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STUDENT SPELLING LIST

SPELLING BEE



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STUDENTS

All high school students in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area
Public, private and homeschooled are welcome
School uniforms are the accepted attire for contestants

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SO SPELLING BEE¹

1. All words given in the competition will be from the Webster's *Third New International Dictionary*. Although the words listed in this booklet are merely a guide, the bulk of the terms used in the competition come from this list.
2. Participants are high school students.
3. One point will be given for each word spelled correctly.
4. Each student must spell one word per round.
5. Words must be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's or an Internet audio pronunciation.
6. The pronouncer will give the speller a word; the speller should pronounce the word both before and after spelling it. **Spellers will not be penalized for failing to pronounce a word.**
7. The speller may ask for a pronunciation of the word and a definition. However, spellers are limited to three requests, including definitions, origins and all other information about the word. Root word questions will not be entertained.

¹ These guidelines are based on contest rules of the Scripps National Spelling Bee and from other sources.



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8. If a speller starts to spell a word, he or she may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. However, the speller can only change the sequence of the letters once. If the sequence is changed in a second or third attempt at respelling, the action will be counted as a miss.
9. Some words have alternate spellings that are uncommon or obscure. Words will be considered correct only when spelled as they are presented on the official spelling lists, which are the preferred and common spellings as well as the spellings that all students have been given.
10. If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer shall indicate which word is to be spelled. However, any correct spelling of a homonym will be accepted if the pronouncer inadvertently forgets to define or distinguish the word.
11. **Spellers are given no more than 2-minute time periods on a word**, beginning when the pronouncer first pronounces the word. If the speller has begun to spell the word when a tone sounds to indicate the end of the 2 minutes, the judges will permit the speller to complete the spelling, provided that the spelling proceeds without delay.
12. There will be two time checks – at 1 minute and at 30 seconds.
13. **Spellers can miss one word.** When a speller misses the second word, he or she is immediately dropped from the competition. The next speller will be asked to spell that same word and so on until the end of that round. If spelled correctly, the pronouncer will give a new word to the next speller.
14. **If none of the contestants in the round spells the word correctly, then a new word will be given and all spellers will remain in the competition.**
15. The pronouncer can move to the Championship words at the beginning of any round that has either two or three spellers remaining. In the course of using these words, if there is no champion, then the remaining spellers will be declared co-champions.
16. The champion speller is selected if he or she is the only speller remaining in the competition at the start of a round.
17. A judge's decision may be appealed by a parent or legal guardian who disputes the elimination of a speller. An appeal form must be filed with the judges and a decision will be made at the end of the contested round and before a new round begins.
18. The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions will be final on any question.

TO REPEAT CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES:



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At the end of the spelling bee, when one speller misspells a word, the other speller will be given an opportunity to spell the same word. If the second speller spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second speller shall be declared the champion.

If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the competition, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The champion is not the champion until he or she corrects the misspelling of the other speller and then correctly spells the next word on the list. In summary, the champion must spell two words in a row correctly.

