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words of the champions

..... YOUR KEY TO THE BEE

GREETINGS, CHAMPIONS!

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 2022 or 2023 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 (825 words), Two Bee (2,025 words) and Three Bee (1,150 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

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: ONE BEE

School Spelling Bee Study List

adds	bill	harsh	bobbed	rare	peacock
sit	pants	porch	some	feedback	Ohio
cry	nets	crops	what	scared	elves
put	pod	order	few	lousy	uplift
look	cups	stumped	pail	coop	everyone
hey	page	blue	area	during	another
tell	top	sorry	story	faith	beetle
none	trap	many	sheesh	bandmates	sights
need	map	blast	sole	quiet	choose
poke	toys	shelf	files	minute	wonder
drag	ten	chores	wiggle	streak	belongs
off	food	bottom	baggy	freedom	model
long	five	busy	phone	stuttered	fasting
grass	tiny	copy	blame	fudge	until
came	nose	tales	skipped	damaged	nobody
make	meal	stairs	crafty	frantic	color
had	moo	white	scars	clash	OR *colour
trees	share	speck	table	funky	curly
can	help	leave	roots	tower	heavy
not	like	pace	stinky	swoop	build
plan	hot	party	only	greasy	greeting
sink	feel	smell	bones	gravy	
tote	ears	moon	marry	display	
hint	cute	washing	swept	growling	
rice	barked	two	chunks	visit	
doll	sway	trash	forget	blessings	

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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Words of the Champions

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

In Good Company

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

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Words of the Champions

thawed	mince	puzzles	whirlybird	kennel	scrapple
uncle	bubbly	scumble	Hungary	heavenly	nominee
dawdle	graham	extinct	welding	shindig	martial
mogul	headlong	jersey	aforsaid	melody	acumen
troll	timber	trapezoid	varnish	membership	infirm
kindred	medallion	dillydally	spindle	oblong	bleary
tantrum	maximum	haggle	wheelde	yammer	attitude
science	clover	sword	whelp	whereas	beseech
cement	casino	mastiff	yonder	coercive	sunseeker
venomous	distinctive	cooperate	riffraff	bailiff	cornily
plaintiff	mister	merchandise	restive	infiltrate	contraction
mayhem	warning	melted	various	skirmish	scooter
thicket	useful	apology	giggle	constituent	acceptance
gymnastics	difficult	carnival	bowie	flounder	rugby
island	mischief	buffoonery	teemed	cleave	shore
peacenik	talent	intellectual	soppiness	millionaire	yippee
ounce	kiwi	tickled	bask	concrete	wand
memorandum	publish	domino	lateral	slurry	Merlin
bother	mutter	ignite	usher	heiress	carnation
missile	sedentary	legacy	prone	reign	neaten
munchkin	divine	splurge	selfie	spectral	depose
banana	lexicon	neigh	skydiving	dialect	frock
furnace	bristle	cabbage	memes	heist	camcorder
foothills	daresay	erode	nuggets	avenue	gossip
tongue	owlishly	formalize	frailty	pending	version
caterpillar	criminal	OR *formalise	sweltering	ewe	fluid
wasp	recipient	anyway	scrounge	stagestruck	vlogging
kudos	strong	isolation	praise	standee	diversity
alpha	canteen	measly	scripture	sailage	spangled
shebang	aviation	apprehensive	ulna	yoo-hoo	barbie
tibia	lucky	zither	fellowship	profiteer	delta
hazelnut	rocket	althorn	amass	kernel	handyman
votive	reflect	Spaniel	missive	tawny	stewardship
storm	scent	kilt	jitterbug	scalp	gruel

Cruising the Airwaves

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

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groom	amusement	riddance	bungee	charitable	corkscrew
trice	baptismal	repentant	periwinkle	physical	palpebral
brick	postural	manacle	entreat	punily	spry
privet	refrigerant	Amish	peninsular	Bengal	awry
debunk	surly	unremitting	flipperling	evacuees	truly
ballad	scornfully	condiments	fleeciness	linguistics	definitely
chide	leaven	vaccination	escapade	pulpit	mano a mano
atonement	blurb	floridly	handle	plummet	con forza
citation	elasticity	obsolete	gumption	addle	fie
hardtack	quantify	kodak	mortician	***wring	ozone
rabid	redemption	terrarium	homesteader	unfazed	derby
teenagers	zygote	posterity	nitrate	castor	sister
peat	lithium	statusy	joinery	farkleberry	canoe
harrowing	docket	mambo	literally	churchianity	knight
hobble	rubric	putrid	medusa	sclaff	tango
peddle	Hawaiian	FLOTUS	unchristened	baronetcy	goober
effortless	pendragon	insomnia	buzzworthy	lossy	knoll
moped	eggcorn	incompetent	recumbent	risposta	bilbo
groats	tabulate	Disneyfication	tiffany	tosh	bango
Highlands	cidery	congeniality	musketeers	toey	cornel
retriever	puritan	intertidal	windbaggery	Isle Royale	gist
anime	caboodle	solitude	proposal	adjure	homester
regiment	Godspeed	optician	weaponry	cockles	lovage
sterling	Thailand	gelatinous	deceitful	sodden	agave
bootless	pepita	gotcha	cinderella	griefful	loch
forgeable	lithophone	capitalist	league	aspish	locavore
transmissibility	tai chi	respite	repercussion	daft	specificity
gridiron	parasol	eighth	astounding	alpestrine	thorn
summoned	screeno	Shetland	hijab	metrical	sequel
applicable	provenance	causal	donatee	likelier	row
isms	ouster	hologram	parvo	livid	cribble
tentacled	Dudley	spiteful	apparel	caustic	sprue
exude	dicey	snitch	squeamish	scanty	cambio
bermudas	turken	maternity	Oceanian	dowdy	gab

Back in D.C.

