

difficulty level: one bee



school spelling bee study list

The first, second and third-grade words from the 2024 School Spelling Bee Study List.

sky
wow
hug
snap
tape
sips
hard
why
first
tide
bow
back
find
name
oops
more
toss
chin
park
bike
nest
rude
deal
store
roads
cool
wake
vase
tune
coat
four
block

verb - to put one's arms around and press tightly.

heap
ladder
tug
spoon
spark
later
hair
open
this
his
May
grid
wag
near
zip
rug
dots
pat
pole
snake
mound
smaller
grand
gross
wish
stove
join
state
enter
blank
give
other

bedroom
branch
letter
spring
dance
front
roast
brave
bright
scream
river
bride
stall
point
wedding
little
doctor
peel
snack
notebook
brain
pride
dear
live
tubes
cloth
gazed
mile
float
snail
second
drew

noun - the portion of the central nervous system in vertebrates that makes up the organ of thought.



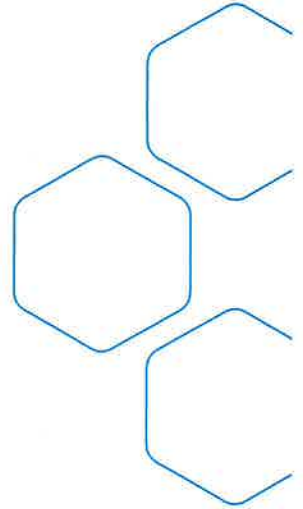
in good company

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.

stood
nagged
scan
glue
ground
shower
endless
plunger
fireworks
dazzle
climb
April
subway
broken
stew
shall
flowers
angry
create
drooped
cluttered
bursting
edge
glasses
gently
crown
shutters

corner
barely
able
present
clearly
really
overcome
sketch
evening
again
finally
thumbs
glittery
together
while
mother
worth
solve
credit
steel
pour
anybody
whisper
Thursday
music
wears
thoughts

verb – to speak softly,
especially with the aim
of preserving secrecy.



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 Great Words, Great Works, a list of books carefully selected by the Bee's editorial team. Find it at spellingbee.com/book-list.

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The fourth, fifth and sixth-grade words from the 2024 School Spelling Bee Study List. Words with a single asterisk (*) indicate a primarily British spelling. Words with a double asterisk (**) are the preferred spelling.

bronze		pouch		ambush
flea		outfits		squire
buckeye		sewing		submerged
sudsy		transform		saucer
antlers	—● plural noun – horns of animals of the deer family, typically present only in the male.	marble		gloaming —● noun – twilight : dusk.
dapper		gallon		engulf
stroll		fitting		graduate
crest		plaza		fascinated
bestie		yesterday		composition
cereal		nighttime		wisdom
silence		putty		ourselves
fury		glumly		invisible
howdy		ignore		completely
important		improve		poisonous
popovers		Internet		intimidate
thousand		pantry		drawers
razor		hungrily		disdain
roughly		confident		deliberately
drawl		vision		spacious
oddity		diamond		forearms
insult		stitchery		gratitude
valley		fiddlehead		appreciation
gather		hobbit		devotion
dessert		doughnut		inscription
stagecoach		OR donut		inventory
peaceful		precious		wheezy
ailment		wafting		possible
combat		occupy		replace
rotten		Afrobeat		crookedly
expressway		termite		fragrant
practice**		insulation		fowl
OR practise		intertwine		responsible
squash		recital		awfully
amused		furniture		manual

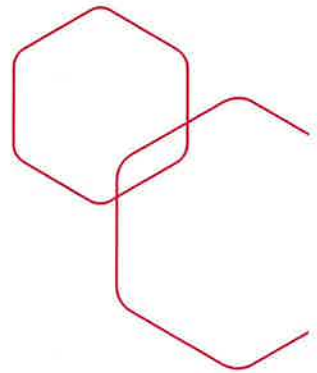


who knew?

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's largest and longest-running educational program.

thorax
tostones
bunions
bamboozled
Oman
flummox**
 OR flummix
 OR flummux
inscrutable
serenity
congregation
sentinel
Arctic
fluke
captain
delegation
verve
Vaseline
gastritis
platypus
salute
mantel
 OR mantle
amphitheater
desecration
diode
mischievous

bionic
syllables
sultanate
turban — noun - a headdress consisting of a long cloth that is wrapped around a cap or directly around the head.
sausage
disgruntled
terrify
quip
information
incubator
droll
vultures
Arabic
Brooklyn
sacred
reindeer
disclaimer
quotation
superior
privilege
fallow
replica
provision
reference
havens
voracious



from around the world

Most spellers at the Scripps National Spelling Bee are from the United States, but spellers also come from Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Canada, Ghana and Department of Defense Schools in Europe.

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Words of the Champions

Organized alphabetically, these words are a great place to continue your journey to mastering *Words of the Champions!* Words with a single asterisk (*) indicate a primarily British spelling. Words with a double asterisk (**) are the preferred spelling. A complete list of the words that were added to this year's study list can be found on page 40.

A

aardvark	affluent	analgesia
aberration	affogato	anchorage
ablation	afghan	ancillary
ablaut	aficionado**	anemic**
abnegation	OR aficionado	OR anaemic
abominable	agalma	anent
abrogate	agate	anglophile
absolution	agave	anhinga
abstemious	agelicism	anicca
academese	aggrandizement	anionic
Acadians	aglossal	anise
accentuate	agnail	ankh
accrual	agonistic	anneal
accumulate	agoraphobia	annuity
acerbity	aioli — noun – garlic mayonnaise.	annulment
achromatic	akimbo	anodyne
acoustic	albeit	anonymity
acquiesce	alimentation	anorak
acral	allergenic	anserine
acuity	allocable	antacid
acumen	allonym	antagonistic
acupuncture	alluvial	anticipatory
adjugate	alma mater	antipathy
adjure	alpestrine	antiquarian
adolescence	althorn	antithesis
adulation	amalgam	anxiety
advocatory	ambrosial	aperture
aerobics	ammonite	apiary
affable	ammunition	aporia
affeer	amygdala	apothecary
affenpinscher	anabolic	apotheosis
affianced	anaglyphy	apparatus
affiliate	analects	approbatory
	analepsis	aqueduct



did you know?