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	Pronouncer	Part of Speech	Definitions
mayonnaise	may-on-naise \ 'mā-ə-, nāz	N	dressing made of raw egg yolk, oil, vinegar and seasonings
camouflage	cam-ou-flage \ 'ka-mə-, flāzh	N	concealment of personnel or materiel from an enemy
vasculature	`vaskyələ, chū (ə) r	N	the arrangement of blood vessels in an organ
fusillade	fu-sil-lade \ 'fyü-sə-, lād,	N	a discharge from a number of firearms
annihilation	ə`nīälā shən	VB	nullify, to cause to be of no effect
surveillance	sur-veil-lance \ sər-'vā-lən(t)s	N	close observation
grotesquely	grō tesk-ly	ADV	fanciful, bizarre
narcissistic	nar-cis-sis-tic \ , nār-sə-'si-stik	adj	excessive admiration or love of oneself
beleaguered	bə`lēgə (r) ed	VT	trouble, harass
guillotine	guil-lo-tine \ 'gi-lə-, tēn	N	a cutting instrument, often used to behead prisoners
cathode	`ka, thōd	N	the positive terminal of a galvanic cell
macadamia	mac-a-da-mia \ , ma-kə-'dā-mē-ə-	N	nut from an Australian tree
hallucinate	hə`lūs'n, āt	VB	to affect with visions or imaginary perceptions
unsheathe	un + `shēh	VT	to draw from or as if from a scabbard
cummerbund	cum-mer-bund \ 'kə-mər-, bənd	N	a broad pleated sash, esp. one worn as formal dress
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cappuccino	/ˌkəpəˈtʃɛnō/ cap·puc·ci·no	N	hot espresso coffee with foaming steamed milk added
hypostasis	hɪˈpɒstəsəs hy·pos·ta·sis	N	something that settles at the bottom of a fluid
muscadine	ˈmæskə (r) dən mus·ca·dine	N	a grape of the southern U.S.
chutney	/'tʃʌtnē/ chut·ney	N	pungent relish made of fruits, spices, herbs
stomatal	ˈstäməd·l sto·ma·tal	ADJ	of, or relating to plant stomata
algorithm	/'algəˌrɪtHəm/ al·go·rithm	N	a mathematical rule or procedure for solving a problem
subphylum	sub + ˈfiləm sub·phy·lum	N	a category in biological classification
serendipity	ser·en·dip·i·ty /ˌserənˈdɪpədə/ /ˌserənˈdɪpədə/	N	Making providential discoveries by accident
aeronautic	ˈa (ə) rō nooir'no d·ik aero·nau·tics	ADJ	science dealing with aircraft operation
gnosticism	ˈnästə, sizəm gnos·ti·cism	N	the thought and practice of various cults
albatross	al·ba·tross 'al·bæ·trɒs	N	a large web-footed bird
soliloquy	so·lil·o·quy ˌsə-'li-lə-kwē	N	dramatic discourse in which a character talks to himself, herself
haberdashery	ˈhabə (r), dashə (r) hab·er·dash·ery	N	goods sold by a dealer
morphogenetic	ˈmo (r) fōjə·ik mor·pho·ge·net·ic	ADJ	relating to an organic form
rorqual	ˈrorkwəl ror·qual	N	any whale of the baleen family
infinitesimal	in·fin·i·tes·i·mal \ (,) in·fi·nə-'te-sə-mə	ADJ	immeasurably small

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hollandaise	hol·lan·daise \ ,hä-län-'dāz	N	a creamy sauce of butter, egg yolks, and lemon
kielbasa	kiel·ba·sa \ kēl-'bä-sə	N	smoked Polish sausage
lithoglyph	`lithə, glif lith·o·glyph	N	an engraved stone
perestroika	per·e·stroi·ka \ ,per-ə-'strói-kə	N	program of economic & political reform in the Soviet Union
dyssodia	də`sōdēə Dys·so·dia \ də'sōdēə\	N	a small genus of prairie herbs
pumpernickel	pum·per·nick·el \ 'pəm-pər-,ni-kəl	N	a coarse, dark, slightly sour bread made of unbolted rye
mesocnemic	me zō nēmik me·so·cne·mic	ADJ	of a shinbone
pulverize	pul·ver·ize \ 'pəl-və-,rīz	V	to reduce to dust or powder by pounding or grinding
boucharde	bü`shard bou·charde	N	a tool for roughening or furrowing the surface of marble
Rottweiler	rott·wei·ler \ 'rät-,wī-lər	N	large, powerful German-bred dog
subjacency	səb'jās'nsē sub·ja·cen·cy	N	the quality or state of being lower than not directly below
occipital	oc·cip·i·tal \ äk-'si-pə-təl	adj	dealing with the back part of the head or skull
theophobia	thē(,)ō + fōbēə theo·phobia	N	dread of the wrath of God.
crepuscular	cre·pus·cu·lar \ kri-'pə-skyə-lər	adj	relating to twilight
prophylactic	prō'fə lak'tik	ADJ	a device used to prevent conception or venereal infection

