



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Eighth Graders

2016-2017

marvelous <i>or</i> marvellous	inadvertent	Holocaust	recusant	outré
vulpine	Mandarin	nuisance	Patagonia	pterodactyl
catastrophic	physicists	enervating	syncope	aspidistra
quandary	Einstein	sanctum sanctorum	pirouetted	chevalier
Honolulu	tremulous	undulating	crustaceans	toccata
uranium	aperture	Jacobean	eucalyptus	rheumatic
collision	prodigious	hypotenuse	moiety	tumulus
alpinist	Stilton	machete	remonstrance	gendarme
mahogany	unscrupulous	silhouetted	prestidigitation	malacca
neutron	concussion	conflagration	tetanus	Huguenot
insulin	legitimately	churlish	Cotswold	hors de combat
allegiance	vagabonds	mandrill	pertinacity	phrenologists
Dantean	affectionately	ascetic	cayenne	veillee
perpetrator	habanero	pugnacious	Lilliput	ague
avalanche	overweening	gesticulations	patronymic	netsuke
bedlam	vengeance	interminableness	castellated	recherché
Mylar	gladiatorial	potentialities	ebullience	supererogation
exquisite	semaphore	decrepitude	Hebrides	au fait
assailant	inconceivable	promulgate	phosphine	wallah <i>or</i> walla
functionary	pilgrimages	constabulary	nautilus	a posteriori

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.