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.
Where do my study words come from?

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Eighth Grade Source Books (all 100 words on this list may be found in these books):

- *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
- *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman
- *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin
- *The Terrifying Tales* by Edgar Allan Poe