Vocabulary questions were first introduced as part of the Bee on the written test in 2013. Oral vocabulary questions were given at the National Competition for the first time in 2021.

aqueous
aquiclude
arbitrary
arboretum
archaism
archetype
arduous
argot
arietta
armaments
armature
armistice
arpeggio
arraign
arrearrage
art brut
artesian
artifice
asado
ascension
ascetic
Asgard
Asiago
aspish
assailant
assiduous
assumption
assure
asthmatic
astral
astringent
astrobleme
astronaut
Astur
asylum
ataxia
Aten
atlatl
atrabilious
atresia
attaché
attributive
attrition
aubergine
auburn
aughts

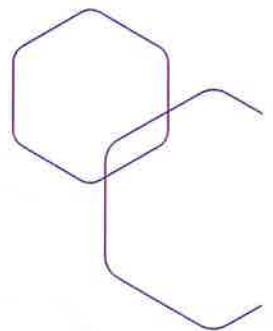
augment
auklet
aureole
auricular
aurora
auspices
austere
avarice
avifauna
avuncular

B

bacteriolytic
ballyhooed
balsamic
bandicoot
bango
bariatrics
baronetcy
basilica
bastion
Bavarian cream
beatific
beguile
Belgravia
Bellatrix
bellwether
beneficent
benison
bereavement
beret
bermudas
beseech
besieged
besmirch
bethesda
bibliopelist
bicameral
bifurcate
bilaterian
bilbo
billabong
billiards
billingsgate
biltong
binomial

biomimicry
bittern
blastema
blastogenesis
blatant
bloviate
bodega
bodkin
boffin
bona fide
bonobo
bonsai
boomslang
boondoggle
borough
bouffant
bowsprit
braille
Brandywine
bravado
breviloquence
bric-a-brac
Brigadoon
Broccolini
brockage
brogue
bromide
brontophobia
bruja
bruxism
bubonic
bucatini
buffa
bulgogi
bulgur**
OR bulghur
bulwark
bumptious
Bundt
buoyancy
bureau
burglariou
burgoo
busby

adjective –
voluminous.



C

cabaret
cadge
caducity
caffeine
caftan
OR kaftan
calcify
callow
calumet
cambio
cameist
campanology
cancion
candelabrum
cannoli
cantankerous
capillary
capnometer
capstan
capsule
carbohydrates
carcinogenic
cardoon
caricature
carnage
carnitas
carnitine
cartilage
Cassandra
cassock
castellated
castigate
Castilian
castor
cataclysmic
catalepsy
catalina
catalyst
cathect
cathode

adjective –
grumpy and
argumentative.

cattalo
OR catalo
caudex
causal
caustic
cauterize
cavalcade
cayenne
cellophane
Celsius
cenotaph
centenary
cerebellum
cetology
chamberlain
chancellor
chaperonage
charcuterie
charismatic
château
chemise
Cheshire cat
chevalier
chide
Chihuahua
chimera
OR chimaera*
chinook
chintzy
cholera
cholesterol
chrysalis
chrysolite
chupacabra
churchianity
churros
ciao
cicada
Cincinnati
circadian
circuitous

circumflex
civet
cladistics
clairvoyance
clandestine
clavichord
clemency
cloture
coalescence
coaxation
codswallop
coercive
coeval
cogently
cogitation
cognizant
OR cognisant*
cohesive
cohosh
coiffure
colic
collectanea
collegiality
colocate
comanchero
comminatory
commiserative
commissioner
commodious
compendium
con forza
concision
conclave
concordance
conduit
Conestoga
confabulation
congeniality
conglutinant
connivery
consecrate



adjectives vs. nouns

“My word ends with an /us/ sound! How do I know which letters to use?”

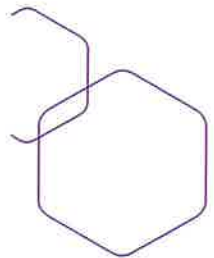
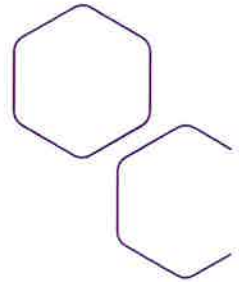
Here’s a hint: Ask for the part of speech. If it’s a noun, try -us; if it’s an adjective, -ous is a safe bet.

