



words of the champions

..... your **key** to the **bee**

howdy, word nerds!



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about this study guide

Do you dream of winning a school spelling bee, or even attending the Scripps National Spelling Bee National Competition? *Words of the Champions* is the official study resource of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, so you've found the perfect place to start. Prepare for a 2023 or 2024 classroom, grade-level, school, district, county, regional or state spelling bee with this list of 4,000 words.

All words in this book have been selected by the Scripps National Spelling Bee from our official dictionary, Merriam-Webster Unabridged (<http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com>).

Words of the Champions is divided into three difficulty levels, ranked One Bee, Two Bee and Three Bee. These are great words to challenge you, whether you're just getting started in spelling bees or if you've already participated in several. At the beginning of each level, you'll find the *School Spelling Bee Study List* words. For any classroom, grade-level or school spelling bee, study the 150-word One Bee *School Spelling Bee Study List*, the 150-word Two Bee *School Spelling Bee Study List* and the 150-word Three Bee *School Spelling Bee Study List*: a total of 450 words.

Following the *School Spelling Bee Study List* in each level, you'll find pages marked "Words of the Champions." Are you a school spelling bee champion or a speller advancing to compete beyond the school level? Study these pages to make sure you're prepared to do your best when these words are asked in the early rounds of competition. And remember, although spelling bees will start with words from this guide, they often end with words you haven't studied.

New this year, at the end of this study resource you'll find games, puzzles and themed lists to help you engage with the words in new ways. Enjoy!

Each year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee will release a new version of *Words of the Champions* featuring 800 new words, including an all-new *School Spelling Bee Study List*.

Your spelling bee journey starts now, and taking the first step toward becoming a star athlete of the English language makes you a Champion. These *Words* are for you.

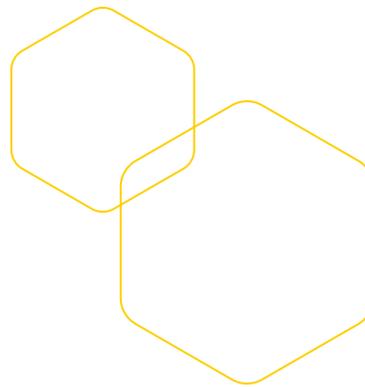
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difficulty level: one bee



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.

difficulty level: one bee



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A

abaft
abandon
abashed
object
aboriginal
acceptance
acclaim
accolade
accomplice
acquit
acrostic
adage
addendum
addition
addle
adhesion
adjective
adjudicate
admonition
adnate
adsum
advection
adversaria
affront
aforesaid
afroth
agility
agitation
algae
alienate
alpaca — noun – a South American mammal that resembles a llama.
alpha
altercation
amass
Americana
amiably
Amish

amnesty
amulet
amusement
ancho
anime
animus
anklet
anniversary
annotate
anoint
ante
anthropology
anyway
apology
apparel
applicable
appraisal
apprehensive
arithmetic
armadillo
astonish
astounding
atomic
atonement
attendee
attitude
auction
auditorium
avalanche
avatar
avenue
aviation
awry

B

bachelorette
backgammon
badger

bailiff
ballad
banana
banquet
baptismal
barbie
bask
become
Bengal
bias
birdie
biscuit
bizarro
blandish
blarney
bleary
bleat
blemish
blink
blizzard
blooper
blurb
boarders
boogie-woogie
bootless
botany — noun – the science of plants.
bother
bountiful
bowie
breathtaking
brethren
brick
bristle
brochure
broil
bubbly
buffet
buffoonery

bumblebee
bungee
burial
buzzworthy

C

cabbage
cactus
cadence
calculator
calendar
camcorder
candid
canoe
canteen
cantor
capacity
capitalist
captivated
caramel
carnation
carnival
carriage
carrot
cashier
casino
casserole
casualty
caterpillar
cathedral
catnap
celebratory
celery
celestial
cello
cement
census
centipede
charioteer
charitable
chastise

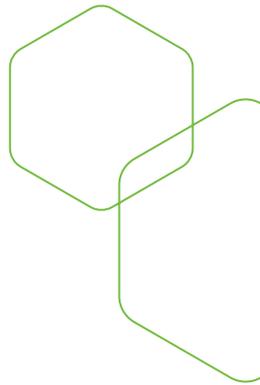
chortle
chowder
churlish
chute**
OR shute

cidery
cinderella
cinematic
citation
clarinet
classical
clearance
cleave
clover
clowder
coach
coalition
cockles
collie
collision
combustible
comedienne
commandeer
comparison
compass
compatriots
compelling
complementary
compartment
composite
conch — noun – an edible marine mollusk with a large spiral shell.
concrete
condemn
condensation
condiments
conference
consideration
contraction
contradictory
contrite
contusion

conundrum
convention
convocation
convoy
cooperate
copperhead
corgi
corkscrew
cornily
cranium
criminal
criteria
crocodile
crumpet
crux
curator
curfew
curio
cushion
cyclone
cymbals

D

daft
daisy
daresay
dawdle
debris
debunk
decor
definitely
delta
derby
designer
dialect
dicey
dictum
difficult
digression
dillydally
disaster



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.

disposition
disrepair
distinctive
diva
diverge
diversion
diversity
divine
divvy
docket
documentary
domino
donatee
downcast
dragoon
dramatization
dreadlocks
dribbles
drivel
Dudley
dumbwaiter
duress
dynamite

noun – a small dotted slab that together with other such slabs is used to play a game.

E

eagerly
earmark
earnestly
eclipse
editorial
eerily
effortless
Egyptian
eighth
Einstein
elaborative
elasticity
elegant
element
elevator
elicitation
eligibility
ellipse
elocution
elucidate
elusive

adjective – hard to catch.

emancipatory
embassy
embezzlement
emblazoned
emerald
empty
encore
encroach
endearing
endure
enervate
engineer
entreat
entrée
entrepreneur
enumerated
enviable
epoxy
erode
eruption
escalator
escapade
essential
establishment
evaluate
evaporation
ewe
exaggerate
excursion
exemplar
exercise
existence
explode
extensive
extinct
extinguish
extracurricular
extradition
extraordinaire
exude

F

fabulist
facade
factorial
fadeaway

fallacy
fanatic
fashionista
feeble
fellowship
felonious
ferret
fervently
fez
fido
fie
filar
filbert
financier
fission
fisticuffs
flabbergast
flashback
flattery
fleeciness
fleetness
flexitarian
flight
flimflammer
flipperling
floridly
flounder
flourish
flout
fluctuation
fluid
flummery
foible
folate
folly
fomentation
foosball
foothills
foozle
foppery
forensics
forfeit
forgeable
formalize
OR formalise*
fortification

noun – a small animal with broad flat limbs adapted for swimming (as a baby seal).

frailty
freckle
freegan
freight
fribble
frisket
frock
frontier
frugal
fundamental
funnel
furnace
futility

G

gab
gaffer
gaggle
gallant
galley
gardenesque
gargle
garniture
gaucho
gazette
genius
genteel
ghastly
giggle
gist
gizzard
glitterati
gnarled
Godspeed
goober
gossip
gotcha
gouge
graham
grandeur

verb – to
laugh in a silly
manner.

graphologist
grapple
gridiron
griefful
groom
gruel
guess
gymnastics

H

habitual
haggle
hamlet
handle
handyman
hangar
haphazard
hardtack
harmonious
harrowing
hatchet
hazelnut
headlong
heavenly
heiress
heist
hermitage
hexagonal
Highlands
hijab
hoagies
hoax
hobble
hollyhock
homage
homesteader
homicide
honeybee
horseradish
hostile

howler
hurriedly
husk
hydra
hydrant

noun – one of the
leaves enveloping
an ear of corn.

