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

The list below includes 50 challenging **sixth** grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these words, you will be well prepared for your sixth-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 Two Bee words, and the One Bee and Three Bee words.

1.	clientele	noun	a body of patrons or customers.
2.	anecdotes	plural noun	usually short narratives of interesting, amusing, or curious incidents often biographical and generally characterized by human interest.
3.	haberdasher	noun	a dealer in men's furnishings, such as shirts, ties, and hats.
4.	filigree** OR filagree	noun	ornamental work of fine wire of gold, silver, or copper that is used chiefly to decorate gold and silver surfaces.
5.	catapults	plural noun	ancient military devices used for hurling heavy missiles (as stones) or for hurling other missiles (as spears, arrows) with extreme force.
6.	embroiled	verb	involved especially in conflict or with a problem, adversaries, or the law.
7.	burro	noun	a donkey.
8.	guava	noun	the globular yellow fruit of a small shrubby tropical American tree.
9.	crescendo	noun	the peak of a gradual increase (as in physical or emotional force or intensity).
10.	ocelot	noun	a medium-sized American wildcat ranging from Texas to Patagonia and having a tawny yellow or grayish coat that is dotted and striped with black.







11.	onyx	adjective	of the color jet black.
12.	demigod	noun	a mythological divine or semidivine being (as the offspring of a deity and a mortal).
13.	trek	noun	a trip or movement especially when involving difficulties or complex organization.
14.	teriyaki	noun	a dish of Japanese origin consisting of meat or fish that is grilled or broiled after being marinated in a seasoned soy sauce.
15.	contribute	verb	to add (as knowledge or effort) to a common interest or activity.
16.	hocus-pocus** OR hokus-pokus	noun	something that confuses, misleads, or is difficult to comprehend.
17.	narwhal** <mark>OR</mark> narwal	noun	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.
18.	melancholy	adjective	depressed in spirits : mournful.
19.	merfolk	plural noun	legendary peoples of the sea having human head, trunk, and arms and the tail of a fish.
20.	gargoyles	plural noun	spouts often having the form of a grotesque figure or animal and projecting from a roof gutter to throw rainwater clear of a building.
21.	pavilions	plural noun	light sometimes ornamental structures in gardens, parks, or places of recreation that are used for entertainment or shelter.
22.	skeptical OR sceptical	adjective	characterized by an attitude of doubt or disposition in regard to something particular (such as a supposed fact).



23.	palette	noun	a particular range, quality, or use of color.
24.	ogres	plural noun	hideous giants represented in fairy tales and folklore as feeding on human beings: monsters.
25.	goatee	noun	a small trim pointed or tufted beard on a man's chin.
26.	grotesque	adjective	departing markedly from the natural, the expected or the typical (as by distortion, exaggeration): atypical.
27.	threshold	noun	the place or point of entering or beginning : outset.
28.	flamboyant	adjective	marked by strikingly elaborate, colorful, or showy display or behavior.
29.	famine	noun	a period of extreme scarcity of food.
30.	linoleum	noun	a floor covering made by laying on a burlap or canvas backing a mixture of solidified linseed oil and various solid particles and usually pigments.
31.	pesos	plural noun	coins or currency notes representing any of the basic monetary units of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Uruguay.
32.	rogue	noun	a dishonest unprincipled person.
33.	amnesia	noun	loss of memory sometimes including the memory of personal identity.
34.	fruition	noun	completion, fulfillment.
35.	bygone	adjective	of or relating to the past.



36.	committee	noun	a group of people delegated to consider, investigate, or act on and usually to report on some matter or business.
37.	mirage	noun	an optical phenomenon observed on still days over deserts or hot pavements that has the mirrorlike appearance of a quiet pool of water.
38.	newfangled	adjective	recently made or of the most up-to-date style.
39.	surcharge	noun	a price demanded for a thing or service in excess of the usual or normal amount.
40.	marksmanship	noun	the art or skill of a person practiced at hitting a target especially with firearms.
41.	column	noun	one of a building's vertical supporting structures.
42.	plaque** OR placque	noun	an inscribed metal tablet that identifies a site or commemorates an individual or event.
43.	rebuke	verb	to criticize sharply: to reprimand.
44.	adversity	noun	a condition of suffering, destitution, or affliction often implying previous prosperity or well-being.
45.	symphony	noun	a large piece for orchestra usually in three or four contrasting movements.
46.	aquamarine	noun	a pale blue to light greenish blue.
47.	altar	noun	a tablelike construction used in the Christian church in celebrating the Eucharist : communion table.
48.	stylistic	adjective	of or relating to mode of expression especially in the use of language.



49.	flailed	verb	moved, swung, or beat as though wielding an instrument for threshing grain from the ear by hand.
50.	errands	plural noun	trips made in order to deliver a message or purchase or attend to something.

\*\*preferred spelling