consequent
constabulary
consternation
constituent
consul
contemptuous
continuum
contrariwise
contrivance
contumelious
Coptic
cordillera
corduroy
coriander
Corinthian
corn
cornea
cornel
cornucopia
collary
coroner
corpulent
corral
corrosive
corsage
cortex
cozen
credence
credulity
creel
crepuscular
crescive
cribbage
cribble
cribo
crinoline
crith
cruciferous
crustaceans
cryogenic
cudgel
cum laude
cumbersome
cumulus
curmudgeon
cutis

cyanosis
cybernetics
cygnet
cynicism

D
dactylic
Dalmatian
dandle
danseur
danta
darnel
davenport
deathin
debilitate
debutante
deceitful
deceleron
decennial
deciduous
decimation
declamatory
declension
declination
decurion
defiant
deglaciation
déjà vu**
 déjà vue
delectable
deleterious
deliquesce
deltoidal
dementia
demerits
demographics
demonstrative
demulcent
denominator
denticulate
depose
depravity
depreciate
depredation
deprivation
derelict

derisive
deserter
desertification
desolate
desultorily
detritus
deuterium
diacritic
diadem
dialysis
Dianthus
diaspora
diathermy
diatonic
dietetic
dihedral
dilapidated
diligence
diluent
dimorphism
dirigible
discombobulate
discomfiture
discountenance
discreetly
discretionary
disembogue
disjunct
Disneyfication
disparate
disproportionate
dissemble
dissipate
dissonance
distraught
divestiture
dodecahedron
dogana
doldrums
dolma
dolmen
domesticity
domiciled
domineering
dopamine
Dorking



dowager
dowdy
dromic — adjective – of,
relating to, or in the
form of a racecourse.
druid
drumlin
drupiferous
du jour
duchy
duplicitous
durango
dysgraphia
dyspeptic
dystopia

E

ebullience
ectoplasm
eczema
Edenic
educand
efface
effervescent
efflux
effraction
effusive
eggcorn
egress
El Niño
embolus
embryo
emeritus
eminent
emissary
emulsify
en masse
ensconced
ensued
entente
environs
epenthesis
epicurean

epidermis
epidural
episcopal
epithet
epitome
epoch
equilibrium
equinox
equivalent
equivocate
eradicate
ermine — noun – any of
several weasels
that have white
fur in winter.
errata
erroneous
erstwhile
erubescence
eructation
escarpment
eschew
espousal
estuary
ethanol
étude
eucalyptus
eucrasia
euphonious
europium
eustress
Evactor
evacuees
evanescent
evo-devo
evzone
ewer
ex libris
exaugural
excelsior
excision
execrable
exeunt
exiguous

exodus
exogenous
exorbitant
expatiate
expectorant
expostulate
expugnable
expunge
exsect
extant
extemporaneous
extrapolate
extravasate
extrorse

F

facile
factitious
facundity
fajitas
farcical
fardel
farina
farkleberry
Farsi
farthingale
fatuously
fealty
feckless
fecund
feign
fenestrated
fenster
fervorous
festooned
feudalism
fiat
fibula
fictile
Ficus
fiduciary



the first bee

In 1925, the first national spelling bee was organized by the Louisville Courier-Journal with a total of nine spellers. Frank Neuhauser won the championship title after correctly spelling “gladiolus.”

finial
fipple
firkin
fjeld
flagellum
flagon
flambé
flaneur
flavedo
flèche
flittern
Florentine
floribunda
floruit
flotsam
FLOTUS
fluoride
focaccia
follicle
fontina
forbivorous
fortissimo
Franciscan
fratority
fraudulent
frazil
freneticism
Freudian
frison
frittata
froufrou
froward
fructiferous
frugivore
fucoid
fugue
fulgent
fulminate
funambulist
fungible
furcula
fusiform
fussbudget

G

galapago

Gallic
galvanize
gambit
ganache
gasiform
gastronome
gaudery
gaur
gelatinous
Gemini
genealogical
geniture
genome
gentilial
geocaching
geriatric
germane
gibbous
gingivitis
gladiatorial
glareous
glazier
glissando
globular
gluttonous
gnocchi
goji berry
golem
Goliath
goosander
gossamer
Gothamite
grande dame
grandiloquent
grandrelle
graticule
gratis
gravimetry
gravitas
greaves
Gregorian
grissino
groats
grobian
grotesqueness
grouse

noun - ice crystals sometimes similar to slush that are formed in turbulent water.

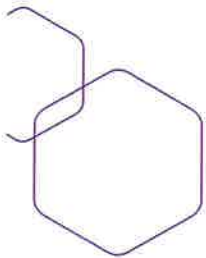
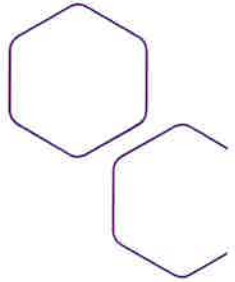
adverb - without charge : free.

gubernatorial
gudgeon
gules
gullibility
gumption
gustatory

H

habeas corpus
habiliments
hackneyed
hagiographer
halibut
Halifax
hallucinate
haplography
harangue
harbinger
harrier
harrumph
Hathor
hauberk
hauteur
Hawaiian
hawok
heinousness
heleoplankton
heliacal
hennery
heptad
hermeneutics
hermetically
herringbone
heterochromia
heterophony
hetman
heuristic
hibernaculum
hierurgical
hinoki
hipsterism
histrionics
Hitchcockian
hoity-toity
holmium
Holocaust

noun - a group of seven people or things.



hologram
Holstein
homeostasis
homester
homiletics
hubris
humerus
humidistat
hummock
Hungary
hydrangea
hydrocortisone
hydrophobia
hydroponic
hypochondria
hypogeous
hypotenuse
hyrax

I

ibex
ibuprofen
Icarian
idiosyncratic
ignominious
illative
illicitly
illustrious
immolate
immortality
impasto
impeachable
impecunious
impediment
imperious
impermeable
impetus
implacable
implicative
impoverish
impresario
impromptu

incinerate
incisiform — adjective — having the form of a tooth adapted for cutting.
incitive
inclement
incoherent
incompetent
incubate
indemnity
indicia
indict
indigent
indistinguishable
indolent
inducement
indulgent
ineffable
ineluctable
ineptitude
inerrancy
ingenuous
ingratiante
inimical
injurious
inoculate
insignia
instigate
insufflator
interred
interrogative
intersperse
intuitable
inveterate
inviolable
iridescent
irrevocable
Isle Royale

J

jactance
jadeite
jalapeño
jambalaya

jarl
jaundiced
jeepney
jettison
jicama
jiggery-pokery
jimberjawed
jingoism
jitney
jocularly — adjective — expressing gladness or triumphant joy.
jubilant
judicious
julienne
Jurassic
justiciable
juvenilia
juxtapose

K

kaiser
kanban
kanji
karst
kerchief
kinesiology
kleptocrat
koto — noun — a long Japanese zither having 13 silk strings.
krausen
krypton
kufi
kugel
kung pao

L

labroid
labyrinthine
laceration
laconic
lacustrine
laity
lambasted
lambently



did you know?