I

iceberg
ignite
inclusion
income
infiltrate
infirm
inflammable
influential
inglorious
insomnia
installation
intellectual
intensify
intertidal
intricate
irrigation
irritability
island
isms
isolation

verb – to
set on fire.

J

jammer
jankers
jersey
jitterbug
joinery
junior

noun – a soft
knitted fabric
used for making
clothing, especially
sportswear.

K

kazoo
kennel
kenning



why is it so hard to spell English words?

English consists of originally English words, but it also collected words from other languages and made them part of the English lexicon. With 26 letters and about 44 letter sounds, English is a hodgepodge of letters and sounds that don't always line up. Take the letter 'x,' for example, found in the words "extra," "mix," and "example," or the vowel sound in "weigh" and "way"!

kernel
kilt
kindred
kiwi
knight
knoll
kodak
kudos

noun – praise given for some achievement.

L

labradoodle
lactose
languish
lapel
lateral
lawyer
league
leaven
leeway
legacy
legislature
legitimately
leisure
lettuce
lexicon
liege
ligament
likelier
limelight
linguistics
literally
livid
lucky
lumbar
luminance
lupine

noun – the center of public attention.

M

macaw
macrobiotics
madrigal
magician
mahogany
maidenhair
maize
mambo

manacle
mandate
manta
mantra
marathon
maritime

adjective – of or relating to navigation or commerce on the sea.

marooned
martial
mastiff
maternity
matrimony
mauve
maverick
maximum
mayhem
measly
medallion
melody
melted
membership
memes
memorandum
menial
merchandise
merely
Merlin
meteor
metrical
Michigander
millionaire
mince
minutia
miraculous
mischief
misconception
missile
missive
mister
mockery
modality
modem
modify
modular
mogul
molasses
molecule

monopolize
OR monopolise*
montage
moped
morose
mosaic
mummified
munchkin
musings
mutter

N

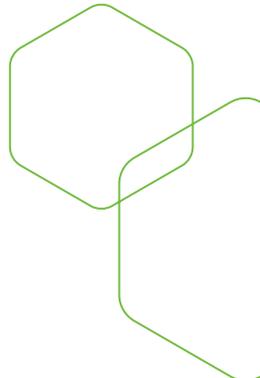
nationalism
neaten
necessity
neigh
nerfing
nervily
newbie
nocturnal
nominee
nonconformist
nozzles
nuggets

plural noun – small usually round-shaped pieces of food.

O

obliterate
oblong
obscure
occupancy
olympiad
omega
omission
onion
optician
optimum
opulent
oracle
orchestra
ordinance
organelle
ounce
ouster
overtures
overweening
owlishly
ozone

adjective – having a shape that is elongated beyond a square or circle.



P

pageantry
 paginate
 paisley
 palatial
 pallor
 pantheon
 parkour
 parley
 partridge
 passage
 pastime
 pathogen
 patience
 patrician
 pauper
 pear
 peat
 peddle
 pedicure
 pedigree
 pending
 penguin
 peninsular
 peony
 performance
 permafrost
 peruse
 pervasive
 photogenic
 physical
 physicists
 pillar
 pitiful
 placards
 placate
 platinum
 platoon
 pliant
 plummet
 portrait

noun – a medium-sized, short-winged game bird with short legs and neck.

praise
 precursor
 predicament
 premonition
 primitive
 principality
 prism
 procedure
 procrastinate
 profiteer
 prominent
 prone
 proposal
 propulsion
 prosperous
 proxy
 publish
 puckish
 pulpit
 punctuation
 pungent
 punily
 puniness
 purification
 puritan
 purse
 putrid
 puzzles
 pyramid

Q

quantify
 quart
 quaver
 quirky
 quota

adjective – full of peculiarities.

R

rabid
 raisin
 rebuff

recanted
 reconsider
 recovery
 recruit
 redemption
 reflect
 regiment
 registrar
 rehearsal
 reign
 reiterate
 rejuvenate
 remorseful
 renewable
 replete
 residue
 respite
 restive
 retorts
 retriever
 revelation
 repulsive
 riddance
 riffraff
 riviera
 rocket
 row
 rubric
 rugby
 rumor

adjective – marked by fidgety or uneasy behavior.

OR rumour*

S

sacrifice
 salivate
 sandal
 satchel
 scalp
 scandal
 scanty
 scent

verb – to produce an excessive amount of drool.

**our mission:**

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scholarship
science
sci-fi
scooter
scornfully
scrapple
screeno
scripture
scrooge
scrounge
scrutiny
scullery
sculpture
seclusion
seize
selfie
seller
semester
sensory
September
sequel
serenade
servitude
sewage
shaggy
shamrock
shindig
shipping
shore
simmer
sister
situation
skimmed
skirmish
skydiving
slab
sloop
slovenly
slurry
snitch
sodden
solicit
solidity
solitude
solstice
solvency

soprano
sorbet
spangled
spatula
specificity
spectral
speculate
spindle
spiteful
splurge
spreadsheet
sprite
spry
squeamish
squirm
stagestruck
stamina
stampede
stance
standee
steampunk
stencil
stereotypical
sterling
sternum
steroid
stewardship
stomach
storm
stowaway
strong
stubble
stupefy
substitute
suffix
suitable
summary
sunflower
sunseeker
surly
surplus
swannery
sweltering
sword
sympathy
system

T

talent
tango
tase
tawny
technician
teenagers
tendency
terrier
thawed
thespian
thicket
thievery
thorn
thrift
throughout
tickled
timber
toastmaster
toilsome
transcription
transference
traverse
treasury
treatise
trendy
trespass
trifle
trinkets
troll
tropical
trounce
trove
truffle
truly
trumpet
truncate
tubers
tunnel
tutorial
twilight

noun – a brass instrument with a flared bell and three buttons pressed to make different notes.

U

uncle
undercroft
undergird

unfazed
unfurl
university
uppercut
urgency

useful
usher

noun –
someone who
escorts people
to seats at a
gathering.

V

various
varnish
varsity
vascular
vassal
vault
veered
venue
versatile
version

vicinity
vindictive
vinegar
vineyard
virtually

noun –
neighborhood.

visibility
vlogging
vocabulary
volcano
votive

W

waiver
wamble
wand
warning
wasp
water
wattage
weald
wealthy
weaponry
welding
welterweight
wharf
wheelde
whelp
whereas
whet

why
whimsical
whirlybird
whisk
wield
wimple
wince
windbaggery
wizened
wordmonger
wring

noun – pompous
meaningless talk.

