



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Third Graders

2017-2018

zone	awful	compost	hairpin	perhaps
clasp	muster	lizard	clipper	nannies
boxcar	padlock	voice	marsh	button
roar	welcome	cosmic	shabby	alley
graze	platform	liberty	hushed	sprinkle
pesky	spiral	pirate	manner	complete
return	rafters	dumplings	scraped	diaper
fetch	illness	promise	impact	transporting
thorn	tablet	excellent	breeze	lukewarm
fancy	wailing	cheddar	standoff	violet
rinse	blanket	insect	narrow	castle
vanish	thrilling	scale	lazily	bicycle
escape	jacket	crept	primers	village
alien	rambling	speak	marbles	promptly
nutmeg	harvest	carving	tennis	matron
glinting	agog	oval	world	produce
radio	shudder	purse	kettle	horrid
wheels	cartoon	mossy	shelves	invitation
darling	dither	cattle	crumpled	faucet
hutch	rodents	offer	mailboxes	enormous

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

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- [*The Boxcar Children*](#) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- [*Tumtum and Nutmeg*](#) by Emily Bearn
- [*Fortunately, the Milk*](#) by Neil Gaiman
- [*The Haunted Library*](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler

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

- [*Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*](#) by Russell Freedman
- [*Stuart Little*](#) by E.B. White
- [*The Wild Robot*](#) by Peter Brown
- [*The Ogre of Oglefort*](#) by Eva Ibbotson
- [*Gregor the Overlander*](#) by Suzanne Collins