The Scripps National Spelling Bee was featured in the 2002 Academy Award-nominated documentary *Spellbound*.

lambkin
 languorous
 lanolated
 lantana
 lapidary
 larceny
 largesses
 larnax
 lassitude
 latigo
 laudatory
 laureate
 lavender
 legalese
 legato
 legerity
 lemniscus
 leviathan
 liaison
 lidocaine
 limned
 limousine
 limpa
 limpet
 limpid
 limpkin
 lingua franca
 linnet
 linstock
 lithium
 lithophone
 litmus
 lobotomy
 locavore
 loch
 logarithmic
 logographic
 lolled
 longitude
 lorikeet
 lossy
 lousicide
 lovage
 luculent
 ludicrous
 lugubrious
 lumen

noun - a person
 who eats foods
 grown nearby
 whenever possible.

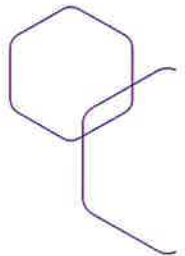
luthier
 lutrine
 luxuriate

M

machination
 mackerel
 macropterous
 macular
 malapropism
 malevolent
 malfeasance
 malingering
 mandrill
 mano a mano
 manumit
 marimba
 marionette
 marring
 marsupial
 mastodon
 matriculation
 mawkish
 McCoy
 Mecca
 medusa
 megalomaniac
 melamine
 melee
 melismatic
 menagerie
 mendacious
 mendacity
 meningitis
 mephitic
 merganser
 meridian
 merino
 mesial
 Mesopotamian
 metaplasia
 metastasize
 metatarsal
 MIDI
 millennial
 millet
 millisecond

millivolt
 minacious
 minestra
 minette
 minuscule**
 OR miniscule
 Miranda
 misnomer
 mitigative
 mitochondria
 mochi
 modiste
 moissanite
 mollify
 monitory
 monochrome
 monture
 moratorium
 mordant
 Moroccan
 morphological
 mortician
 Motrin
 movimento
 muchacha
 mulligan
 Munich
 municipal
 musketeers
 Mylar
 myocarditis
 myoglobin
 myopic
 N
 Namibian
 nanotechnology
 narcoleptic
 nautilus
 Neapolitan
 necrotic
 nectarine
 neonatology
 neoterism
 nepotism
 netiquette
 neuropathy

adjective - lacking
 in foresight or
 keenness of insight.



neuroticism
 Newfoundland
 nexus
 nitrate
 nocive
 noctambulist
 no-goodnik
 nomancy —● noun – divination
 by letters.
 nomenclature
 nomophobia
 nonage
 nonchalance
 nonnegotiable
 nonvolatile
 Norovirus
 Nostradamus
 notoriety
 novemdecillion
 noxious
 nuance
 nubuck
 nuciform
 nucleated
 numerology
 nutation
 nutria
 nuzzer

O

obfuscate
 oblique
 obloquy
 obnebulate
 obsecration
 obsolete
 obstetrician
 obstreperous —● adjective –
 stubborn and
 defiant often
 with a show of
 noisy disorder.
 occipital
 occultation
 Oceanian
 octonocular

octuplicate
 odometer
 officinal
 okapi
 olfactory
 olingo
 ombudsman
 omnilegent
 omniscient
 onus
 oompah
 operose
 opprobrious
 oppugn
 Orion
 orthogonal
 oscitation
 osculatory
 Osloite
 osmosis
 osprey
 ossicle
 ostensibly
 osteopath
 ottoman
 oxalis

P

pagoda
 palatable
 Paleozoic
 palpebral
 palpitant
 panary —● adjective – related
 to breadmaking.
 pancetta
 pancreas
 panegyric
 pantomime
 papyrus
 par excellence
 parabola

parameters
 paraplegic
 parasol
 pariah
 parliamentary
 parochial
 parodic
 parr
 parsimony
 particulate
 parturient
 parvo
 pashmina
 Patagonia
 patella
 pathos
 patronymic
 paucity
 peacenik
 peculate
 pecuniary
 pedantry
 pelagial
 pelerine
 pelf
 pendragon
 pendulous
 penitentiary
 pepita
 per se
 peradventure
 perceptible
 perilous
 periodontist
 peripheral
 periwinkle
 permutation
 perpetrator
 perquisite
 perseverance
 perspicacious



there's a first time for everything

Hugh Tosteson was the first winner from outside of the 50 U.S. states. He lived in Puerto Rico and won in 1975.