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enervated	ener·vate \ i-'nər-vət	ADJ	drained of energy
subrogate	sub'rə gāt' sub-ro-gate	V	to put into the place of another; substitute for another
pulchritude	pul·chri·tude \ 'pəl-krə- ,tüd	N	beauty
voluminous	və lōō'mə nəs	ADJ	filling or sufficient to fill a volume; writing copiously
pusillanimous	pu·sil·lan·i·mous \ ,pyü-sə-'la-nə-məs	ADJ	lacking in courage
ytterbium	l tûr'bē əm yt-ter-bi-um	N	a rare metallic element forming compounds yttrium
vomitorium	vom·i·to·ri·um \ ,vämə'tōrēəm	N	Exit or entrance in an ancient Roman theatre
Ursprache	Ur·spra·che \ 'ü(ə)r,shprākə\	N	a parent language reconstructed from evidences of later languages
zirconium	zûr kō'nē əm zir-co-ni-um	N	a metallic element resembling titanium chemically
bacteriophage	bac·te·ri·o·phage \ bak-'tir-ē-ə-,fāj	N	a fear of bacteria
ventriloquism	ven tril'ə kwiz'əm ven-tril-o-quism	N	the art or practice of speaking with little or no lip movement
pogonophora	Po·go·noph·o·ra \ ,pōgə'näfərə\	N	a class of marine worms
amniocentesis	am 'nē ō sen tē'sis am-ni-o-cen-te-sis	N	surgery guiding a hollow needle thru abdomen of a pregnant womar
bromidrosiphobia	brō'mi-drō'si-fō'bē-ă	N	a fear of body odour
atrabilious	at·ra·bil·ious \ ,a-trə-'bil-yəs	Adj	melancholy or bad tempered

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aerophobia	aero·pho·bia \ ,er-ō-'fō-bē-ə	N	fear of children
staphylococci	staph·y·lo·coc·cus \ ,sta-f(ə-)lō-'kă-kəs	N	parasitic bacteria that causes boils and other infections
haecceitas	heck·see·uh·tass haec·ce·i·tas \ hek'sēə,tas, hēk-\	N	status of being an individual or a particular nature
horripilation	hor·rip·i·la·tion \ hō-,rip-ə-'lā-shən	N	goose bumps; hair standing on end
hymeneal	hy·me·ne·al \ ,hī-mə-'nē-əl	Adj	relating to marriage
effigy	ef'ljē ef-fi-gy	N	a representation or image, esp. sculptured, as on a monument
encephalitis	en sef'ə lī'tis en-ceph-a-li-tis	N	inflammation of the substance of the brain.
amyloid	am·y·loid \ 'a-mə-,lōid	N	starch like; waxy, translucent substance, composed of protein fibers
Chaufroid	Shoh-frwah	N	a jellied sauce used as a garnish for meat or fish
impuissant	im·puis·sant \ (,)im-'pwi-s ^ə nt	Adj	powerless; feeble or weak
gesundheit	gə zōōnt'hīt ge-sund-heit	INTERJ	used to wish good health, esp. to a person who has just sneezed
incarnadine	in·car·na·dine \ in-'kăr-nə-,dīn	Adj	color (something) crimson
hippopotamus	hip'ə pot' ə mäs	N	large African mammal, hairless with thick body and short legs
fulguration	ful·gu·ra·tion \ ,fúl-g(y)ə-'rā-shən	V	a flash like lightning
crustaceous	crus·ta·ceous \ ,krə-'stā-shəs	ADJ	having, resembling, or being a hard crust or shel
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lachrymal	lach·ry·mal \ 'la-krə-məl	Adj	connected with weeping or tears
grognard	gro·gnard \ (,)grō'nyär\	N	An old soldier
amethyst	am 'ə thist am-e-thyst	N	a purple or violet quartz
miarolitic	mee-uh-roe-litic	Adj	Irregular cavities into which well-formed crystals project
demagoguery	dem'ə gog'ə rē dem-a-gogu-er-y	N	practices of person who gains power by arousing people's emotions
Koinonia	koi·no·nia \ ,kōinə'nēə	N	Christian fellowship or body of believers
electrocardiogram	i lek 'trō kär'dē ə gram' e-lec-tro-car-di-o-gram		the graphic record produced by an electrocardiograph
xylene	xy·lene \ 'zī-,lēn	N	a liquid used in aviation gasoline
circumvallate	cir·cum·val·late \ ,sər-kəm-'va-,lāt	Adj	surround with a rampart or wall
dilettante	dil'l tānt dil-et·tante	N	a person who takes up an activity or subject merely for amusement
Ichneumon (<i>iknoom</i>)	ik nōō' mən	N	also called the African mongoose
xiphoid	xi·phoid \ 'zī-,foid	Adj	Sword shaped
loquacious	lō kwā' shəs lo-qua-cious	ADJ	talking or tending to talk much or freely
empyrean	em·py·re·an \ ,em-,pī-'rē-ən	N	the sky
mellifluous	mə lif'lōō əs mel-lif-lu-ous	ADJ	sweetly or smoothly flowing

