



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Eighth Graders

2017-2018

proviso	premonition	Seminole	cupolas	connubial
dragoons	memorandum	hallucinations	grotesque	unpropitious
gargoyle	pastrami	endeavor* or endeavour	pulmonary	caravel
anecdote	germinate	labyrinthine	frontispiece	millinery
brigands	parenthetical	excruciating	succulent	coppice
mandible	crematoria	lichenous	clandestine	pecuniary
crampon	massacres	chandeliers	pestiferous	expatiated
Sherpa	petulance	uncoquettish	requisites	supercilious
malign	facilitate	tempestuous	pitons	formaldehyde
boroughs	extenuation	Pyrenees	incongruous	vicissitudes
monomania	incarcerated	interpolated	variegated	oologist
taxidermy	appendectomy	cypress	lassitude	auspices
piteously	subterranean	disquisition	avocations	panegyric
strenuous	financiers	translucent	raillery	cabochon
intimation	treacherous	annexation	sanguine	verdigris
conundrum	orthopedic* or orthopaedic	expeditionaries	tête-à-tête	rhododendron
atrocities	sphinx	bilious	mitochondria	Kilimanjaro
voluminous	lama	interstices	putrefaction	coquelicot
propaganda	celerity	hermetically	concierge	ichthyosaurus
conspicuous	acacias	mythos	gauss	cicerone

This list includes 50 challenging eighth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging ninth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for an eighth 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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- [*The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*](#) by Phillip Hoose
- [*The Time Machine*](#) by H.G. Wells
- [*Northanger Abbey*](#) by Jane Austen
- [*Peak*](#) by Roland Smith
- [*The Girl from Everywhere*](#) by Heidi Heilig
- [*Steelheart*](#) by Brandon Sanderson

