



State Spelling Bee Study Suggestions

Study ideas to prepare for the competition:

Students participating in the state spelling competition should become familiar with a broad range of words. Words used in the competition are chosen randomly from sources deemed appropriate by the spell master and judges.

No word study list is provided, but students may find the following resources helpful:

- Word glossaries from English-language arts, science, math, and social science books
- School-word study lists and teacher-provided word lists
- General fiction and non-fiction books
- Newspapers, magazines, and other media
- Word games (scrabble, anagrams, crosswords)
- Print and online dictionaries

In addition, students may want to learn and study:

- Word patterns (decide, inside, reside)
- Homonyms (beat, beet Guise, guys)
- Rhyming words
- Root words, prefixes, and suffixes
- Greek, Latin and Anglo-Saxon roots and affixes
- Word definitions
- Word usage, including how usage may provide spelling hints