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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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Word	Pronouncer	Part of Speech	Definitions
mayonnaise	may·on·nāz	N	dressing made of raw egg yolk, oil, vinegar and seasonings
camouflage	cam·ou·flāz	N	concealment of personnel or materiel from an enemy
vasculature	ˈvaskyələ, chū (ə) r	N	the arrangement of blood vessels in an organ
fusillade	fu·sil·lade	N	a discharge from a number of firearms
annihilation	əˈnīlā shən	VB	nullify, to cause to be of no effect
surveillance	sur·veil·lance	N	close observation
grotesquely	grō tesk·ly	ADV	fanciful, bizarre
narcissistic	nar·cis·sis·tic	adj	excessive admiration or love of oneself
beleaguered	bəˈlēgə (r) ed	VT	trouble, harass
guillotine	guil·lo·tine	N	a cutting instrument, often used to behead prisoners
cathode	ˈka,thōd	N	the positive terminal of a galvanic cell
macadamia	mac·a·da·mia	N	nut from an Australian tree
hallucinate	həˈlūsˈnāt	VB	to affect with visions or imaginary perceptions
unsheathe	un + ˈshēṭh	VT	to draw from or as if from a scabbard
cummerbund	cum·mer·bund	N	a broad pleated sash, esp. one worn as formal dress
15	cum·mer·bund		

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cappuccino	/ˌkəpəˈtʃɛnō/ cap·puccino	N	hot espresso coffee with foaming steamed milk added
hypostasis	hīˈpəstəsəs 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	/ˈtʃʰɛtnē/ chut·ney	N	pungent relish made of fruits, spices, herbs
stomatal	ˈstäməd·l sto·ma·tal	ADJ	of, or relating to plant stomata
algorithm	/ˈalgəˌriTHəm/ al·go·rithm	N	a mathematical rule or procedure for solving a problem
subphylum	sub + ˈfīlɪm sub·phy·lum	N	a category in biological classification
serendipity	ser·en·dip·i·ty /ˌserənˈdipədē/	N	Making providential discoveries by accident
aeronautic	ˈa (ə) rō nooirˈno d· 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 ˈal-bə-ˌtrɒs	N	a large web-footed bird
soliloquy	so·lil·o·quy ˌsə-ˈli-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-ˈte-sə-mə	ADJ	immeasurably small

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hollandaise		N	a creamy sauce of butter, egg yolks, and lemon
	hol·lan·daise \ , hä-lən-'dāz		
kielbasa		N	smoked Polish sausage
	kiel·ba·sa \ kēl-'bä-sə		
lithoglyph	`lithə, glif	N	an engraved stone
	lith·o·glyph		
perestroika		N	program of economic & political reform in the Soviet Union
	per·e·stroï·ka \ , per-ə-'ströi-kə		
dyssodia	də'sōdēə	N	a small genus of prairie herbs
	Dys·so·dia \ də'sōdēə\		
pumpernickel		N	a coarse, dark, slightly sour bread made of unbolted rye
	pum·per·nick·el \ 'pəm-pər-, ni-kəl		
mesocnemic	me zō nēmik	ADJ	of a shinbone
	me·so·cne·mic		
pulverize		V	to reduce to dust or powder by pounding or grinding
	pul·ver·ize \ 'pəl-və-, rīz		
boucharde	bü'shard	N	a tool for roughening or furrowing the surface of marble
	bou·charde		
Rottweiler		N	large, powerful German-bred dog
	rott·wei·ler \ 'rät-, wī-lər		
subjacency	səb'jās'nsē	N	the quality or state of being lower than not directly below
	sub·ja·cen·cy		
occipital		adj	dealing with the back part of the head or skull
	oc·cip·i·tal \ äk-'si-pə-təl		
theophobia	thē(,)ō + fōbēə	N	dread of the wrath of God.
	theo·phobia		
crepuscular		adj	relating to twilight
	cre·pus·cu·lar \ kri-'pə-skyə-lər		
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-, tūd	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, shpräkə\	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 woman
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-'kā-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	efI jē \ ef-fi-gy	N	a representation or image, esp. sculptured, as on a monument
encephalitis	en sefə lītis \ en·ceph-a-li-tis	N	inflammation of the substance of the brain.
amyloid	am·y·loid \ 'a-mə-, loid	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-sʰnt	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-'kār-nə-, dīn	Adj	color (something) crimson
hippopotamus	hip'ə pot' ə məs	N	large African mammal, hairless with thick body and short legs
fulguration	ful·gu·ra·tion \ ,fūl-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 shell
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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'I tānt dil·et·tante	N	a person who takes up an activity or subject merely for amusement
Ichneumon (<i>iknoome</i>)	ik nōō' mən	N	also called the African mongoose
xiphoid	xi·phoid \ 'zī-, fōid	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'fō əs mel-lif-lu-ous	ADJ	sweetly or smoothly flowing