persuasive
pertinacity
pestilence
petroleum
phalanges
phenotype
philosophize
phishing
phlebotomy
phoenix
phonetician
phosphorescent
phraseology
phycology
phylum
Pierre
piety
pilaster
pilcrow
pileus
pilferer
pilosity
pilotage
pinnacle
pinnate
pious
pituitary
placoderm
plagiarism
plaintiff
planetesimal
plangency
planisphere
planogram
plantain
plantigrade
plaudits
plenipotentiary
plenitude
plentiful
Plumeria
plutonometry
poblano
podsnappery
Podunk
pointelle
politick

pollutant
polonium
poltroon
polyester
polygenous
polypeptide
polysemy
polysyllabic
pomato
pomegranate
Pomeranian
pomology
pompeii
pomposity
pongee
pontiff
populace
porcelain
porosity
portentous
portico
posada
possessive
posterity
posthumous
postural
potassium
praxis
prehensile
prelapsarian
preponderance
preposterous
preprandial
presentient
prespinous
prevenient
prima donna
primeval**
OR primaeval
primogeniture
princeps
privatim
privet
probative
procurement
prodigious

profligacy
profundity
proletarian
proliferate
prolix
prolusive
promontory
propinquity
proprietary
proprioceptive
prorogue
prosody
protectorate
protuberant
provenance
proviant
provincial
proviso
psychoanalysis
puchero
pugilist
pugnacious
pulchritude
purvey
pyrite
pyrotechnics

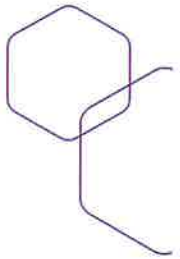
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quadriceps
quadrilateral
quadrillion
qualms
quid pro quo
quiddity
quinary
quince
quintessential
quirt
quittance
quotidian
QWERTY

noun – the ultimate form or the essential nature of something.

R

rabato
rabbinic
rambla
rambunctious



ramifications
 ramson
 rankles
 rapscallion
 raptorial
 rasorial
 raucous
 reagent
 realgar
 realm
 Realtor
 rebarbative
 reboation
 recipient
 reciprocity
 reconcilable
 reconnoiter**
 OR reconnoitre
 recreant
 recriminatory
 recumbent
 recusancy
 redolent
 refrigerant
 refugium
 regalia
 reggae
 regicide
 regnal
 regurgitate —●
 reimbursable
 reminiscent
 remonstrance
 remuda
 remuneration
 renegotiate
 renitency
 reparations
 repartee
 repentant
 repercussion

verb - to bring,
 forcefully impel,
 or pour back out
 again.

repository
 reprieve
 reprisal
 Requiem
 requisition
 resilience
 resplendence
 restitutory
 résumé
 resuscitate
 retinol
 retinoscopy
 retrocedence
 retrodict
 retrograde
 revenant
 reverberant
 rhapsody
 rhizome
 rhythmically
 ricochet
 rictus
 rigatoni
 ritziness
 rollicking
 Romano
 rosin
 roustabout
 Rubicon
 rudiments
 rugose
 ruminare
 rustication

S
 sabbatical
 sabermetrics
 sabotage
 sacrament
 sacrosanct
 sailage

salience
 saltatory
 sapphire
 sardonic
 sarmentum
 sartorial
 sashay
 saturnine
 sauger
 scarab
 scarlatina
 scenographer
 schism
 schnell
 schooner
 scintillation
 sclerosis
 scrivener
 scrumptiously
 scumble
 scuppers
 scythe
 secant
 secession
 sedentary
 sedge
 sedum
 seethe
 senecio
 seneschal
 senna
 sensei
 septennial
 sepulchral
 sequential
 seraphic
 serrated
 sesame
 settee
 severance
 shaman

archaic or obsolete? not here.

The Bee doesn't include words labeled obsolete or archaic in competition lists, and you won't find any in *2024 Words of the Champions* either. Why? Because they're just not used that often. Words labeled obsolete are found in literature but have not been part of standard English since 1755; words labeled archaic are only used rarely or in special contexts such as prayers or poetry since 1755. Why 1755? That was the year that the first really large and comprehensive dictionary was published in London by Samuel Johnson.

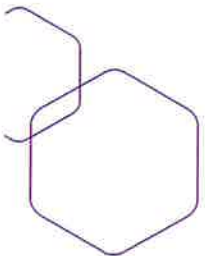
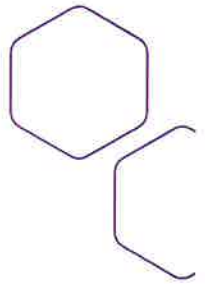
shar-pei
shazam
shebang
sheldrake
shenanigans
Shetland
shirk
shoji
sieve
simpatico
simultaneity
singultus
sirenian
Sirius
slalom
slumgullion
smellfungus
smithereens
snell
sobersides
sobriety
solon
somatotype
somniaquy
soothsayer
sophomoric
soppiness
sousaphone
Spaniel
spathe
speciation
spectrometer
spinosity
spiracle
spirulina
splenetic
sponsalia
spontaneity
sprightliness
sprue
spurious
stagflation
staid
stalwart
stanchion
statistician
statuesque

noun - someone
who tends to find
fault in others.

statusy
stegosaur
steinkirk
OR steenkirk
stellular
steppe
stevia
stigmata
stimuli
stipulate
stratification
stratocracy
stratosphere
striation
stricture
stridency
Styrofoam
subliminal
subluxated
submersible
subrident
subsequent
subsistence
subterranean
subtlety
subversive
succumb
succussion
suet
suffrage
Sumatran
summoned
superficiality
superstitious
supine
supplicate
supremacy
surcease
surety
surmountable
surrealist
suture
sycophant
syllabus
sylph
symmetrical
symposium

syndicate
syntonize
syntrophism
syringe

T
tabernacle
tableau
tabulate
taciturn
tae kwon do
tai chi
talisman
tamworth
tangerine
tantrum
tapioca
tappet
tarantula
tarlatan**
OR tarleton
Tasmanian
taverna
taxonomic
tectonic
teemed
telepathic
telmatology
temblor
temerity
tempestuous
tempura
tenaciously
tenement
tensile
tentacled
tepidity
tercentenary
terminus
terra-cotta
terrarium
tetanus
Thailand
theomachy
theorem
theosophy
theriatrics



thoracic
thoroughbred
thrasonical
thwartwise
thyme
tibia
tiffany
tiffin
Tinseltown
titian
titration
tomfoolery
tommyrot —●
tomography
tongue
toorie
topgallant
topiary
toploftical
toponymic
torsion
tortoise
tosh
toties quoties
toxicosis
tractability
traiteur
transcend
transducer
transhumance
transience
transmissibility
transmontane
transpiration
transposable
trapezoid
travails
treadle
trefoil
trellis
tremulous

noun – complete foolishness or nonsense.