Y

yammer
yawl
yeanling
yippee
yonder
yoo-hoo
yore

verb – to talk rapidly,
for a long time, and
often loudly.

Z

zither

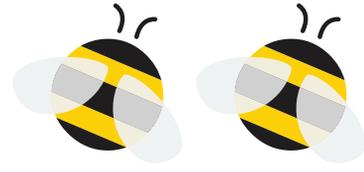
noun – an instrument that
has a shallow horizontal
soundboard topped with
30 to 40 strings that are
typically plucked by a
performer.



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 head pronouncer of the Bee, Dr. Jacques Bailly. He won the Scripps National Spelling Bee in 1980 and took up the role of head pronouncer in 2003.

difficulty level: two bee



school spelling bee study list

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
flea
buckeye

sudsy
antlers

plural noun – horns of animals of the deer family, typically present only in the male.

dapper
stroll
cress
bestie
cereal
silence
fury
howdy
important
popovers
thousand
razor
roughly
drawl
oddity
insult
valley
gather
dessert
stagecoach
peaceful
ailment
combat
rotten
expressway
practice**
OR practise
squash
amused

pouch
outfits
sewing
transform
marble
gallon
flitting
plaza
yesterday
nighttime
putty
glumly
ignore
improve
Internet
pantry
hungrily
confident
vision
diamond
stitchery
fiddlehead
hobbit
doughnut
OR donut
precious
wafting
occupy
Afrobeat
termite
insulation
intertwine
recital
furniture

ambush
squire
submerged
saucer
gloaming — noun – twilight : dusk.
engulf
graduate
fascinated
composition
wisdom
ourselves
invisible
completely
poisonous
intimidate
drawers
disdain
deliberately
spacious
forearms
gratitude
appreciation
devotion
inscription
inventory
wheezy
possible
replace
crookedly
fragrant
fowl
responsible
awfully
manual



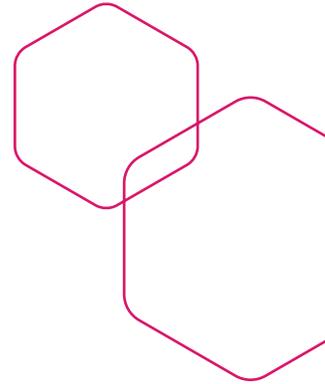
who knew?

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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
sausage
disgruntled
terrify
quip
information
incubator
droll
vultures
Arabic
Brooklyn
sacred
reindeer
disclaimer
quotation
superior
privilege
fallow
replica
provision
reference
havens
voracious

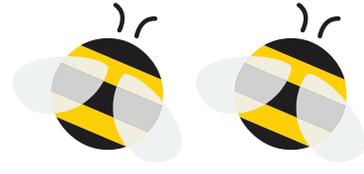
noun – a headdress consisting of a long cloth that is wrapped around a cap or directly around the head.



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.

difficulty level: two bee



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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
arrearage
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

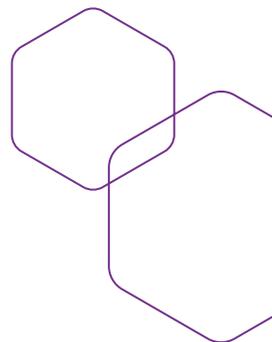
augment
auklet
aureole
auricular
aurora
auspices
austere
avarice
avifauna
avuncular

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
bibliopegist
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
burglarious
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
connivory
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
corm
cornea
cornel
cornucopia
corollary
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

farical

fardel

farina

farkleberry

Farsi

farthingale

fatuously

fealty

feckless

fecund

feign

fenestrated

fenster

fervorous

festooned

feudalism

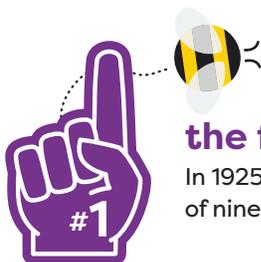
fiat

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

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

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

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
hennerly
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
jocularity
jubilant — adjective – expressing gladness or triumphant joy.
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
liaise
lidocaine
limned
limousine
limpa
limpet
limpid
limpkin
lingua franca
linnet
linstock
lithium
lithophone
litmus
lobotomy
locavore
loch
logarithmic
logographic
lolloped
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
ministra
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
nomenclature
nomophobia
nonage
nonchalance
nonnegotiable
nonvolatile
Norovirus
Nostradamus
notoriety
novemdecillion
noxious
nuance
nubuck
nuciform
nucleated
numerology
nutantion
nutria
nuzzer

noun – divination
by letters.

O

obfuscate
oblique
obloquy
obnebulate
obsecration
obsolete
obstetrician
obstreperous
occipital
occultation
Oceanian
octonocular

adjective –
stubborn and
defiant often
with a show of
noisy disorder.

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
pancetta
pancreas
panegyric
pantomime
papyrus
par excellence
parabola

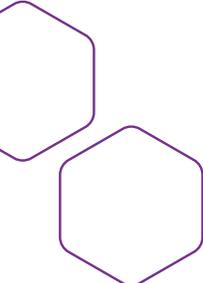
adjective – related
to breadmaking.

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.



persuasible
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
plutonomy
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
posse
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
prolusory
promontory
propinquity
proprietary
proprioceptive
prorogue
prosody
protectorate
protuberant
provenance
proviant
provincial
proviso
psychoanalysis
puchero
pugilist
pugnacious
pulchritude
purvey
pyrite
pyrotechnics

Q

quadriceps
quadrilateral
quadrillion
qualms
quid pro quo
quiddity
quinary
quince
quintessential
quirt
quittance
quodidian
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
ruminate
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
stellar
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
wobulator
woebegone
wolfsbane
wootz

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

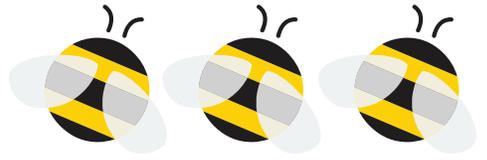
Z
zazen
zeitgeist
zeppelin
zirconium
zocalo
zoetic
zoolatry
zowie
zurna —● noun – a traditional Middle Eastern woodwind instrument.
zydeco
zygote



The Bee's Bookshelf

The Bee's Bookshelf is the official online book club of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. It's a place to explore the connection between stories and spelling. Each month, we read a new book together and share insights, so sign up to receive our monthly emails to find out which book is next. Visit spellingbee.com/book-club to learn more.