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xenogamy		N	type of flower, fertilization
	xe·nog·a·my \ zə' nāgəmē\		
mezzanine	mez'ə nēn'	N	the lowest balcony or forward part of such a balcony in a theater.
	mez-za-nine		
pachyderm	pak'I dûrm'	N	any large, thick-skinned, hooped mammal, as the elephant
	pach-y-derm		
piranha	pi răn' yə	N	small South American freshwater fish with sharp interlocking teeth
	pi-ra-nha		
zounds	\ 'zaun(d)z	Interjection	an expression of surprise or indignation
svelte	sfelt	ADJ	slender, esp. gracefully slender in figure; lithe.
	\ 'svelt		
tamarind	tam'ə rind	N	the pod of a large tropical tree
	tam-a-rind		
sanguinary		Adj	involving or causing bloodshed
	san·gui·nary \ 'saŋ-gwə-, ner-ē		
tempestuous	tem pes'chōō əs	ADJ	characterized by or subject to tempests; tumultuous
	tem-pes-tu-ous		
rapscallion		N	a mischievous person
	rap·scal·lion \ rap-'skal-yən		
insouciance		ADJ	free from concern, worry or anxiety; carefree
	in·sou·ci·ance \ in-'sü-sē-ən(t)		
Eudaemonism		N	A system of ethics aimed at producing happiness
	eu·dae·mo·nism \ yü-'dē-mə-, ni-zəm		
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	N	an addition to something more important; added thing; accessory
	ap·pur·te·nance \ ə-'pərt-nən(t)s		

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etymology	et·y·mol·o·gy \ , e-tə-'mä-lə-jē	N	The origin of a linguistic form
Fibromyalgia	fī'brō mī al'jə fi-bro-my-al-gia	N	a chronic disease marked by fatigue, muscular pain
Xenogenesis	zen'ə jen'ə sis xen-o-gen-e-sis	N	generation of offspring different from the parent
perichondrium	pēr'ikōn'drēəm per-i-chon-dri-um	N	The fibrous membrane covering the surface of cartilage
totipalmate	tō'tipāl'māt'	ADJ	Having webs connecting each of the four anterior toes, as in pelicans
zygodactyl	zī'gəḍāk'təl zy-go-dac-tyl		Having two toes projecting forward and two backward
Borborygmus	bōr.bə.rig.məs bor-bo-ryg-mus	N	A rumbling of the intestines.
Thromboembolism	throm'bō em'bə liz'əm N throm-bo-em-bo-lism		blockage of a blood vessel by a thrombus in the blood stream
syringomyelia	sə ring'gō mī ē'lēə V sy-rin-go-my-e-li-a		spinal cord disease in which fluid-filled cavity replaces nerve tissue
encephalomyelitis	en sef'ə lō mī'ə lī'tis N en-ceph-a-lo-my-e-li-tis		Inflammation of the brain and spinal cord
adamantine	ad·a·man·tine \ , a-də-'man-, tēn	ADJ	utterly unyielding or firm; hard
bacteriorhodopsin	bac·te·ri·o·rho·dop·sin \ bak-, tir-ē-ə-rō-'dāp-sin	N	a protein complex that contains retinal
cinemicrography	cin·e·micrography	N	the cinematographic recording of microscopic pictures
domiciliary	do·mi·cil·i·ary \ , dā-mə-'si-lē-, er-ē	ADJ	taking place in one's home
endonuclease	en·do·nu·cle·ase \ , en-dō-'nü-klē-, ās	N	enzymes that degrade DNA

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