacred scriptures.

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82.	cirrhosis	<i>noun</i>	widespread disruption of normal liver structure caused by any of various chronic progressive conditions affecting the liver (such as hepatitis).
83.	Bangalore	<i>geographical entry</i>	a city in southern India west of Madras and capital of the state of Karnataka.
84.	cirque	<i>noun</i>	a deep steep-walled basin high on a mountain usually shaped like half a bowl and often containing a small lake.
85.	nom de plume	<i>noun</i>	a pseudonym assumed by a writer : a pen name.
86.	undine	<i>noun</i>	a water nymph : an elemental spirit of the water.
87.	marguerite	<i>noun</i>	a European herb having flower heads with small white or pink ray flowers and yellow disk flowers — called also English daisy.
88.	Tamil	<i>noun</i>	a Dravidian language of a southern state in India and of northern and eastern Sri Lanka.
89.	garderobe	<i>noun</i>	a closet where clothes are stored.
90.	clerisy	<i>noun</i>	the well-educated or learned class.
91.	nares	<i>plural noun</i>	the openings of the nose or nasal cavity of a vertebrate.
92.	Andalusian	<i>noun</i>	a horse of Spanish origin that has a high-stepping gait.
93.	carillon	<i>noun</i>	a set of fixed bells sounded by hammers controlled by a keyboard.
94.	cortege	<i>noun</i>	a procession of mourners at a funeral.
95.	Gaels	<i>plural noun</i>	Celtic inhabitants of Ireland, Scotland, or the Isle of Man.
96.	fado	<i>noun</i>	a Portuguese folk song typically plaintive or mournful.
97.	athenaeum OR atheneum	<i>noun</i>	a building or a room in which books, periodicals, and newspapers are kept for use : a reading room.
98.	Ayurvedic	<i>adjective</i>	related to a form of alternative medicine that is the traditional system of medicine of India that seeks to treat and integrate body, mind, and spirit using a comprehensive holistic approach.

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99.	chiasmus	<i>noun</i>	the inversion of the order of syntactical elements in the second of two juxtaposed and syntactically parallel phrases or clauses.
100.	Camelot	<i>noun</i>	a time, place, or atmosphere of idyllic happiness.