trepanation
trepidation
triage
tributary
trice
tricenary
triceratops
triforium
trigeminal
triglycerides
trillium
triste
trituration
trophic
Truckee
truncheon
tsk-tsked
tubular
tumpline
tungsten
turbinado
turducken
turgor
turken
turophile
turpentine
tussock
tutelage
tutti-frutti
twain
twang
tympanum
typhology

U

ufology
Ukrainian
ulna —●
umbilical
umbrage
una corda

noun – the inner of the two bones of the forearm.

unchristened
unctuous
ungetatable
unilaterally
univocal
unmoored
unremitting
unscathed
untenable
upbraid
upsilon
ursine
usurper
utilitarian
uveal
uvula

V

vaccination
vacillate
vagabonds
vague
vainglorious
valedictorian
valerian
valiant
valuator
vandalize
vanguard
vanquish
vantage
varicose
variegated
Vatican
vaudeville
veganism
vegetarian
vehemence
vehicular
vendage
vener



older than sliced bread

The first national spelling bee was held in 1925. That makes us older than sliced bread, bubble gum and even trampolines.

venerable
vengeance
venial
venomous
ventail
ventricle
ventriloquy
veracity
verbena
verism
veritable
vermicide
vernal
vertigo
vespertine
vestibule
vetiver
vetoed
vicarious
vice versa
vicenary
viceroy
victimology
vigil

vincible
virga
virulence
vis-à-vis
viscosity
vitriolic
volary
OR volery
volatile
volition
volucrine
volumetric
Vulcan —● noun – a worker in metals; especially: a blacksmith.

W
wallaby
Walter Mitty
widdershins —● adverb – counterclockwise.
wilco
wobbulator
woebegone
wolfsbane
wootz

Y
yabbies —● plural noun – small burrowing crayfish that live in most Australian creeks and water holes.
yardang
yawmeter
Yorkshire

Z
zazen
zeitgeist
zeppelin
zirconium
zocalo
zoetic
zoolatry
zowie
zurna —● noun – a traditional Middle Eastern woodwind instrument.
zydeco
zygote



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difficulty level: three bee

school spelling bee study list



The seventh and eighth-grade words from the 2024 School Spelling Bee Study List. Words with a single asterisk (*) indicate a primarily British spelling. Words with a double asterisk (**) are the preferred spelling.

tripe
slakes
Illinois
commandments
contagion
decibels
repose
nondescript
expulsion
Laundromat
pervading
malnutrition
tunic
extravagant
innards
acclimate
recede
indignant
wok
categorically
demure
chasm
hitherto
horticulture
magistrates
sprocket
punctually
dynasty
koi
incense
incited
deficiencies

noun - a state of resting after activity or strain.

incarnated
pews
malicious
interstellar
petticoat
insufferable
spawned
gorilla
quarry
kung fu
steeds
destitution
patronize
OR patronise*
dilute
societal
uncanny
communing
deadpan
arable
surfactant
nitrogen
paralysis
metronome
attorney
snivel
contemptible
altimeter
jugular
insolent
aura
propitious

ellipsis
thyroid
elongated
lasso**
OR lasso
incandescent
bureaucrats
refuge
shoal
perpendicularity
antechamber
jeopardy
sauna
conciliatory
forsook
boba
animatronics
frijoles
minus
senescent
secreted
aspirin
aptitude
Chicana
bilge
simultaneously
Copenhagen
Bunsen burner
defoliant
aerosol
Ramadan**
OR Ramadhan



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photosynthesis
 malignant
 matterhorn
 divot
 pixels
 antonyms
 Trinidadian
 mangels
 nopales
 Gilgamesh —● noun – a legendary Sumerian king and hero of a particular long narrative poem.
 conjunto
 Sumerian
 pinyin
 Taoism**
 OR Daoism
 lymphoma
 scandium
 dendrochronology
 palomino**
 OR palamino
 retinitis pigmentosa
 fens
 haw
 peplos**
 OR peplus
 moira
 Erlenmeyer flask
 Samian
 luciferin
 megaron
 sphagnum
 pronaos

craquelure
 Macao
 OR Macau
 silicon
 Albuquerque
 Mumbai
 turquoise**
 OR turquois
 Assam
 lanthanides
 antimony
 amphoras —● plural noun – ancient Greek jars or vases having large oval bodies, narrow cylindrical necks, and two handles.
 hypocaust
 avens
 grebe
 pipette**
 OR pipet
 leks
 pullets
 Macedonia
 centrifuge
 coleus
 Tetrazzini
 Pleiades
 coccidiosis
 rooibos tea
 Versailles
 meitnerium
 Okefenokee
 Popocatepetl
 Shaanxi

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.



Words that are new this year!