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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	incarnated	ellipsis
slakes	pews	thyroid
Illinois	malicious	elongated
commandments	interstellar	lasso**
contagion	petticoat	OR lasso
decibels	insufferable	incandescent
repose — noun – a state of resting after activity or strain.	spawned	bureaucrats
nondescript	gorilla	refuge
expulsion	quarry	shoal
Laundromat	kung fu	perpendicularity
pervading	steeds	antechamber
malnutrition	destitution	jeopardy
tunic	patronize	sauna
extravagant	OR patronise*	conciliatory
innards	dilute	forsook
acclimate	societal	boba
recede	uncanny	animatronics
indignant	communing	frijoles
wok	deadpan	minimum
categorically	arable	senescent
demure	surfactant	secreted
chasm	nitrogen	aspirin
hitherto	paralysis	aptitude
horticulture	metronome	Chicana
magistrates	attorney	bilge
sprocket	snivel	simultaneously
punctually	contemptible	Copenhagen
dynasty	altimeter	Bunsen burner
koi	jugular	defoliant
incense	insolent	aerosol
incited	aura	Ramadan**
deficiencies	propitious	OR Ramadhan



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photosynthesis

malignant

matterhorn

divot

pixels

antonyms

Trinidadian

mangels

nopales

Gilgamesh

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

noun – a legendary Sumerian king and hero of a particular long narrative poem.

craquelure

Macao

OR Macau

silicon

Albuquerque

Mumbai

turquoise**

OR turquoise

Assam

lanthanides

antimony

amphoras

hypocaust

avens

grebe

pipette**

OR pipet

leks

pullets

Macedonia

centrifuge

coleus

Tetrazzini

Pleiades

coccidiosis

rooibos tea

Versailles

meitnerium

Okefenokee

Popocatepetl

Shaanxi

plural noun – ancient Greek jars or vases having large oval bodies, narrow cylindrical necks, and two handles.

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.



difficulty level: three bee



Words of the Champions

Organized alphabetically, these words are a great place to complete your journey of 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

à fond	ague	anomaliped
à la grecque	ahimsa	anosognosia
a posteriori	ahuatle	antenatus
ab aeterno	Ahuehuete	Antigua
abaculus	Ahura Mazda	Apabhramsa
abraum	ailette	ape-ape
acacia	aistopod	aperçu
accordatura	Aitutakian	aphasia
acerola	ajimez	Apistogramma
acetaminophen	akaryote	apocryphal
acetone	akkum	apophyge
acharya	alate	Apostolici
Achernar	alcarraza	Appaloosa
acicula	Alfvén	appetitost
acidophilus	alleluiatic	après
acoel	allochroous	Aramaic
acrogeria	almuerzo	Ardhamagadhi
acropachy	alouatte	Ardipithecus
ad nauseam	alpargata	ardoise
adiabatic	altazimuth	arenaceous
adieu	amaryllis	aretalogy
adscititious	amour propre	as nas
Aegilops	amphistylar	ascites
aegrotat	amuse-gueule	astaxanthin
aerophilatelic	anabathmoi	Asura
aes rude	anaphylaxis	asylee
Aesir	anathema	attacca
affiche	ancien régime	au bleu
ageusia	andouille	au courant
agitprop	anemone	au jus
Aglaia	angiitis	avgolemono
agrypnia	aniseikonia	azotea
	Anno Hegirae	azulejo

noun – a chicken soup made with egg yolks and lemon juice.



home sweet home

While many people think the Bee is headquartered in Washington, D.C., our hive is actually located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

B

baccate
bagwyn
bahr
bahuvrihi
bailiwick
balata
balbriggan
baleen
banh mi
Barnumesque
Bartókian
Barylambda
bas-relief
batamote
battue
Baucis
bauxite
bavardage
Beauceron
beaumontage
Beaux arts
beccafico
Bêche-de-Mer
becquerel
ben trovato
Beowulf
berceuse
bergère
Bernoulli effect
bêtise
betony
beurre
Bezier curve
bhangra
bhikshuni
bibelot
bibimbap
bisbigliando
bismillah
blatherskite
blottesque

bobolink —●
Boise
Bolognese
boniface
bordereaux
Bosc
bouclé
boudin
bouillon
boulevardier
boutade
boutonniere
bozzetto
Braeburn
brouhaha
brume
bruschetta
buccal
buñuelo
Bunyanesque
Burkinabe

noun – a small American songbird that resembles the blackbird.

C

cabochon
ca'canny
cacaxte
cachexia
cacoëthes
Caerphilly
cahiers
caique
cairn
caisson
calabash
calamondin
calligram
caló
calusar
calvities
camarilla
Camembert
canaille

cantatrice
caprifig
Caracas
carcajou
carrageenan**
OR carrageenin
OR carragheenin
Carrickmacross
cartouches
caryatid
Casimir effect
Castalia
catachresis
cataphora
catarrh
catjang
cavalletti
caveola
cephalopod
cermet
chalaza
Chalcolithic
champignon
Charon
chastushka
chasuble
cheongsam
chèvre
chicanery
chopine
chorten
choucroute
ciénaga**
OR cienega
ciliopathy
cioppino
cire perdue
cirri
clerihew
cobalamin
coccygeal
colcannon



on a global scale

At just 12 years old, Jody-Anne Maxwell from Kingston, Jamaica was our first international champion. She won the Bee in 1998.

colloque
colporteur**
OR colporter
colubrine
concatenate
connoisseur
consanguine
consigliere
consommé
contrapposto
contretemps
copernicium
corrigena
corybantic
coterie
cotoneaster
coulibiac
coulisse
coulrophobia
coup de grace
courgette

couverture
creances — plural noun –
fine lines used
to leash a hawk
during training.
crokinole

croquembouche
croquignole
croustade
cryptozoa
cushag
cynocephali

D

daguerreotype
Darjeeling
darmstadtium
de rigueur
decastich
degauss
Deimos
Delmarva Peninsula
demitasse
démodé
demurrage
Déné
dengue
dentifrice
derring-do

Deseret
desiccate
Devanagari
dghaisa
dhole
dhurrie
diapason
diaphanous
diastole
Djibouti
dragée
drahthaar
Dubhe
Dubuque
duello
duxelles
dvandva
Dvorak — noun – a typing
keyboard with
frequently used
letters placed
centrally.
dysphasia
dysrhythmia

E

ecchymosis
echelon
echinoderm
edamame
effete
effleurage
Egeria
eisteddfod — noun – a Welsh
competitive
festival of the
arts especially
in singing.
élan
eleemosynary
eluate
embouchure
emollient
emolument
emphysema
ennui
Enoch Arden
enoki
epideictic
epistemology
epixylous
Equatoguinean
Erewhonian
Eris
erythroblast

Esau
escarole
escheator
esclandre
escritoire
espadrille
espalier
espial
esplanade
estancia
estovers
estrep
ethylene
étouffée
eudiometer
Euroclydon
exchequer

F

farfalle
farouche
farrago
fatshedera
fauchard
Feldenkrais
fellaheen**
OR fellaheen
fêng shui
ferruginous
fête champêtre
fetticus
fibromyalgia
Firbolg — plural noun – an
ancient group of
people in Ireland.
flehmen
force majeure
Formica
foudroyant
frabjous
fracas
funori
furan
Furneaux
furuncle

