



**Study Words for
Eighth Graders**

spoonerism	quotidian	ochre <i>or</i> ocher	surfeit	
firmament	hummock	ingratiante	domiciled	
aardvark	centenary	ragout	wahine	
pantomime	shebang	prima donna	doubloons	
dinero	grandeur	ancillary	hyacinth	
marsupial	hydroponic	epicurean	circumflex	
savvy	eschew	farrago	inchoate	Rorschach
terra-cotta	sabbatical	ad nauseam	steppe	quintessential
palliative	noxious	counterfeit	neophyte	nihilism
epoch	largesses	prescient	umami	épée
abysmal	flambé	technocrat	loquacious	Naugahyde
hirsute	tawdry	billabong	apocryphal	whippoorwill
noctambulist	catalyst	vacuousness	milieu	Sisyphian <i>or</i> Sisyphian
ballyhoo	wherewithal	cordillera	appurtenances	reconnoiter* <i>or</i> reconnoitre
gaffe	anathema	harbinger	carte blanche	Sahel
obfuscate	exoneration	adumbrate	pusillanimous	wunderkind
maize	ukulele* <i>or</i> ukelele	tautology	obstreperous	souchong
benison	dromedary	dilapidated	latke	bhangra
dementia	El Niño	kraken	bas-relief	vis-à-vis
slalom	laudable	panacea	mellifluous	Machiavellian
		ignominious	cygnet	zeitgeist
		chintzy	heuristic	synecdoche



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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 a 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.

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* preferred U.S. spelling