Celebrating our 2021 Finalists!

2021 WINNING WORD

Murraya
[MUR-ee-uh] | noun

Roy Seligman
7TH GRADE

Bhavana Madini
7TH GRADE

Sreethan Gajula
8TH GRADE

Ashrita Gandhari
8TH GRADE

Avani Joshi
8TH GRADE

Vivinsha Veduru
5TH GRADE

Dhroov Bharatia
7TH GRADE

Vihaan Sibal
6TH GRADE

Akshainie Kamma
7TH GRADE

Chaitra Thummala
6TH GRADE

2021 WINNER

Zaila Avant-garde
8TH GRADE

New Orleans Chapter of The Links
New Orleans, Louisiana
Clover Lane Homeschool
GREETINGS, CHAMPIONS!

About this Study Guide

Do you dream of winning a school spelling bee, or even attending the Scripps National Spelling Bee? *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 2021 or 2022 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 (900 words), Two Bee (2,075 words) and Three Bee (1,025 words). 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.

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.

About the Scripps National Spelling Bee

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

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL: ONE BEE**

**School Spelling Bee Study List**

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

*chiefly British spelling
**preferred spelling

gradual  bedlam  gargantuan  gimmick  monopolize  target
ferocious  shortfall  salsa  flannel  water  angora
frequently  cowlick  chaotic  cucumber  marathon  snippet
permission  opinionated  shrimp  McMansion  omission  ascribe
towel  slogan  mandate  janitor  newbie  hodgepodge
sundae  triumphant  turret  lionize  spreadsheet  verbiage
ornament  parenthetic  pigeon  headdress  badger  nephew
rooster  listener  satellite  ludicrous  forfend
scold  guardian  parasite  system  hydra
organza  dwindled  favorite  pear
fragile  fraught  OR *favourite  pedigree  manta
galaxy  sturdy  cascade  empty  astonishing
complaint  treadmill  dandelion  amulet  boorish
curries  originate  famous  guess
**forfend  parsley  carrot  nuance
grumbling  OR forefend  golden  carrot
garlic  eavesdrop  modesty  meteor
hula  January  amphibian  distraught
reactionary  scruple  jealousy  freight
muscular  moxie  remedial  honeybee
drizzle  winnow  vouch  blemish
accurate  incentive  trivia  crumpet
studio  admirer  shoulder  blizzard
illusionist  emotional  zebra  squirm
genetic  chia  butterscotch  harmonious
levity  raspberry  apron  lawyer
moisture  bogus  beagle  valiant
inducedness  recoup  kidney  purse
astute  bookworm  wistful  raisin
turtle  erase  fructose  bias
Pinkerton  downcast  Amazon  lettuce
fortune  spinal  companion  shamrock
tall  demolition  panorama  Americana
sluggard  demolition  panorama  mosquito

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: ONE BEE
Words of the Champions
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.

*chiefly British spelling
knack  restive  infiltrate  contraction  rabid  redemption  
satisfactory  various  skirmish  scooter  teenagers  zygote  
barefoot  giggle  constituent  acceptance  peat  lithium  
trope  bowie  flounder  shore  harrowing  docket  
knock  teemed  cleave  yippee  hobble  rubric  
whittle  soppiness  millionaire  knock  effortless  Hawaiian  
joyful  bask  concrete  wand  Highlands  tabulate  
genuine  lateral  slurry  Merlin  moped  cidery  
recluse  usher  heress  carnation  groats  puritan  
shield  prone  reign  depose  anime  caboodle  
tiger  selfie  spectral  flock  regiment  Godspeed  
romaine  skydiving  dialect  frock  stere  Thai  
migraine  memes  heist  camcorder  reg  pept  
oasis  nuggets  avenue  version  bootless  lith  
navigator  frailty  pending  fluid  forgeable  pept  
humane  sweltering  ewe  vlogging  gridiron  icer  
polenta  scrounge  stagestruck  vlogging  summoned  icer  
delicacy  praise  standee  diversity  applicable  icer  
noggin  scripture  silage  spangled  isms  icer  
background  ulna  yoo-hoo  delta  isms  icer  
thistle  fellowship  profiteer  handyman  exude  icer  
althorn  amass  kernel  stewardship  baptism  icer  
Spaniel  missive  tawny  stew  bermuda  icer  
kilt  jitterbug  scalp  gruel  amusement  icer  
whirlybird  kennel  scrapple  groom  amusement  icer  
Hungary  heavenly  nominee  trice  baptismal  icer  
welding  shindig  martial  brick  postural  icer  
aforesaid  melody  acumen  privat  refrigerant  icer  
varnish  membership  infirm  debunk  surly  icer  
spindle  oblong  bleary  ballad  scornfully  icer  
wheedle  yammer  attitude  chide  leave  icer  
whelp  whereas  beseech  atonement  blurb  icer  
yonder  coercive  sunseeker  citation  elasticity  floridly  
riffraff  bailiff  cornily  hardtack  obsolete  icer

**Back in D.C.**

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

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

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

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: ONE BEE
Words of the Champions

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

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

**preferred spelling**

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Who Knew?
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Did You Know?

Word meaning questions were first introduced as part of the Bee on the written test in 2013. 2021 was the first year in which word meaning questions were asked orally.
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- sanctimonious
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- solvent
- solstice
- tapioca
- hommage
- cortical
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**DIFFICULTY LEVEL: TWO BEE**

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**From Around the World**

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**preferred spelling**
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."
**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:** TWO BEE  
**Words of the Champions**

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

*chiefly British spelling
The National Spelling Bee was first held in 1925. That makes us older than sliced bread, bubble gum and even trampolines.

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

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

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Words of the Champions

imaret cornichon devastavit Mediterranean longevous digerati solecism hypertrophy ravigote inchoate judoka vaccary Adelaide unwonted tazza damson pelisse succade tumulus dorsiflexor profiterole valetudinary aristoi vireo rococo lachsschinken wakame bathos nihilism ushman sumpsimus morel abeyance rongeur mountebank

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.

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bozzetto  ethylene  yakitori  pahoeohoe  panjandrum  attaché  
coiffure  flaneur  pejorare  Kjeldahl  catachresis  rafflesé  
repartee  Ponzi  Aitutakian  rubefacient  tiffin  ranuncles  
chimera  teneramente  parterre  halcyon  colcannon  pistunculus  
OR *chimaera  styptic  rondeau  corrigenda  tournedos  scintillation  
avgolemono  sopapilla  atlatl  Zanni  ormolu  Bolognese  
exiguous  nictitate  alochroous  nonage  blottesque  farrago  
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OR bulghur  galapago  lemniscus  diluent  Naugahyde  kobold  
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agelicism  leberwurst  naumachia  champignon  reveille  hauteur  
subrident  daguerreotype  focaccia  bahuvihi  regnal  camarilla  

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

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### 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.

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