G

gabarit
gabbro

gaffe
OR gaff
gagaku
Gaia
gaillardia
Galahad
galatea
galena
gallivat
galoot
gambol
Gaspesian
gasthaus
gattine
Geatish
gegenschein
gendarme
genet
gesellschaft
giallolino —● noun – any of a variety of yellow pigments.
ginglymus
Gippsland
glabella
glacis
glengarry
glyceraldehyde
goanna
Gondwana
graywacke
griot
Groenendael
Gruyère
guan
guapena
Guarnerius
guayabera
guerite
guichet
Guidonian
Gurmukhi
gyascutus

gyokuro
gypsophila
gypsum

H

halala
OR halalah
halcyon
Hamtramck
hangul
haupia
hebdomadad
Hebrides
hei-tiki
hellebore
hemorrhage
henotheism
hepatectomy
Herodotean
hiortdahlite
Hippolyta
hirsute
hoi polloi —● plural noun – ordinary people : multitude, masses.
holobenthic
hominin
homoscedasticity
hordeolum
hsaing-waing
Hsia
Huallaga
huerta
Humboldt
hutia**
OR jutia
hypoethral
hyssop
hysteresis
hysteron proteron

I

ichthyology

icosahedron
ikat
ikebana
immie
in medias res
in silico
incunabula
inglenook
ingot
insouciance
integument
internecine
interregnum
Inugsuk
Inuk —● noun – a member of the Inuit people.
isagoge
Ishihara test
isosceles
ivermectin

J

jai alai
jealousie
janthina
jasmone
je ne sais quoi
jerboa
joropo
Jumada —● noun – either of two months of the Islamic year.
Jungian

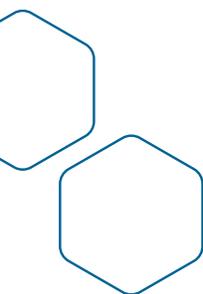
K

kakapo
kaleidoscope
kalimba
kalopanax
Kannada
kapparah
katakana
katana
kathakali



the history of silent letters

What's up with all those silent letters?! The word "debt," for example, comes from a Latin word *debita*, which comes from *debitum*, meaning "debt." French borrowed the word and dropped the "b," but a few hundred years after the word passed to English, we put the "b" back in to make it closer to the original Latin. Why? Probably just to make it look more "classical," but it sure does make it harder to spell!



kepi
Keplerian
kerril — noun – an Asiatic sea snake.
Keynesian
kichel
kipuka
Kitksan
kiva
Kjeldahl
kobold
koh-i-noor
Koine
koji
korrigan
krewe
kriegspiel
Kuiper Belt
kwashiorkor
kyphoplasty

L

La Tène
laccolith
lanceolate
langrage
laterigrade
Latinxua
lebensraum
leberwurst — noun – liver sausage.
lebkuchen
lecithin
lefse
lierre
ligas
lilliputian
limaçon
Lullaillaco
lobscouse
loess**
OR löss
logothete
lokelani
louche
loupe
luftmensch
lunulae

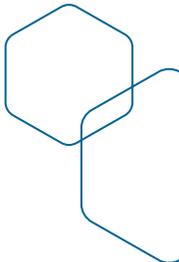
M

macaque
macchiato
macigno
mackinaw
macushla
mademoiselle
maillot
majuscule
Makgadikgadi Pans
malaise
Mandelbrot set
mandorla
mandragora
mange-tout
mangonel
Manu
maquillage
Marathi
marcel
marcescent
maringouin
martinoe
mascarpone
mässig
mediobrome
medulla
megacephalic
megrims
meiosis
mele
mellifluous
Menaia
meringue
Metonic cycle
microfiche
millegrain
Mirach
miscible
mittimus
moiety
mondegreen
MOOC
moraine — noun – a collection of earth and stones carried and finally deposited by a glacier.
moribund
morion

mortadella
motherumbung
mozo
muesli
mufti
muktuk
muliebrity
Muzak
myeloma

N

Nabal
nacelle
nahcolite
naïveté
naricorn
Naugahyde
naumachia
neem
neophyte
Ner Tamid
nescience
Nethinim
Nicoise
nictitate
nidicolous
nimiety
niminy-piminy — adjective – absurdly nice; ridiculously delicate: finicky.
nisi
nival
ni-Vanuatu
niveau
nodosity
nonpareil
notturmo
noumenon
nouveau
Novanglian
nudibranch
nyctinasty



O

obesant
odontiasis
oeuvre
ogival

olecranon
oleiculture
onomatopoeia
onychorrhexis
oolite
oopuhue
Oort cloud
oppidan
Orinoco
ormolu
orogeny
orphéon
oryx
ostium
otiose
Ouagadougou
oud
outré
oviparous
oxyacetylene

noun – brass made to imitate gold and used for furniture and other decorative purposes.

P

pachyderm
paella
pahoehoe
palaver
palooka
pampootie
panacea
Panathenaea
Panchen Lama
panettone
panjandrum
pannose
papillon
pappardelle
parallax
paramahansa
pareidolia
Parmentier
parquet

parterre
pas seul
pasilla
pastitsio
patois
Patripassianism
pejorate
pekoe
Pepysian
perciatelli
perianth
petechia
Philistine
philopatry
phloem
phlox
Phobos
photovoltaic
piatti
piccata
pierrot
piloncillo
pinniped
piscivorous
pistou
Plantagenet
pneumatocyst
pochoir
podagra
point d'appui
Ponzi
portmanteau
portugais
porwige
pot-au-feu
pothos
potpourri
pou sto
poudre B
prajna
pralltriller

noun – a tadpole.

pratique
prêt-à-porter
prion
Promethean
promyshlennik
pruritus
psalmody
pschent
psoriasis
ptyxis
pudibund
puerilely
pylorus
Pythagorean
Pyxis

Q

qiyas
Quaoar
quasar
quattrocento
Quito
quokka
quonk
Quonset

noun – a small, stocky wallaby with a reddish-brown coat and a short tail.

R

raclette
rafflesia
rajpramukh
ranunculus
rapparee
rapprochement
Rastafarian
Rayleigh wave
realpolitik
recamier
redingote
rembrandt
rennet
renvoi

noun – a lightweight woman's coat that is belted with the front open.



it's all Greek to me

We often get questions about why we use words that may not appear to be English. Most words in the English language are words that we borrowed from other languages. We borrowed them, used them and now call them our own.

rescissible
revanche
veille
rhododendron
rhyton
rinseau
risorgimento
risposta
rissole
Robigalia
rocaille
roi fainéant
rond de jambe
rondeau
ronin
rooseveltite
rosealing
roseola
rouille
rubaiyat
rubato
rubefacient
ruelle
runcible spoon
rupicolous
ruscus
rutabaga
ryas
Ryeland
Ryukyu

S

saccharide
saeta
Sagittarius
sakura
salmagundi**
OR salmagundy
sambal
samsara
Sangamon
sangfroid
sannyasi
Saashyant
Sapporo
savoir faire

Sbrinz
scaberulous
scagliola
Schedar
schefflera
sciatica
sciolistic
sclaff
scobiform
scrofula
scurrilous
seine
selah
semaphore
seraya
serin
sesquipedalian
sessile
seton
Sfax
sforzando
Shawwal
Shiba Inu
shubunkin
silique
Sir Roger de Coverley
Skeltonic
skerrick
smriti**
OR smrti
soirée
sororal
sorrel
sostenuto
souchong
sous vide
spiedini
spodumene
sprechstimme
sravaka
stevedore
Strelitzia
stretto
Strigolniki
stroganoff
struthious

stupa
sturnine
stygian
styptic
succès fou
succorance
OR succourance*
Sufi
supercilious
surimi
surreptitious
svarabhakti
Svengali
sybaritic
synanthrope
syncope

noun - the introduction of a vowel sound in Sanskrit especially between r or l and a following consonant.

