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# Scripps National Spelling Bee

## Vocabulary List for Third Graders

### 2017-2018

- zone** (*noun*) a region or area set off or that is different from surrounding areas.
- clasp** (*noun*) a device that can be opened and closed and that is used to hold two different things or two parts of something together.
- boxcar** (*noun*) a section of a train with a roof, four walls and sliding doors that is used to transport goods.
- roar** (*noun*) the deep loud cry of some wild beasts.
- graze** (*verb*) to feed on grass.
- pesky** (*adjective*) annoying, irritating or troublesome.
- return** (*verb*) to go back or come back again (as to a place, person or condition).
- fetch** (*verb*) to go and get.
- thorn** (*noun*) a short, hard, sharp-pointed and leafless branch on a plant.
- fancy** (*adjective*) not plain or ordinary.
- rinse** (*verb*) to clean by dipping into water.
- vanish** (*verb*) to completely disappear.
- escape** (*verb*) to get away from something harmful.
- alien** (*noun*) a being from another planet.
- nutmeg** (*noun*) a hard, rounded seed that is widely used as a spice.
- glinting** (*verb*) sparkling.
- radio** (*noun*) a device that receives wireless signals and converts them to sound.
- wheels** (*plural noun*) round frames that attach to a shaft on which they turn.
- darling** (*noun*) a person you love very much.
- hutch** (*noun*) a pen or coop for an animal : cage.
- awful** (*adjective*) extremely unpleasant, disagreeable or objectionable.
- muster** (*verb*) to bring together : collect.
- padlock** (*noun*) a type of secure fastener with a sliding part that can be opened or closed so that the entire device hangs from it.



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| 24. | <b>welcome</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | a friendly greeting or reception given to a person when he or she arrives.                     |
| 25. | <b>platform</b>  | <i>(noun)</i>        | a flat surface that is usually higher than the floor or ground around it.                      |
| 26. | <b>spiral</b>    | <i>(adjective)</i>   | winding around a center point and slowly moving away from or getting closer to it.             |
| 27. | <b>rafters</b>   | <i>(plural noun)</i> | the long, usually sloping pieces of heavy wood that support a roof.                            |
| 28. | <b>illness</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | an unhealthy condition of the body or mind.  |
| 29. | <b>tablet</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | a flat, rectangular computing device that is usually controlled by a touch screen.             |
| 30. | <b>wailing</b>   | <i>(verb)</i>        | crying out in sadness.   |
| 31. | <b>blanket</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | a piece of warm fabric used as a bed covering.   |
| 32. | <b>thrilling</b> | <i>(adjective)</i>   | exciting.  |
| 33. | <b>jacket</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | a type of long-sleeved outer garment.  |
| 34. | <b>rambling</b>  | <i>(adjective)</i>   | straying from subject to subject.  |
| 35. | <b>harvest</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | the amount of any natural product that is gathered.  |
| 36. | <b>agog</b>      | <i>(adjective)</i>   | full of intense interest or extreme excitement.  |
| 37. | <b>shudder</b>   | <i>(verb)</i>        | to shake or tremble with fear or cold.   |
| 38. | <b>cartoon</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | a movie or show made from a series of drawings or computer graphics.                           |
| 39. | <b>dither</b>    | <i>(verb)</i>        | to hesitate in choosing or act uncertain.  |
| 40. | <b>rodents</b>   | <i>(plural noun)</i> | small, gnawing mammals that have upper teeth adapted for cutting.                              |
| 41. | <b>compost</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | a mix of usually decayed organic material (such as leaves and grass) used to make soil better. |
| 42. | <b>lizard</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | any relatively long-bodied reptile with scaly skin, short legs and a tapering tail.            |
| 43. | <b>voice</b>     | <i>(noun)</i>        | the ability to speak.  |
| 44. | <b>cosmic</b>    | <i>(adjective)</i>   | relating to the universe in contrast to earth alone.   |
| 45. | <b>liberty</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | the quality or state of being free.  |
| 46. | <b>pirate</b>    | <i>(noun)</i>        | a robber on the high seas.   |
| 47. | <b>dumplings</b> | <i>(plural noun)</i> | small balls of dough cooked by boiling or steaming.  |
| 48. | <b>promise</b>   | <i>(noun)</i>        | a statement that you will do or not do something specific.                                     |
| 49. | <b>excellent</b> | <i>(adjective)</i>   | very good.   |