With each edition of *Words of the Champions*, 20% of the words are replaced with brand new words! This includes each year's new School Spelling Bee Study List, but it also includes words at the One, Two and Three Bee levels of *Words of the Champions*. Below is the complete list of this year's newly added words that are not also on the School Spelling Bee Study List. Words with a single asterisk (*) indicate a primarily British spelling. Words with a double asterisk (**) are the preferred spelling.

Please note: These words are included in the full list in the previous pages. We've compiled them here for you for ease of studying.

A

abashed
abject
ablation
aboriginal
abraum
acclaim
acidophilus
acupuncture
addendum
addition
admonition
adnate
advection
affiche
affiliate
agility
agrypnia
alienate
alimentation
analects
anionic
anise
anklet
anneal
anniversary
anomaliped
anosognosia
ape-ape
appetitost
arrearage
Asiago
astronaut
asylee

atrabilious
attrition

B

baccate
bagwyn
become
billingsgate
birdie
bisbigliando
boarders
boffin
Boise
boogie-woogie
Braeburn
breathtaking
Broccolini
broil
bumblebee
busby

C

caducity
caique
calamondin
calcify
calvities
cancion
candid
cardoon
carrageenan**
 OR carrageenin
 OR carragheenin
cathode

catnap
caudex
cello
chamberlain
ciénaga**
 OR cienega
cloture
coach
cogitation
comminatory
commiserative
compelling
concision
confabulation
conglutinant
consideration
convention
copperhead
Coptic
corm
coroner
credit
cynicism

D

daisy
decimation
declination
decurion
delectable
Delmarva Peninsula
dghaisa
diathermy
diatonic

dihedral
dimorphism
disaster
disjunct
diversion
drahthaar
dribbles
dromic
druid
drumlin
dysgraphia

E

eagerly
earmark
editorial
eisteddfod
ellipse
endearing
ensued
epistemology
epixylous
eructation
eucrasia
europium
evzone
excelsior
exeunt
explode
extradition
extraordinaire
extrorse

F

facundity
fadeaway
fardel
farthingale
feeble
fenster

fiat
fictile
finial
fipple
flight
flittern
flummery
folate
folly
foozle
foppery
forbivorous
fribble
fundamental
fusiform
fussbudget

G

gaffer
gaggle
galley
Gallic
gardenesque
gargle
genet
geniture
gizzard
Gondwana
grapple
gravimetry
gravitas
guapena

H

habitual
Hamtramck
hatchet
hennery
henotheism
Hitchcockian

hoagies
holmium
horseradish
howler
hypoathral
hysteresis

I

immortality
incisiform
incitive
income
incubate
indistinguishable
influential
insufflator
Inugsuk

J

jammer
jaundiced
jerboa

K

kazoo
kenning
koji
kriegspiel

L

labroid
laccolith
lambently
langrage
larnax
latigo
limelight
limned
limpet
limpkin



one dictionary to rule them all

The only source for the spelling of words given in the Scripps National Spelling Bee is Merriam-Webster Unabridged (<http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com>).

linstock
lunulae
lustrine

M

macigno
madrigal
Makgadikgadi Pans
marring
metaplasia
Michigander
millet
millisecond
minestra
minette
mockery
modality
modern
modify
monture
morion
muliebrity
musings
myocarditis

N

naricorn
Norovirus
nozzles
nuzzer

O

obsecration
oopuhue
operose
Orinoco
oscitation
ostium
overtures

P

paginate
palooka

pannose
paraplegic
passage
pastime
perciatelli
perianth
periodontist
photovoltaic
piatti
pinnate
plantigrade
plentiful
podsnappery
polygenous
prajna
pralltriller
pratique
prelapsarian
preprandial
primogeniture
proliferate
prolusory
promyshlennik
prosody
proviant
proxy
ptyxis
purvey

Q

quirt
Quito

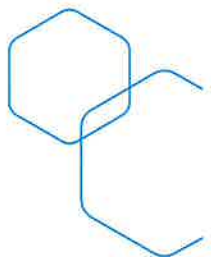
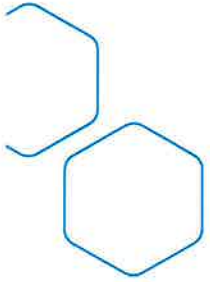
R

rankles
rapparee
rapscallion
rasorial
reagent
recanted
reconsider
recovery
refugium

remuda
renegotiate
renewable
renitency
rigatoni
rosemaling
ruscus

S

sannyasi
sarmentum
scandal
schnell
sci-fi
scobiform
sedum
seller
senna
sensei
sensory
September
shaggy
sloop
snell
solidity
solon
solvency
sorbet
speciation
sponsalia
sprechstimme
stance
steampunk
steinkirk
OR steenkirk
stowaway
stratocracy
Styrofoam
subluxated
subsistence
subversive
succorance
OR succourance*



suffix
Sufi
sybaritic
syntonize
syntrophism

T

tamworth
telmatology
tendency
terra nullius
theosophy
thrift
tikka
tilleul
titration
toastmaster
traiteur
transducer
transpiration
treadle
treasury
triage

trinkets
trophic
tubers
tumpline
tunnel
turducken
tutorial
twain
twang
typhology

U

uppercut
usufruct

V

valerian
veneer
ventail
viceroy
vigil
vinaceous
viscosity

W

Wampanoag
wealthy
whydah**
OR whidah
wimple

Y

yawl
yawmeter
yore

Z

zapateado
Zoetic



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deep
 happy
 bump
 bear
 count
 dunk
 feet
 cold
 alone
 click
 miss
 shirt
 roof
 here
 lamp
 lost
 lunch
 drift
 please
 spill
 tired
 large
 lake
 grab
 juice
 nook
 shops
 spot
 world
 math
 pick
 soap
 tools
 green

