

DIFFICULTY
LEVEL

ONE BEE





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School Spelling Bee Study List

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|----------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| wide | last | sprung | china | bonnet | wallet |
| part | well | zoomed | stopped | rodeo | focus |
| mink | mess | large | also | salad | circus |
| tummy | left | closed | floor | cousin | aware |
| goods | rush | plates | frames | camera | mango |
| nook | gone | matching | studied | wrenches | firmly |
| jelly | drill | track | spikes | goggles | imagined |
| slow | meet | chart | speech | inflate | reveal |
| tufts | lid | bread | shoe | single | ached |
| cold | lisp | clock | prize | polish | fabric |
| lane | post | crusts | smug | dolphin | detour |
| son | bent | pain | rapids | skiing | impolite |
| same | mice | loud | slide | Texas | squiggles |
| much | rope | flapped | goals | mumble | because |
| deer | logs | cell | shelter | direct | teachers |
| silk | hat | cheese | creak | detail | ordinary |
| cove | swim | beak | gutter | alas | capture |
| thing | read | cog | booth | barrels | feline |
| try | upon | poor | frankly | clerks | gusto |
| duckling | idea | power | knot | forty | kitchen |
| mask | singing | foam | search | embers | |
| hike | kites | clutch | crouched | paddles | |
| car | feet | knife | found | whiskers | |
| rage | must | place | gloves | condition | |
| gift | turning | oil | pretty | slumped | |
| very | wanted | gushed | baskets | blurted | |

Great Words, Great Works Reading Program

Each year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee publishes our School Spelling Bee Study List to help students prepare for classroom and school-level spelling bees. These words come from a list of books carefully selected by the Bee's editorial team. That list of books is called Great Words, Great Works. Find it at spellingbee.com/book-list.



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Words of the Champions

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|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| gradual | bedlam | gargantuan | gimmick | monopolize | target |
| ferocious | shortfall | salsa | flannel | water | angora |
| frequently | cowlick | chaotic | cucumber | marathon | snippet |
| permission | opinionated | shrimp | McMansion | omission | ascribe |
| towel | slogan | mandate | janitor | newbie | hodgepodge |
| sundae | triumphant | turret | lionize | spreadsheet | verbiage |
| ornament | parenthetic | pigeon | headdress | badger | nephew |
| rooster | listener | satellite | ludicrous | fortification | imbibe |
| scold | guardian | parasite | pear | hydra | savvy |
| organza | dwindled | favorite | system | grouse | reckon |
| fragile | fraught | OR *favourite | pedigree | manta | boorish |
| galaxy | sturdy | cascade | empty | astonish | tarmac |
| complaint | treadmill | dandelion | amulet | fashionista | iteration |
| curries | originate | famous | guess | stubble | nurture |
| tennis | **forfend | pristine | magician | genius | volcano |
| grumbling | OR forefend | golden | carrot | nuance | forensics |
| garlic | eavesdrop | modesty | meteor | stencil | miraculous |
| hula | January | amphibian | distraught | penguin | trendy |
| reactionary | scruple | jealousy | freight | freckle | permafrost |
| muscular | moxie | remedial | honeybee | blooper | iceberg |
| drizzle | winnow | vouch | blemish | misconception | cactus |
| accurate | incentive | trivia | crumpet | lambkin | nationalism |
| studio | admirer | shoulder | blizzard | chowder | leeway |
| illusionist | emotional | zebra | squirm | sunflower | pilferer |
| genetic | chia | butterscotch | harmonious | lambasted | rollicking |
| levity | raspberry | apron | lawyer | volumetric | quart |
| moisture | bogus | beagle | valiant | flattery | lactose |
| toughness | recoup | kidney | purse | simmer | domineering |
| tasteless | bookworm | wistful | raisin | whisk | onion |
| astute | veteran | raven | trumpet | bathtub | abandon |
| turtle | erase | fructose | bias | fantastically | vault |
| Pinkerton | downcast | Amazon | lettuce | failure | junior |
| fortune | spinal | companion | shamrock | tolerable | hamlet |
| sluggard | demolition | panorama | Americana | mosquito | jubilant |

In Good Company

When it comes to spelling bee participants, the more the merrier! In fact, more than 11 million spellers participate each year in qualifying spelling bees throughout the country and around the world.

