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## Study Words for Fourth Graders

### 2016-2017

smirk	observe	mansion	biology	caterpillar
destiny	trance	laundry	hangar	wistfully
monkeys	elderly	available	quality	annual
studio	liquid	lodging	saucepan	beckon
nifty	deadline	portions	invisible	creation
janitor	country	gallant	classical	dumbwaiter
pottery	flexible	veins	blurred	unbearable
wonderful	promote	mountain	contestants	cupboard
square	massive	whistling	farfetched	dimension
belief	bronze	voyage	bemused	initials
contract	climbed	hooves	clients	daunted
anteater	teaspoon	funnel	tightrope	settee
pouring	balance	gravely	innocent	digestive
lantern	knitting	hiccups <i>or</i> hiccoughs	dignified	lounge
subtracting	merely	performance	priority	marooned
portable	furnish	specific	delicate	poisonous
twine	passage	dowdy	applause	vinegar
estate	complaints	indicate	bargain	moisture
umbrella	thunderbolt	clause	fortune	terrier
timidly	nonsense	failure	vocabulary	gymnastics

This list includes 50 challenging fourth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging fifth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a fourth 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?

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is pleased to partner with presenting sponsor Kindle in creating a new kind of spelling bee study experience. Good words come from good books, and this year each word on the study list can be found in one of the exciting Kindle e-book titles listed below. Each of these books is available on Kindle e-readers as well as the Kindle app and is enabled with Word Wise to help spellers master the meanings of words while seeing them in context.

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### Vocabulary Builder



Words looked up on Kindle are automatically turned into flashcards for future review and learning.

### Kindle FreeTime



Children can view their reading progress for each book, track reading accomplishments for each day and earn achievement badges for reaching milestones.

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

- [\*The Penderwicks\*](#) by Jeanne Birdsall
- [\*Flora & Ulysses\*](#) by Kate DiCamillo
- [\*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon\*](#) by Grace Lin
- [\*The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius\*](#) by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
- [\*The Phantom Tollbooth\*](#) by Norton Juster

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

- [\*Out of My Mind\*](#) by Sharon Draper
- [\*Howl's Moving Castle\*](#) by Diana Wynne Jones
- [\*Matilda\*](#) by Roald Dahl
- [\*The Candymakers\*](#) by Wendy Mass
- [\*Byrd & Igloo: A Polar Adventure\*](#) by Samantha Seiple
- [\*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz\*](#) by L. Frank Baum