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50.	<b>cheddar</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a hard white, yellow or orange smooth-textured cheese.
51.	<b>insect</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	one of many small, invertebrate, segmented animals with six legs and often wings.
52.	<b>scale</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a collection of musical pitches arranged in ascending or descending order.
53.	<b>crept</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	went timidly or cautiously or so as to escape notice or attention.
54.	<b>speak</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to utter words : talk.
55.	<b>carving</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a design or figure made by cutting (something) with deliberate care or practiced precision.
56.	<b>oval</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	having the shape of an egg.
57.	<b>purse</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a receptacle used to carry money and often other small objects.
58.	<b>mossy</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	covered with a downy, spore-producing plant or something like it.
59.	<b>cattle</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	domesticated animals with four feet that are kept on farms or ranches usually for meat or milk.
60.	<b>offer</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	something presented for acceptance.
61.	<b>hairpin</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a fastener to hold the thin threadlike outgrowths of the skin on your head in place.
62.	<b>clipper</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a fast, full-rigged sailing ship with long slender lines, an overhanging bow, tall masts and a large sail area.
63.	<b>marsh</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a tract of soft wet land : swamp.
64.	<b>shabby</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	threadbare and faded from wear : appearing outworn.
65.	<b>hushed</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	free of noise or agitation : calm.
66.	<b>manner</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the mode or method in which something is done or happens : way, mode, fashion.
67.	<b>scraped</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	damaged or injured the surface of something by contact with a rough surface.
68.	<b>impact</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a forceful contact, collision or onset : the degree or concentration of force in a collision.
69.	<b>breeze</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a light, gentle soft-blowing wind.
70.	<b>standoff</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	tie, draw, deadlock.
71.	<b>narrow</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	not as wide as usual or as expected.
72.	<b>lazily</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	in a manner marked by lack of activity.
73.	<b>primers</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	usually small introductory books on a specific subject.
74.	<b>marbles</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	little balls made of a hard substance (as glass) typically ranging from about 1/2 inch to about 1 inch in diameter and used in various games.
75.	<b>tennis</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a game played by two players or pairs of players with rackets and a ball on a court divided by a low net.
76.	<b>world</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the earth with all its inhabitants and all things upon it.
77.	<b>kettle</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a metallic vessel used for boiling liquids.



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78.	<b>shelves</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	flat pieces of wood or other material fastened horizontally at a distance from the floor (as on a wall or in a frame) that are used to hold objects.
79.	<b>crumpled</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	pressed or twisted into folds or wrinkles.
80.	<b>mailboxes</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	closed containers at or near dwellings that hold the postal material (such as letters) of the people who live there.
81.	<b>perhaps</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	possibly but not certainly : maybe.
82.	<b>nannies</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	children's nurses or caregivers.
83.	<b>button</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a small device that is secured to an article (as of clothing or upholstery) that works as a fastener by passing it through a hole or loop.
84.	<b>alley</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a passageway between buildings.
85.	<b>sprinkle</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to scatter in drops or particles.
86.	<b>complete</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to bring something to an end often in a finished or perfected state.
87.	<b>diaper</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a basic garment for infants consisting of absorbent material (such as cloth) drawn up between the legs and fastened at the waist.
88.	<b>transporting</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	transferring, carrying or moving from one person or place to another.
89.	<b>lukewarm</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	neither cold nor hot : tepid.
90.	<b>violet</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a small-flowered plant of a genus of usually spring-blooming flowers that have leafy stems and purple, yellow or white flowers.
91.	<b>castle</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a large fortified building often surrounded by a moat.
92.	<b>bicycle</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a vehicle that has two wheels one behind the other, a steering handle, a seat and pedals, which are used to propel it.
93.	<b>village</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a small cluster of houses and other buildings (as stores and churches) forming a unit distinct from the surrounding countryside.
94.	<b>promptly</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	at once : immediately, quickly.
95.	<b>matron</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a married woman who is usually older and has considerable social position or some other special prestige.
96.	<b>produce</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	agricultural products (as fresh fruits and vegetables).
97.	<b>horrid</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	inspiring disgust : nasty.
98.	<b>invitation</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a written or verbal request to be present or participate.
99.	<b>faucet</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a fixture for drawing a liquid from a pipe or other vessel.
100.	<b>enormous</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by extraordinarily great size, number, degree or significance.