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**preferred spelling



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| thawed | mince | puzzles | Yankee | teaspoon | wafer |
| uncle | bubbly | scumble | dim sum | worrywart | software |
| dawdle | graham | extinct | moose | developer | factoid |
| mogul | headlong | jersey | cuckoo | shopaholic | marvelous |
| troll | timber | trapezoid | dilemma | magma | OR marvellous |
| kindred | medallion | dillydally | outrageous | briefcase | evince |
| tantrum | maximum | haggle | silver | deputy | season |
| science | clover | sword | fedora | mangrove | horizon |
| cement | casino | mastiff | wildcat | enfranchise | arborio |
| venomous | distinctive | cooperate | monstrosity | kiln | cartoon |
| plaintiff | mister | merchandise | sofa | webisode | dough |
| mayhem | warning | melted | eggplant | kangaroo | emperor |
| thicket | useful | apology | kosher | Romeo | utterable |
| gymnastics | difficult | carnival | minority | emerge | leniency |
| island | mischief | buffoonery | default | twitchy | frivolous |
| peacenik | talent | intellectual | heroic | arrogant | potato |
| ounce | kiwi | tickled | bombard | normative | wholehearted |
| memorandum | publish | domino | furtive | homework | metadata |
| bother | mutter | ignite | journal | mildew | farewell |
| missile | sedentary | legacy | tulip | pattern | hypnotic |
| munchkin | divine | splurge | myself | coffee | jewel |
| banana | lexicon | neigh | marine | botch | tangible |
| furnace | bristle | cabbage | cloudy | receptacle | nourish |
| foothills | daresay | erode | cricket | bagpipe | vulpine |
| tongue | owlishly | formalize | motto | bonfire | aloha |
| caterpillar | criminal | OR *formalise | torch | abruptly | entrance |
| wasp | recipient | anyway | pamper | bushel | kindergarten |
| kudos | strong | isolation | pleasant | skedaddle | restaurant |
| alpha | canteen | measly | robin | toddler | excavating |
| shebang | aviation | apprehensive | historical | everglades | dodge |
| tibia | lucky | zither | rules | pellet | iota |
| hazelnut | rocket | invoke | geometric | klutz | gelato |
| votive | reflect | upshot | villa | envoy | hankering |
| storm | scent | climate | midriff | postpone | esteem |

Cruising the Airwaves

The first broadcast of the Bee wasn't on television — it was on radio! It wasn't until 1946 that it was first televised.

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| knack | restive | infiltrate | contraction | rabid | redemption |
| satisfactory | various | skirmish | scooter | teenagers | zygote |
| barefoot | giggle | constituent | acceptance | peat | lithium |
| trope | bowie | flounder | rugby | harrowing | docket |
| knock | teemed | cleave | shore | hobble | rubric |
| whittle | soppiness | millionaire | yippee | peddle | Hawaiian |
| joyful | bask | concrete | wand | effortless | pendragon |
| genuine | lateral | slurry | Merlin | moped | eggcorn |
| recluse | usher | heiress | carnation | groats | tabulate |
| shield | prone | reign | neaten | Highlands | cidery |
| tiger | selfie | spectral | depose | ***retriever | puritan |
| romaine | skydiving | dialect | frock | anime | caboodle |
| migraine | memes | heist | camcorder | regiment | Godspeed |
| oasis | nuggets | avenue | gossip | sterling | Thailand |
| navigator | frailty | pending | version | bootless | pepita |
| humane | sweltering | ewe | fluid | forgeable | lithophone |
| polenta | scrounge | stagestruck | vlogging | transmissibility | tai chi |
| delicacy | praise | standee | diversity | gridiron | parasol |
| noggin | scripture | sailage | spangled | summoned | screeno |
| background | ulna | yoo-hoo | barbie | applicable | provenance |
| thistle | fellowship | profiteer | delta | isms | ouster |
| althorn | amass | kernel | handyman | tentacled | Dudley |
| Spaniel | missive | tawny | stewardship | exude | dicey |
| kilt | jitterbug | scalp | gruel | bermudas | turken |
| whirlybird | kennel | scrapple | groom | amusement | riddance |
| Hungary | heavenly | nominee | trice | baptismal | repentant |
| welding | shindig | martial | brick | postural | manacle |
| aforsaid | melody | acumen | privet | refrigerant | Amish |
| varnish | membership | infirm | debunk | surly | unremitting |
| spindle | oblong | bleary | ballad | scornfully | condiments |
| wheedle | yammer | attitude | chide | leaven | vaccination |
| whelp | whereas | besech | atonement | blurb | floridly |
| yonder | coercive | sunseeker | citation | elasticity | obsolete |
| riffraff | bailiff | cornily | hardtack | quantify | kodak |

Back in D.C.

Mark your calendar! The Scripps National Spelling Bee will take place May 30 - June 3, 2022, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Oxon Hill, Maryland, near Washington, D.C.

***Beginning at this point, all the words remaining in the One Bee section are new to the 2022 version of *Words of the Champions*.



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| terrarium | optician | bungee | joinery | cinderella | punily |
| posterity | gelatinous | periwinkle | literally | league | Bengal |
| statusy | gotcha | entreat | medusa | repercussion | evacuees |
| mambo | capitalist | peninsular | unchristened | astounding | linguistics |
| putrid | respite | flipperling | buzzworthy | hijab | pulpit |
| FLOTUS | eighth | fleeciness | recumbent | donatee | plummet |
| insomnia | Shetland | escapade | tiffany | parvo | addle |
| incompetent | causal | handle | musketeers | apparel | |
| Disneyfication | hologram | gumption | windbaggery | squeamish | |
| congeniality | spiteful | mortician | proposal | Oceanian | |
| intertidal | snitch | homesteader | weaponry | charitable | |
| solitude | maternity | nitrate | deceitful | physical | |

A Big-Time Spellebrity

If you've watched the Bee before, you've probably seen his face. You've definitely heard his voice. We're talking about the official pronouncer of the Bee, Dr. Jacques Bailly. He won the Scripps National Spelling Bee in 1980 and took up the role of pronouncer in 2003.