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xenogamy	xe·nog·a·my \ zə' nāgəmə\	N	type of flower, fertilization
mezzanine	mez'ə nēn' mez-za-nine	N	the lowest balcony or forward part of such a balcony in a theater
pachyderm	pak'l dŭrm' pach-y-derm	N	any large, thick-skinned, hooped mammal, as the elephant
piranha	pi rān' yə pi-ra-nha	N	small South American freshwater fish with sharp interlocking teeth
zounds	\ 'zau̇n(d)z	Interjection	an expression of surprise or indignation
svelte	sfelt \ 'svelt	ADJ	slender, esp. gracefully slender in figure; lithe.
tamarind	tam'ə rind tam-a-rind	N	thepod of a large tropical tree
sanguinary	san·gui·nary \ 'saŋ-gwə-,ner-ē	Adj	involving or causing bloodshed
tempestuous	tem pes'chōō əs tem-pes-tu-ous	ADJ	characterized by or subject to tempests; tumultuous
rapscallion	rap·scal·lion \ rap-'skal-yən	N	a mischievous person
insouciance	in·sou·ci·ance \ in-'sü-sē-ən(t)	ADJ	free from concern, worry or anxiety; carefree
Eudaemonism	eu·dae·mo·nism \ yū-'dē-mə-,ni-zəm	N	A system of ethics aimed at producing happiness
amillennialism	a-mi-len-ee-uh-liz-uhm N		a belief that there is no 1,000 year reign of Christ
appurtenance	uh-pur-tn-uhns ap·pur·te·nance \ ə-'pərt-nən(t)s	N	an addition to something more important; added thing; accessory
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etymology		N	The origin of a linguistic form
	et·y·mol·o·gy \ , e-tə-'mä-lə-jē		
Fibromyalgia	fī'brō mī al'jə	N	a chronic disease marked by fatigue, muscular pain
	fi-bro-my-al-gia		
Xenogenesis	zen'ə jen'ə sis	N	generation of offspring different from the parent
	xen-o-gen-e-sis		
perichondrium	pě'ĩkŏn'drēəm	N	The fibrous membrane covering the surface of cartilage
	per-i-chon-dri-um		
totalpalmate	tō'tipāl'māt'	ADJ	Having webs connecting each of the four anterior toes, as in pelicans
zygodactyl	zī'gədăk'təl		Having two toes projecting forward and two backward
	zy-go-dac-tyl		
Borborygmus	bŏr.bə.rig.məs	N	A rumbling of the intestines.
	bor-bo-ryg-mus		
Thromboembolism	throm'bŏ em'bə liz'əm	N	blockage of a blood vessel by a thrombus in the blood stream
	throm-bo-em-bo-lism		
syringomyelia	sə ring'gŏ mī ē'lē ə	V	spinal cord disease in which fluid-filled cavity replaces nerve tissue
	sy-rin-go-my-e-li-a		
encephalomyelitis	en sef'ə lŏ mī'ə lītis	N	Inflammation of the brain and spinal cord
	en-ceph-a-lo-my-e-li-tis		
adamantine		ADJ	utterly unyielding or firm; hard
	ad·a·man·tine \ , a-də-'man-tēn		
bacteriorhodopsin		N	a protein complex that contains retinal
	bac-te-ri-o-rho-dop-sin \ bak-tir-ē-ə-rŏ-'dăp-sin		
cinemicrography		N	the cinematographic recording of microscopic pictures
	cin-e-micrography		
domiciliary		ADJ	taking place in one's home
	do-mi-cil-i-ary \ , dă-mə-'si-lē-er-ē		
endonuclease		N	enzymes that degrade DNA
	en-do-nu-cle-ase \ , en-dŏ-'nū-klē-,ās		
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fibroadenoma		N	a benign tumor originating from glandular tissue