T

taal
tachycardia
tachyon
taedium vitae
tamarack
tamari
tambour
tam-o'-shanter
tanager
tandoori
tannined
taoiseach
tapetum
tardigrade
tarpaulin
taurine
Tchefuncte
Tegucigalpa
telamon
teledu
telegnosis
temalacatl
tempeh
teneramente
terai
teraphim
teratism
terra nullius

Terre Haute
tessitura
tetrachoric
Teutonic
thalassic
theca
Theravada
thimerosal
Thomism
thuluth
tic douloureux
tikka
tikkun
tilleul
tinamou
tinnient
tintinnabulary
tiramisu
tmesis
toccata
toey
toile
Tok Pisin
tokonoma
tomahawk
tomalley
tonsillitis
topazolite
toque
toreutics
torii
toril
tourelle
tournedos
towhee
trichinosis
triduum
trillado
triquetra
triskelion
tristeza
trochee

trompe l'oeil
trous-de-loup
trouvaille
tryptophan
tsukupin
tullibee —● noun – a whitefish of central and northern North America.
turmeric
tusche
Typhoean

U
ubi sunt
ubiquinone
ullage
ululate
unakite —● noun – an opaque igneous rock flecked with green, black, pink, and white that is used as a gemstone.
unguiculate
uraeus
urushiol
ushabti
Ushuaia
usufruct

V
varicella
velouté
verisimilitude
vermeil
Véronique
vexillologist —● noun – a specialist in the study of flags.
viaticum
vicissitudes
vigneron
vignette
vilipend
villi
vinaceous
vinaigrette
vitiate
vituperative
vizierial

W
wabeno
Waf
wahine
Wampanoag
wapiti
wassail
weka
weltschmerz —● noun – a white cheese that is eaten fresh prior to preserving.
Wensleydale —●
wentletrap
whippoorwill
whydah**
OR whidah
wigan
wildebeest
witch of Agnesi
wushu

X
xerogel
xiphias
xyloglyphy —● noun – wood sculpting that is artistic in nature.

Y
yakitori
yosenabe —● noun – a soup made of vegetables and seafood in broth.
yttriferous
yuga
yuloh
yuzu

Z
zacate
zaibatsu
Zamboni
Zanni
zapateado
Zdarsky tent
zemi
zimocca
zortzico
zugzwang —● noun – the need to make a move in chess when it is not to one's advantage.



did you know?

The Scripps National Spelling Bee has declared co-champions in 1950, 1957, 1962, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2019. In fact, in 2019 we had octo-champs!

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
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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>).

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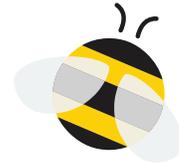
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Word Club

Want a new way to study? The Word Club app, available for free in the App Store and the Google Play Store, will make mastering *Words of the Champions* fun! Choose from multiple different quiz and study options for both spelling and vocabulary, all with expert audio pronunciations from the Bee's head pronouncer, Dr. Jacques Bailly.

vocabulary: one bee, a-z



New this year, we've selected 26 of our favorite words from the One Bee section of *Words of Champions* (one for each letter of the alphabet) and included their definitions throughout this study guide. Below, you can find all of those definitions in one helpful place.

Want more vocabulary? Download the FREE Word Club app today to find definitions like these for all 4,000 *Words of the Champions* words.

alpaca – *noun* – a South American mammal that resembles a llama.

botany – *noun* – the science of plants.

conch – *noun* – an edible marine mollusk with a large spiral shell.

domino – *noun* – a small dotted slab that together with other such slabs is used to play a game.

elusive – *adjective* – hard to catch.

flipperling – *noun* – a small animal with broad flat limbs adapted for swimming (as a baby seal).

giggle – *verb* – to laugh in a silly manner.

husk – *noun* – one of the leaves enveloping an ear of corn.

ignite – *verb* – to set on fire.

jersey – *noun* – a soft knitted fabric used for making clothing, especially sportswear.

kudos – *noun* – praise given for some achievement.

limelight – *noun* – the center of public attention.

maritime – *adjective* – of or relating to navigation or commerce on the sea.

nuggets – *plural noun* – small usually round-shaped pieces of food.

oblong – *adjective* – having a shape that is elongated beyond a square or circle.

partridge – *noun* – a medium-sized, short-winged game bird with short legs and neck.

quirky – *adjective* – full of peculiarities.

restive – *adjective* – marked by fidgety or uneasy behavior.

salivate – *verb* – to produce an excessive amount of drool.

trumpet – *noun* – a brass instrument with a flared bell and three buttons pressed to make different notes.

usher – *noun* – someone who escorts people to seats at a gathering.

vicinity – *noun* – neighborhood.

windbaggery – *noun* – pompous meaningless talk.

yammer – *verb* – to talk rapidly, for a long time, and often loudly.

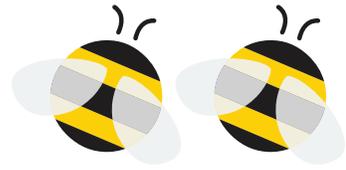
zither – *noun* – an instrument that has a shallow horizontal soundboard topped with 30 to 40 strings that are typically plucked by a performer.



piecing it together

A root can be a simple stand-alone word all by itself (like Greek *para* meaning “alongside”) or a root can also be a word’s core piece having a clearly identifiable meaning that, with the help of a suffix or prefix, makes a stand-alone word. Think about Dev Shah’s 2023 winning word: “psammophile”. The first part of this word contains the Greek root *psamm-* meaning “sand.” The second part of Dev’s word contains the Greek root *-phil* from the Greek word *philos* meaning “beloved, dear, loving.” Put that together and... can you guess what the word means?

vocabulary: two bee, a-z



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aioli – *noun* – garlic mayonnaise.

bouffant – *adjective* – voluminous.

cantankerous – *adjective* – grumpy and argumentative.

dromic – *adjective* – of, relating to, or in the form of a racecourse.

ermine – *noun* – any of several weasels that have white fur in winter.

frazil – *noun* – ice crystals sometimes similar to slush that are formed in turbulent water.

gratis – *adverb* – without charge : free.

heptad – *noun* – a group of seven people or things.

incisiform – *adjective* – having the form of a tooth adapted for cutting.

jubilant – *adjective* – expressing gladness or triumphant joy.

koto – *noun* – a long Japanese zither having 13 silk strings.

locavore – *noun* – a person who eats foods grown nearby whenever possible.

myopic – *adjective* – lacking in foresight or keenness of insight.

nomancy – *noun* – divination by letters.

obstreperous – *adjective* – stubborn and defiant often with a show of noisy disorder.

panary – *adjective* – related to breadmaking.

