



DIFFICULTY LEVEL: ONE BEE

School Spelling Bee Study List

punting	seal	ash	filters	beeswax	holler
crowd	twirled	flame	cone	social	billboard
secret	admit	grits	never	behold	chicken
fumble	grown-ups	cliff	silly	mix	puppets
pond	pieces	hem	Monday	drool	waited
health	brass	candles	grub	understand	finish
pardon	onshore	brim	hook	sound	cheer
shake	stunts	plot	number	benches	twisty
kiddo	deny	desk	cooking	shrugged	chips
proof	jolly	bobcat	amazed	still	scoop
gorp	powder	polo	collect	pranks	rover
town	walnut	roller	local	smiled	forgive
bingo	sawdust	stark	proper	peach	ribbon
clever	flustered	drum	basement	pie	shoo
inside	barber	snarl	ripple	size	greedy
reply	chimes	argue	feats	hall	beam
frozen	cabin	loppers	plumbing	jangled	crew
special	faint	petal	stubborn	chain	crate
film	manger	giant	adrift	workhorse	hotel
results	peppermint	sniffle	sweeten	antennas	stray
soda	broth	mouth	neon	honest	

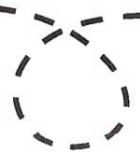
Great Words, Great Works Reading Program

Each year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee publishes its 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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gallop	luggage	pulse	utensils	wily	gabled
dinosaur	ramparts	cottage	depot	rookie	settle
brought	vinyl	garland	incident	transparencies	somber
ancient	anemometers	gnaw	brambles	hazmat	OR sombre
earthquake	dainty	comfort	trifecta	Antarctic	tampered
tapestry	buckle	caroling	shingle	perfume	loyal
delivery	vividly	OR carolling	mason	plaiting	remarkable
attagirl	briny	foolishness	avoid	writers	joists
salamanders	pavement	constellation	static	series	scrambling
disembark	garnet	sundering	samples	audience	inspector
usual	furrow	junction	modern	insubstantial	distressed
challenge	sprawl	exploits	chalk	staggered	smudge
cahoots	museum	rabble-rouser	concentrate	assistance	throttle
oozing	wren	profound	proud	sanitized	perfection
Mars	legend	wreath	expiration	diminished	capable
pelican	transistor	profile	batteries	organist	gadgets
drastic	amplify	untoward	centuries	operator	channel
yoga	security	memorial	differed	Louisiana	chisel
burlap	refrain	industrial	fearsome	perpetual	chimney
blazer	tactics	barrier	fiercest	blustery	minnow
trombone	shepherd	gratingly	residence	molars	domain
trembling	Angus	brayed	abated	arrange	shuffle
calmed	mulish	Harlem	scattering	dissolved	carpenter
police	rivalry	messenger	toppled	extremely	pruners
certain	siblings	beacons	vane	plastic	parcel
barograph	chestnut	generation	vortices	multiplication	squawk
charred	minivan	coverage	turbulent	middle	Sheetrock
Pakistan	plaid	deters	obstacles	reasonable	trowel
pressure	tissue	Nepal	continental	closet	nervous
surmised	scoundrel	disinfectant	deportment	investigation	spirit
teak	amino	campaign	exhibits	accident	equator
transit	menthol	starvation	agricultural	discussion	evidence
cannonade	Tabasco	gamma	momentous	confused	solar
appetite	obvious	spleen	disturbance	microwave	explore

Our Purpose

The purpose of the Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.



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distance	tarry	mutate	confection
fault	entity	commonplace	autographs
colonists	archives	gingerbread	withers
prudence	commotion	hunky-dory	petite
assembly	vacancy	dispute	station
sheriff	beatboxing	episode	

Eight Times the Fun

In 2019, eight spellers made Bee history and inspired a neologism: "Octochamps!" At about midnight on the night of the Finals, the dictionary admitted defeat to what the Bee declared "the most phenomenal assemblage of spellers in the history of this storied competition." Rishik Gandhasri, Erin Howard, Saketh Sundar, Shruthika Padhy, Sohum Sukhatankar, Abhijay Kodali, Christopher Serrao and Rohan Raja ended the 2019 Bee in an eight-way tie.



DIFFICULTY LEVEL: THREE BEE

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lacrosse	calamitous	apprentice	badminton	Madagascar	commodore
McIntosh	dropsonde	reluctant	bayonet	exposure	playwright
ignoble	proclamation	heritage	currycomb	parachuted	senile
diaphoresis	hokum	sojourner	haughty	periodically	laryngitis
kurta	colossal	derogatory	hesitate	intriguing	proximo
Hyperion	coltan	palsy	opportunity	absorptive	**guerrilla
Geiger	squadron	Lascaux	Apollo	incomprehensible	OR guerilla
thermohaline	marinate	synesthesia	accordance	Merrimack	Giza
gannet	anagrams	OR synaesthesia	atmospheric	Sinai	fixity
palladium	verandas	nefarious	levees	asparagus	jodhpurs
brevet	OR verandahs	halogens	precariously	solace	hydrargyrum
pamphlet	Himalayan	gallium	proportionate	argyria	carborane
palindrome	aspersions	smelters	suffused	guanine	denouncement
visite	culminate	hymnal	accelerates	xylol	Columbia
satsuma	helium	tartaric	coincidence	therapeutic	misdeameanor
stirrups	steeplechasing	bindi	prestigious	tumultuous	OR
Connemara	Teflon	Haitian	emphatic		*misdeameanour
abundance	bantam	divan	contaminated		

Our Namesake

Although the first national spelling bee occurred in 1925, it wasn't until 1941 that Scripps-Howard Newspapers, now known as The E.W. Scripps Company, assumed leadership of the program.

*chiefly British spelling
**preferred spelling