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	fi·bro·ad·e·no·ma \ ,fī-(,)brō-,ad-ə-n-'ō-mə				
gastroenterology		N		the study of diseases of digestive organs	
	gas·tro·en·ter·ol·o·gy \ ,ga-strō-,en-tə-'rā-lə-jē				
haloperidol		N		a major antipsychotic agent used for schizophrenia	
	hal·o·per·i·dol \ ,ha-lō-'per-ə-,dōl,				
ichthyophagy		N		practice of eating, subsisting on fish	
	ich·thy·oph·a·gi \ ,ikthē'äfə,j\				
jurisprudence		N		science or philosophy of law	
	ju·ris·pru·dence \ ,jūr-əs-'prü-dʰn(t)s				
kwashiorkor		N		a children's disease caused by protein and vitamin deficiency	
	kwash·i·or·kor \ ,kwä-shē-'ör-kər				
legerdemain		N		sleight of hand, trickery	
	leg·er·de·main \ ,le-jər-də-'mān				
mesothelioma		N		a malignant tumor of the covering of the lung	
	me·so·the·li·o·ma \ ,me-zə-,thē-lē-'ō-mə				
nidifugous		ADJ		leaving the nest shortly after hatching	
	ni·dif·u·gous \ nī-'di-fyə-gəs				
oxyhemoglobin		N		chemical compound of hemoglobin and oxygen, gives blood red color	
	/,äksē,hēmə'glōbən,äksē'hēmə,glōbən/				
parhelion		N		a bright spot on the solar halo	
	par·he·lion \ pä-r-'hēl-yən				
quadripartite		ADJ		divided into or consisting of four parts	
	quad·ri·par·tite \ ,kwä-drə-'pä-r-,tīt				
ritornello		N		an orchestral interlude between arias, scenes or acts	
	ri·tor·nel·lo \ ,ri-tər-'ne-(,)lō				
sphygmomanometer		N		an instrument used with a stethoscope	
	sphyg·mo·ma·nom·e·ter \ ,sfig-mō-mə-'nä-mə-tər				
tuberculous		ADJ		an infectious disease that may affect any tissue of the body	
	tu·ber·cu·lous \ tü-'bər-kyə-ləs				

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antipyretic	an'tē pī ret'ik	Adj	preventing fever
kamikaze	kä'mi kä'zē	N	a Japanese air force member on a special suicide mission
euonymus	yōō on'ə mäs	N	any shrub or vine of the staff-tree family
chiaroscuro	kē är'ə skyöör'ō	N	the distribution of light and shade in a picture
succedaneum	suk'si dā'nē əm	N	a substitute
prosopopoeia	prō sō'pə pē'ə	N	personification, as of inanimate things
pocourante	pō'kō köö ran'tē	N	a careless or indifferent person
autochthonous	ō tok'thə nəs	Adj	aboriginal; indigenous
appoggiatura	ə poj'ə töör'ə	N	an embellishing note falling on the beat and resolving to a main melodic note
stromatolite	strō mat'l it'	N	a laminated calcareous fossil structure
scherenschnitte	'shārən ,shnitə	N	the art of cutting paper into decorative designs
stichomythia	,sti-kə-'mi-thē-ə	N	dialogue delivered by two actors in alternating lines
feuilleton	\,fə-yə-'tōn, ,fər- ,fœ-\	N	a novel printed in installments
gesellschaft	gə-'zel ,shäft	N	community, society characterized by a particular relationship
schistosomiasis	\,shis-tə-sō-'mī-ə-səs\	N	severe endemic disease of humans in Africa and Asia
zygapophysis	\,zī-gə-'pä-fə-səs\	N	an articular processes of the neural arch of a vertebra

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xylophagous	\zī-'lä-fə-gəs\		Adj feeding on or in wood
kikastocracy	\,kakā'stäkrəsē\	N	government by the worst people
dithyramb	DITH-ih-ram	N	a usually short poem with an inspired wild strain
hyperpyrexia	\,hī-pər-pī-'rek-sē-ə\	N	exceptionally high fever
glossopharyngeal	\,glä-sō-'fer-ən-'jē-əl-, gló-, -fə-'rin-j(ē-)əl-\	N	pertaining to the tongue and pharynx
exophthalmos	\,ek-säf-'thal-məs, -säf-, -söp-\	N	abnormal protrusion of the eyeball
achondroplasia	\,ā-'kän-drə-'plā-zh(ē-)ə\	N	a form of dwarfism
cymotrichous	sahy-mo-truh-kuh s	N	having wavy hair
vivisepture	vivi-septure \ ,vivə+\	N	burying alive
prospicience	pro-spi-cience \ prō'spishən(t)s\	N	looking forward; foresight



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