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

regurgitate – *verb* – to bring, forcefully impel, or pour back out again.

smellfungus – *noun* – someone who tends to find fault in others.

tommyrot – *noun* – complete foolishness or nonsense.

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

Vulcan – *noun* – a worker in metals; especially: a blacksmith.

widdershins – *adverb* – counterclockwise.

yabbies – *plural noun* – small burrowing crayfish that live in most Australian creeks and water holes.

zurna – *noun* – a traditional Middle Eastern woodwind instrument.

vocabulary: three bee, a-z



New this year, we've selected 26 of our favorite words from the Three Bee section of *Words of Champions* (one for each letter of the alphabet) and included their definitions throughout this study guide. Below, you can find all of those definitions in one helpful place.

avgolemono – *noun* – a chicken soup made with egg yolks and lemon juice.

bobolink – *noun* – a small American songbird that resembles the blackbird.

creances – *plural noun* – fine lines used to leash a hawk during training.

Dvorak – *noun* – a typing keyboard with frequently used letters placed centrally.

eisteddfod – *noun* – a Welsh competitive festival of the arts especially in singing.

Firbolg – *plural noun* – an ancient group of people in Ireland.

giallolino – *noun* – any of a variety of yellow pigments.

hoi polloi – *plural noun* – ordinary people : multitude, masses.

Inuk – *noun* – a member of the Inuit people.

Jumada – *noun* – either of two months of the Islamic year.

kerril – *noun* – an Asiatic sea snake.

leberwurst – *noun* – liver sausage.

moraine – *noun* – a collection of earth and stones carried and finally deposited by a glacier.

niminy-piminy – *adjective* – absurdly nice : ridiculously delicate : finicky.

ormolu – *noun* – brass made to imitate gold and used for furniture and other decorative purposes.

porwige – *noun* – a tadpole.

quokka – *noun* – a small, stocky wallaby with a reddish-brown coat and a short tail.

redingote – *noun* – a lightweight woman's coat that is belted with the front open.

consonants 101



Not sure whether the word has one consonant or two? Check to see if the word has a suffix, such as a verb that has been conjugated. These words often – but not always! – have a doubled consonant before that suffix. “The speckled frog *hopped* off the log while the horse *plodded* down the lane and the train *chugged* down the tracks.” In each of these cases, the vowel before the doubled letter is a short sound. Can you spot others like this, and some that have long vowel sounds and do not double that consonant?

svarabhakti – *noun* – the introduction of a vowel sound in Sanskrit especially between r or l and a following consonant.

tullibee – *noun* – a whitefish of central and northern North America.

unakite – *noun* – an opaque igneous rock flecked with green, black, pink, and white that is used as a gemstone.

vexillologist – *noun* – a specialist in the study of flags.

Wensleydale – *noun* – a white cheese that is eaten fresh prior to preserving.

xyloglyphy – *noun* – wood sculpting that is artistic in nature.

yosenabe – *noun* – a soup made of vegetables and seafood in broth.

zugzwang – *noun* – the need to make a move in chess when it is not to one's advantage.



all about the schwa

Be like a schwa – never stressed! Except that when you're a speller, a schwa can really stress you out! Why? A schwa is pronounced "uh" and in spelling can be any vowel: a, e, i, o, u or y. That can make a word pretty tough to spell. If you ask for the word's language of origin, you can try using that to help you out. If your word is from Greek, you might want to try an 'o' for that schwa, like in "bacteriolytic"!

themed lists, games and puzzles

New this year, we hope the activities and lists below will provide you with a more engaging way to interact with and study the *Words of the Champions*. All of the words in the lists and games that follow appear in this year's edition of *Words of the Champions*. Enjoy!



ologies

Ology means “a branch of knowledge” or “the study of.” Check out these words that all end in -ology. What do you think they mean?

1. phycology
2. phraseology
3. nanotechnology
4. anthropology
5. numerology
6. neonatology
7. campanology
8. ufology
9. victimology
10. ichthyology
11. kinesiology
12. cetology
13. pomology

foods

You better make yourself a snack while you're studying this list of food-related words!

1. chowder
2. crumpet
3. hazelnut
4. paella
5. rutabaga
6. frittata
7. jalapeño
8. jambalaya
9. tapioca
10. edamame
11. tiramisu
12. gnocchi
13. stroganoff
14. ganache



animals

Lions and tigers and...alpacas, oh my! Check out this list of animals found in *Words of the Champions*.

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| 1. flounder | 11. crocodile |
| 2. ewe | 12. mandrill |
| 3. caterpillar | 13. labradoodle |
| 4. bonobo | 14. okapi |
| 5. tortoise | 15. aardvark |
| 6. mackerel | 16. ibex |
| 7. alpaca | 17. wallaby |
| 8. macaw | 18. tarantula |
| 9. cicada | 19. Shar-Pei |
| 10. lorikeet | 20. jerboa |



music

Did you know that many of the spellers at the National Competition are also accomplished musicians? Learning these musical words can help you on your path to becoming a spelling bee superstar too!

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| 1. harmonious | 8. orchestra |
| 2. trumpet | 9. marimba |
| 3. con forza | 10. serenade |
| 4. mambo | 11. glissando |
| 5. cantor | 12. acoustic |
| 6. sousaphone | 13. muzak |
| 7. cadence | 14. accordatura |





words that make you giggle

We know that spelling can be a serious business, but it's also really fun! Could you keep a straight face if you got one of these words at the microphone?

1. dillydally
2. whirlybird
3. riffraff
4. munchkin
5. bilbo
6. tutti-frutti
7. festooned
8. fisticuffs
9. burgoo
10. sashay
11. bandicoot
12. froufrou
13. gibbous
14. equinox
15. bulgogi
16. niminy-piminy
17. evo-devo
18. wootz
19. pampootie
20. boondoggle

animal scramble

Read the clue for each puzzle and then unscramble the letters to reveal the name of the animal. Finally, use the letters from the highlighted spaces to complete the final puzzle.



This mammal has been domesticated in Peru and is often used for transportation, as well as for its wool.

PLAAAC

— — — — **■** —



This pouched marsupial may be known for hopping, but it can also swim and crawl!

BWLALAY

— **■** — — — — —



This slow-moving reptile's life-span is longer than a human's, with the oldest living specimen estimated to be over 190 years old.

SIOTETRO

■ — — — — —



These horned mountain climbers can run up to 45 miles per hour.

BEIX

— — **■** —



The name of this fish species is often used as part of an exclamation – it follows the word “holy.”

