



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Seventh Graders

2017-2018

atoll	paralysis	reservoir	monomania	incarcerated
miracle	chimpanzee	truculently	taxidermy	appendectomy
callous	peroxide	generalissimo	piteously	subterranean
grandiose	amputation	vociferous	strenuous	financiers
dexterity	conspiracy	merengue	intimation	treacherous
barrette	sinewy	claustrophobic	conundrum	orthopedic* or orthopaedic
cordial	flabbergasted	Methuselah	atrocities	sphinx
alacrity	boisterously	entrepreneurs	voluminous	lama
marmalade	linoleum	monsieur	propaganda	celerity
orchids	tapirs	pièce de résistance	conspicuous	acacias
despondency	repugnance	proviso	premonition	Seminole
composure	impeccable	dragoons	memorandum	hallucinations
jauntily	contagious	gargoyle	pastrami	endeavor* or endeavour
Hispaniola	stevedores	anecdote	germinate	labyrinthine
quantum	commendable	brigands	parenthetical	excruciating
calamine	incessant	mandible	crematoria	lichenous
exasperation	ricochet	crampon	massacres	chandeliers
sophomore	tribulations	Sherpa	petulance	uncoquettish
reprobate	azalea	malign	facilitate	tempestuous
annoyance	fluorescent	boroughs	extenuation	Pyrenees

This list includes 50 challenging seventh grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging eighth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a seventh 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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Seventh Grade Source Books (the first 50 words may be found in these books):

- [*No Better Friend: Young Readers Edition: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II*](#) by Robert Weintraub
- [*Treasure Island*](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson
- [*Laugh with the Moon*](#) by Shana Burg
- [*Finding Perfect*](#) by Elly Swartz
- [*Redwall*](#) by Brian Jacques

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

- [*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