muddy
 ripe
 sign
 soup
 warm
 fresh
 learn
 frosty
 crisp
 shape
 splash
 mushy
 group
 spine
 straps
 feast
 eagle
 berries
 caves
 blanket
 catch
 updo
 mule
 glow
 quick
 cotton
 seats
 baseball
 great
 playground
 monster
 enjoy
 jazzy
 jeans

partner
 raindrop
 office
 young
 outside
 poem
 pillow
 steady
 Saturday
 needle
 above
 honking
 strange
 noisy
 video
 timer
 topics
 layer
 token
 control
 summer
 across
 stiff
 running
 field
 behind
 trace
 below
 loose
 spare
 cling
 grins
 giraffe
 groceries

huddling
 jigsaw
 neighbors
 gasped
 mansion
 midday
 powwow
 bazaar**
 OR bazar
 astray
 liquid
 fuel
 massive
 women**
 OR womyn
 chuckle
 handstand
 machine
 leaking
 snazzy
 whee
 welcome
 pretend
 should
 sideways
 muster
 include
 sandwich
 Saturn
 violet
 mighty
 solution
 spiral
 thread



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velvet
 breathe
 taxicab
 report
 cobweb
 rodent
 spying
 showed
 scribbly
 recess
 highway
 reeds
 bolts
 squeeze
 softly
 wriggle
 motion
 terror
 murky
 harvest
 quill
 patio
 braids
 castle
 costume
 wagon
 wrench
 indeed
 gerbils**
 OR gerbilles
 village
 critters**
 OR critturs
 stifle

dimple
 brother
 mistake
 harbor
 OR harbour**
 reunion
 balloon
 promise
 uproar
 Wednesday
 exactly
 severe
 twinkle
 snicker
 stumble
 smock
 natural
 childhood
 nonsense
 bandits
 champion
 superb
 tinge
 outcome
 groves
 ghostly
 convince
 biology
 captive
 streamers
 speckled
 hopscotch
 jumbled
 naughtly

dodgy
 ballerina
 cubism
 interact
 jerky
 diablo
 ablaze
 pivot
 karate
 bowler
 phantom
 locust
 council
 ointment
 Gothic
 midair
 hurricane
 laurel
 lollygag**
 OR lallygag
 vermin
 argument
 wreckage
 dolphin
 infinite
 bittersweet
 fend
 disguise
 membrane
 magnolia
 sensation
 daredevil
 bypass
 oysters

military
 gasket
 biceps
 voyage
 advantage
 applause
 nostrils
 television
 mattress
 soldier
 trousers**
 OR trowsers
 albums
 muscles
 diploma
 harpoons
 rampage
 levitate
 spritzed
 clientele
 anecdotes
 haberdasher
 filigree**
 OR flagree
 catapults
 embroiled
 burro
 guava
 crescendo
 ocelot
 onyx
 demigod
 trek
 teryaki



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- contribute
- hocus-pocus**
- OR hokus-pokus
- narwhal**
- OR narwal
- melancholy
- merfolk
- gargoyles
- pavilions
- skeptical
- OR sceptical
- palette
- ogres
- goatee
- grotesque
- threshold
- flamboyant
- famine
- linoleum
- pesos
- rogue
- amnesia
- fruition
- bygone
- committee
- mirage
- newfangled
- surcharge
- marksanship
- column
- plaque**
- OR plaque
- rebutte
- adversity
- symphony
- aquamarine
- altar
- stylistic
- flailed
- errands
- spree
- steeped
- smattering
- bibliophile
- graphite
- halo
- feisty
- transfixed
- aluminum
- residential
- deposition
- veterinarian
- skiff
- totem
- inferno
- buzzard
- eliminate
- writhes
- mourners
- respiratory
- perpetrate
- intestines
- sanitation
- barren
- lavishly
- suffice
- giddily
- tiff
- leeward
- hurly-burly
- monotone
- parroting
- teche
- gruesome**
- OR gruesome
- tsunami
- anomaly
- banishment
- magenta
- conveyance
- cohort
- kindling
- treachery
- mañana
- squeal
- tersely
- autism
- foyer
- straightforward
- vial
- foist
- Samhain
- crystalline
- sentient
- technicalities
- cranmies
- incorporeal
- Tlingit
- detainees
- delinquent
- grudgingly
- smoldering
- OR smouldering
- karma
- Cyclops
- translucent
- glabrous
- gondolas
- pentameter
- chlorofluorocarbon
- impeccable
- inimitable
- euphoria
- Euphrates
- artificial
- villainous
- ruffian
- buccaneer
- lubbers
- Louis d'or
- ambiguity
- cache
- Madagascar
- catechism
- lieutenant
- cavalier
- circumspectly
- Chernobyl
- algebraic
- hydraulics
- klystron
- fuselage
- grosgrain
- Byzantine
- objet d'art
- séance



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- reticule
- defibrillator
- rookery
- vociferous
- Carmelite
- cascabel
- San Joaquin
- cabeza
- imperator
- physician
- symbolizes
- OR symbolises*
- camouflaged
- piñon
- OR pinyon
- dysfunctional
- creosote
- gravelly
- keening
- probation
- aesthetic**
- OR esthetic
- suffocate
- endowed
- violence
- immunization
- assizes
- stockade
- gallipot
- Olympics
- miscreant
- Aquitaine
- muttonchops
- charade
- relegated
- conspiratorial
- puppeteer
- gullet
- rancid
- consensus
- acommodations
- emblem
- recoil
- upholstery
- effectual
- acquaintance
- fandango
- punchoon
- operant
- infrastructure
- alighted
- Canterbury
- barista
- Choctaws
- prosecutor
- noncommittal
- eulogy
- regales
- psychometry

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