



# Scripps National Spelling Bee

## Vocabulary List for Third Graders

### 2018-2019

1. **ending** (*noun*) the last part of anything.
2. **house** (*noun*) a building for people to live in.
3. **kindly** (*adjective*) friendly.
4. **relax** (*verb*) to rest.
5. **bacon** (*noun*) meat from the sides of a pig that has been salted and smoked.
6. **radar** (*noun*) a radio device or system for locating an object.
7. **globe** (*noun*) a round ball that has a map of the earth drawn on it.
8. **yak** (*noun*) a large blackish brown ox with long wavy hair that is used for its milk and meat and to carry heavy loads.
9. **hobby** (*noun*) any favorite activity or interest.
10. **markers** (*plural noun*) things placed to serve as a guide or to indicate position.
11. **loaf** (*noun*) a shaped or molded lump of bread.
12. **shiny** (*adjective*) bright, glittering or polished.
13. **disco** (*noun*) a type of popular dance music with strong steady rhythms and usually electronically produced sounds.
14. **sloth** (*noun*) a slow-moving brownish or grayish mammal with very long front legs and long curved claws, that hangs from branches and eats leaves and fruit.
15. **maple** (*noun*) a tree with gray bark, sectioned leaves, hard wood and sap used to make syrup.
16. **wary** (*adjective*) cautious and on the lookout for danger.
17. **latch** (*verb*) to secure something against opening by using a device for holding it closed.
18. **view** (*noun*) what you can see from a place.
19. **toad** (*noun*) a small jumping animal similar to a frog but that spends more time on land and has rough, dry, warty skin.
20. **family** (*noun*) a group of individuals living under one roof.
21. **type** (*verb*) to write using a keyboard.
22. **pudding** (*noun*) a sweet, creamy dessert that is soft, spongy or thick.
23. **hours** (*plural noun*) periods of time lasting 60 minutes.
24. **forest** (*noun*) a large area of land covered with lots of trees, shrubs and bushes.



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| 25. | <b>moths</b>    | <i>(plural noun)</i>        | insects that are similar to but less colorful than butterflies and that usually fly in the late evening or at night.                       |
| 26. | <b>invent</b>   | <i>(verb)</i>               | to think up or imagine.  |
| 27. | <b>swoosh</b>   | <i>(verb)</i>               | to move with a rushing or rustling sound.  |
| 28. | <b>object</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>               | a thing that can be seen or touched.   |
| 29. | <b>plaster</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>               | a mix of usually sand, water and other materials that is used to coat inside walls and ceilings.   |
| 30. | <b>lessons</b>  | <i>(plural noun)</i>        | classes taught on a single subject.  |
| 31. | <b>shrubs</b>   | <i>(plural noun)</i>        | plants that have woody stems and don't grow very tall.   |
| 32. | <b>otters</b>   | <i>(plural noun)</i>        | dark brown, aquatic, fish-eating mammals with long tails, short legs, webbed feet and small ears.  |
| 33. | <b>sapling</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>               | a young tree.  |
| 34. | <b>tangled</b>  | <i>(adjective)</i>          | knotted or twisted together.   |
| 35. | <b>quest</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>               | a journey to go in search of (something).  |
| 36. | <b>wry</b>      | <i>(adjective)</i>          | marked by a clever twist often with a hint of humor or sarcasm.  |
| 37. | <b>owner</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>               | someone that has something that belongs to them.   |
| 38. | <b>pimple</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>               | a small, swollen and red spot on the skin.   |
| 39. | <b>orbit</b>    | <i>(verb)</i>               | to travel around something (such as a planet) in a curved path.  |
| 40. | <b>birthday</b> | <i>(noun)</i>               | an anniversary of the day someone was born.  |
| 41. | <b>royal</b>    | <i>(adjective)</i>          | related to or owned by the family of a king or queen.  |
| 42. | <b>animals</b>  | <i>(plural noun)</i>        | any creatures except human beings.   |
| 43. | <b>presto</b>   | <i>(adverb)</i>             | quickly : immediately.   |
| 44. | <b>splinter</b> | <i>(noun)</i>               | a thin, sharp piece of something (like wood) that has broken off from a bigger piece.  |
| 45. | <b>wrong</b>    | <i>(adjective)</i>          | not true, correct or right.  |
| 46. | <b>unicorn</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>               | an imaginary animal that has the body of a horse, the back legs of a stag, the tail of a lion and a single horn in the middle of its head. |
| 47. | <b>gremlin</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>               | a small, mischievous gnome that is imagined to cause errors or problems with equipment.  |
| 48. | <b>whenever</b> | <i>(adverb)</i>             | at any time.   |
| 49. | <b>garbage</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>               | trash of any kind.   |
| 50. | <b>Fiji</b>     | <i>(geographical entry)</i> | an island country in the southwestern Pacific.   |
| 51. | <b>dense</b>    | <i>(adjective)</i>          | crowded very close together.   |