KMLEERAC

— — — — — **■** — —



This striking mammal shares its features with several others, including giraffes and zebras.

POIKA

— — — **■** —



Males of this imposing species of monkey look a lot like they're wearing masks.

DLAILMNR

— — — — — **■** — —

games



Unlike the scaly counterpart it's often confused with, this reptile prefers to chill out in saltwater or brackish environments.

ODLCCEROI

— — — — — **L** — —



This “designer dog breed” was bred to possess the nature of a guide dog with a low-shedding, hypoallergenic coat.

EOAOADLDRBL

E — — — — — — — — — —



If you live in eastern North America, you dread the emergence of this noisy insect every 17 years.

AACCDI

— — — — **A** — — —



This brush-tongued parrot feeds primarily off of nectar.

KRETELOI

— — **K** — — — — —

Use the highlighted letters from each answer to complete the final puzzle!

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word ladders

Change one letter in each line to get from the first 2024 Words of the Champions word to the last!

The first one is done for you. Can you do the rest?



WAND
WARD
WARP
WASP

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MISTER

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BRICK

BLINK

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SLAB

SPRY

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one last challenge!

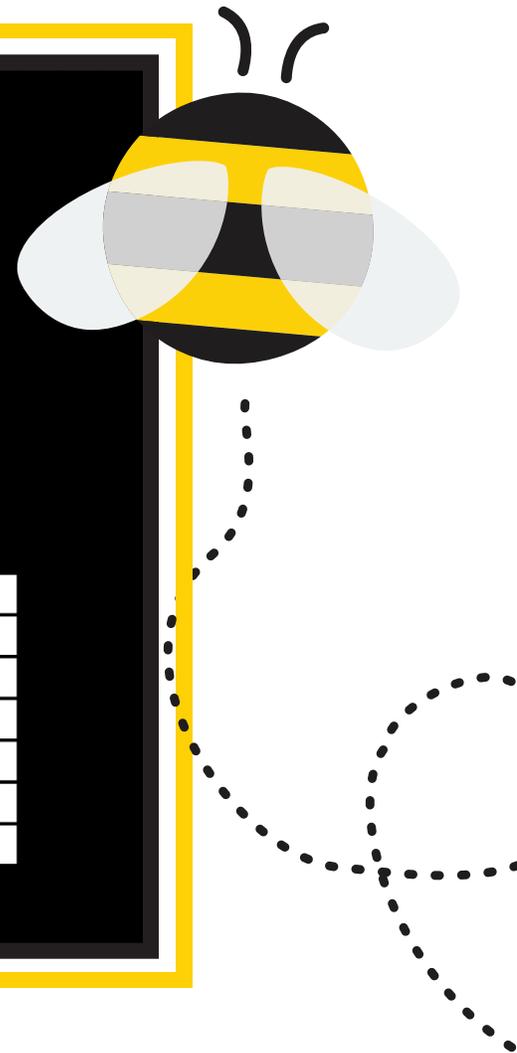
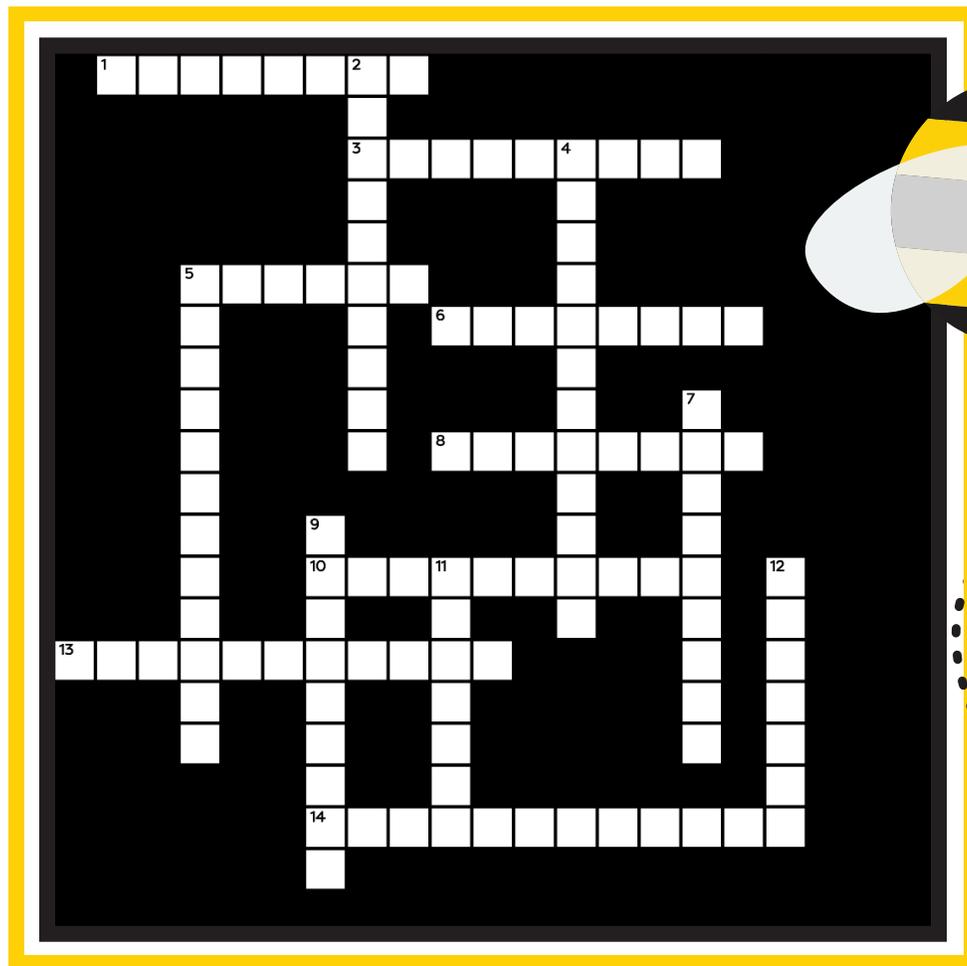
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crossword puzzle

people and their work



across

- 1 performs miscellaneous tasks (as in a home or public building) (8)
- 3 investigates complaints in an official capacity (9)
- 5 handles lighting and electrical needs on a motion picture set (6)
- 6 plans and supervises projects in a technical field (8)
- 8 fights with their fists professionally : a boxer (8)
- 10 manages an opera company (10)
- 13 sells old things, such as rare old books (11)
- 14 organizes economic venture - for example, by starting new businesses (12)

down

- 2 prepares and sells medicines (10)
- 4 works with masses of numerical data (12)
- 5 studies handwriting (12)
- 7 practices a branch of medicine that focuses on structural integrity of the tissue (9)
- 9 invests large amounts of money (9)
- 11 sells houses and other such properties, as well as land (7)
- 12 handles customer payments (as in a store) (7)

attitudes & emotions



apprehensive

bubbly

candid

deceitful

distraught

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downcast

jubilant

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valiant

vindictive



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