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| 52. | <b>groan</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | a deep, sudden, unintentional sound that usually indicates pain, grief, or sometimes disapproval or annoyance.   |
| 53. | <b>siren</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | an apparatus often electrically operated for producing a piercing warning sound of musical tones.  |
| 54. | <b>angles</b>   | <i>(plural noun)</i> | the directions from which someone or something is viewed, considered or approached.  |
| 55. | <b>fend</b>     | <i>(verb)</i>        | to look out for oneself : manage.  |
| 56. | <b>rubbish</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>        | assorted useless, valueless waste or rejected matter : trash.  |
| 57. | <b>tuneful</b>  | <i>(adjective)</i>   | having a musical sound : melodious.  |
| 58. | <b>artistic</b> | <i>(adjective)</i>   | characterized by taste and judgment or by art and skill.   |
| 59. | <b>squishy</b>  | <i>(adjective)</i>   | being soft, yielding and damp.   |
| 60. | <b>clumsy</b>   | <i>(adjective)</i>   | not having ease in using the hands, skill, nimbleness or grace, such as in the use of the body or limbs or in the performance of an action.                    |
| 61. | <b>kibble</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | coarsely ground dried food products or grain.  |
| 62. | <b>cues</b>     | <i>(plural noun)</i> | signals (such as words or bits of stage business) to a performer to begin a specific speech or action.   |
| 63. | <b>boasted</b>  | <i>(verb)</i>        | said or told something intended to give others a high opinion of yourself : bragged.   |
| 64. | <b>prayer</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | an address (such as a petition or confession) to God or a god in word or thought.  |
| 65. | <b>tireless</b> | <i>(adjective)</i>   | seemingly not able to become weary or have your strength decrease or fail.   |
| 66. | <b>factory</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>        | a building or collection of buildings with facilities (such as machines) for making goods often from raw materials.  |
| 67. | <b>borrowed</b> | <i>(verb)</i>        | received something (such as a book) from a library to use outside the library for a period of time.  |
| 68. | <b>shavings</b> | <i>(plural noun)</i> | thin strips of wood pared off by a tool for smoothing or shaping wood.   |
| 69. | <b>poodles</b>  | <i>(plural noun)</i> | dogs of an old European breed of active, intelligent dogs that have a curly, dense, solid-colored coat and are grouped into standard, miniature and toy sizes. |
| 70. | <b>gravity</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>        | the tendency or state of being drawn to the mass of something in the sky (such as the earth, the moon or a planet) for bodies at or near its surface.          |
| 71. | <b>abnormal</b> | <i>(adjective)</i>   | differing from the typical.  |
| 72. | <b>sneakers</b> | <i>(plural noun)</i> | shoes usually of canvas with flexible rubber soles worn especially for sports or hiking.   |
| 73. | <b>crackle</b>  | <i>(verb)</i>        | to make small, sharp, sudden noises repeatedly.  |
| 74. | <b>inspire</b>  | <i>(verb)</i>        | to encourage or motivate.  |
| 75. | <b>pleats</b>   | <i>(plural noun)</i> | folds in cloth made by doubling material over on itself and that is stitched, attached or held along one side.   |



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| 76.  | <b>shivery</b>    | <i>(adjective)</i>   | frigid, cold.   |
| 77.  | <b>briefing</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | the process of being given usually essential information typically in little time and without unnecessary details.  |
| 78.  | <b>obtain</b>     | <i>(verb)</i>        | to gain possession or disposal of usually by some planned action or method.   |
| 79.  | <b>portray</b>    | <i>(verb)</i>        | to represent by drawing, painting or cutting something into the surface of a material.  |
| 80.  | <b>squeeze</b>    | <i>(verb)</i>        | to exert pressure especially on opposite sides or parts of : press together closely or tightly.   |
| 81.  | <b>rumbling</b>   | <i>(verb)</i>        | making a low, heavy rolling sound.  |
| 82.  | <b>gangplank</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>        | a long, narrow, movable platform or bridge used to get on or off a ship (as from a wharf).  |
| 83.  | <b>scratched</b>  | <i>(verb)</i>        | scraped or rubbed lightly with something pointed or rough in order to relieve itching.  |
| 84.  | <b>distorted</b>  | <i>(verb)</i>        | twisted out of a natural, normal or original shape or condition.  |
| 85.  | <b>cardboard</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>        | a stiff, thick kind of paper that sometimes has a coating and that can be used to make signs or for printed material.   |
| 86.  | <b>interviews</b> | <i>(verb)</i>        | questions or talks with especially in order to gain information or learn personal qualities.  |
| 87.  | <b>guilty</b>     | <i>(adjective)</i>   | justly chargeable with or responsible for a fault or crime.   |
| 88.  | <b>lunar</b>      | <i>(adjective)</i>   | of, taking place on or relating to the moon.  |
| 89.  | <b>custard</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | a sweetened mixture of milk and eggs that is baked, boiled or frozen.   |
| 90.  | <b>shriek</b>     | <i>(noun)</i>        | a shrill, usually wild or unintentional cry (as of sudden or extreme terror or pain or of violent laughter).  |
| 91.  | <b>ghost</b>      | <i>(noun)</i>        | a supernatural appearance : apparition.   |
| 92.  | <b>mission</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | a specific task with which a person or group is charged.  |
| 93.  | <b>tempting</b>   | <i>(adjective)</i>   | alluring, enticing.   |
| 94.  | <b>majestic</b>   | <i>(adjective)</i>   | having, exhibiting, or marked by magnificent or commanding power, effect, or appearance : regal.  |
| 95.  | <b>solution</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | an answer to or a means of answering a problem : an explanation.  |
| 96.  | <b>signals</b>    | <i>(plural noun)</i> | sounds or gestures made to give warning or command.   |
| 97.  | <b>eliminate</b>  | <i>(verb)</i>        | to get rid of.  |
| 98.  | <b>universe</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | the entire celestial cosmos.  |
| 99.  | <b>locusts</b>    | <i>(plural noun)</i> | migratory grasshoppers that often travel in vast swarms and strip the areas they travel through of all vegetation.  |
| 100. | <b>guidance</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | advice in choosing courses, preparing for a line of work or further education, or coping with personal problems given to students by a teacher or a professional counselor. |