Mark your calendar! The Scripps National Spelling Bee will take place May 28 - June 2, 2023, 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 2023 version of *Words of the Champions*.

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Words of the Champions

stupa	veered	scuppers	blink	quonk	cantor
slab	shipping	astral	prism	wince	nomophobia
compass	blandish	gambit	quota	vetoed	feckless
jarl	bleat	cairn	Dorking	au jus	Walter Mitty
tommyrot	wamble	paella	diva	undercroft	hoax
evildoer	skimmed	sprite	cortex	whey	greaves
collie	Sirius	sprightliness	convoy	rumor	harrier
retorts	bodkin	husk	Orion	OR *rumour	
politick	fanatic	omega	Bellatrix	oryx	
flout	trove	aurora	puckish	saltatory	
nerfing	shirk	wolfsbane	shaman	Ukrainian	
castigate	wield	weald	flashback	tutti-frutti	

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.

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DIFFICULTY
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TWO BEE

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comic	sparrow	limbering	balm	scrawled	contours
awesome	whizzed	sockets	traditional	arrested	republic
Wi-Fi	weave	squinched	bandage	oftentimes	paradise
glide	slivers	orca	floral	embrace	vertical
spading	spellbound	newt	bruise	ceiling	equipment
sifting	former	camel	astride	adaptable	debit
railings	cottonwood	**spick-and-span	actually	alternate	minerals
pitch-black	bossiness	OR spic-and-span	decide	Chicago	container
jinx	blotch	arrows	exciting	observations	economy
hummingbird	easily	tomorrow	smooshed	**benefited	wrestle
hauling	skidded	distracted	shawl	OR benefitted	overtly
nimble	overseas	balance	murals	pistons	innocent
slippery	sheepish	probably	casa	pangs	tallyho
hitched	gloomy	pottery	kneeling	abodes	reservation
tingle	inkling	beyond	potion	declaration	flybys
ebb	interesting	twelve	devoured	soldiers	inlet
chase	beginning	respond	riffled	cronies	pandemic
doodled	slouch	grimy	adorable	peevish	doorjamb
everlasting	foster	arrive	section	dredged	torment
snooty	smirk	archers	puttering	**Navajo	evaded
innings	discarded	slather	python	OR Navaho	instead
upbeat	rental	compute	apartment	adjusted	potential
trout	people	switcheroo	yurt	temperature	Alberta
joggled	saints	donkeys	bovines	poppet	
waist	purchase	disband	rituals	intertribal	
landline	shrivel	constant	Andean	Angola	

Our Mission

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hexagonal	unabated	beaucoup	endorphin	cinnamon	abrogate
litmus	petrifying	banal	pharmacy	pharaoh	effusive
seethe	specimen	seismologist	fondant	opponency	primitive
antiquarian	interlocutor	spectacles	cupola	referendum	fabulist
phalanges	zemi	innovator	herbaceous	quaver	comportment
bachelorette	dulcet	bursary	tentativeness	rabbinic	taciturn
frontier	salubrious	hallowed	pachinko	lapel	sophomoric
unctuous	rotisserie	apogee	decrepitude	mackerel	laureate
fluoride	**paneer	hiatus	redux	callow	Goliath
acerola	OR panir	freesia	dramaturgy	biscuit	splenetic
Minotaur	omnibus	exoneration	murmuration	flourish	legato
intermezzo	biscotti	duvet	Clydesdale	beatific	slovenly
edification	calibrate	turpitude	phonics	repository	aerobics
vacuousness	appellation	platitude	calisthenics	dissipate	paisley
epilepsy	duodenum	nobiliary	obediential	accomplice	contrariwise
importunate	valorous	commerce	odiferous	kerchief	petroleum
recuperation	OR *valourous	keratitis	combination	whimsical	regalia
citronella	isotopic	honorific	torrent	stamina	incinerate
palliative	carpal	OR *honourific	arsenic	criteria	flagon
abhorrence	quizzical	kookaburra	invertebrate	reprieve	incoherent
personnel	heliotrope	napoleon	bandanna	consequent	tercentenary
vexatious	squander	superlative	OR bandana	contusion	vituperative
faux	prenuptial	oxygenate	manipulable	mulligan	churlish
sophisticated	succulent	annihilate	axiomatic	sabermetrics	riviera
nebulous	bedraggled	sarcophagus	indefatigable	elocution	laconic
genus	rectitude	surrogate	ulterior	dowager	excision
legionnaire	uranium	terabyte	oligarchy	comparison	emblazoned
sternutation	inundate	uncouth	pianola	diaphanous	bric-a-brac
subcutaneous	wunderkind	onerous	dignify	agoraphobia	longitude
alacrity	filial	macrocosm	allegiance	buffet	maverick
choreographer	wearisome	bulbous	basaltic	tortoise	retrograde
leguminous	visage	umpirage	scorpion	surmountable	partridge
ceramics	fascinator	heredity	planetarium	endure	insignia
mimetic	testimony	philharmonic	ecstatic	bonobo	binomial

Who Knew?

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luminance	demographics	lupine	ingenuous	chancellor	trefoil
adjective	Jurassic	resuscitate	phonetician	pauper	designer
elucidate	myoglobin	approbatory	macular	epoch	leisure
spatula	frugal	cataplexy	simpatico	dumbwaiter	vague
triglycerides	achromatic	labyrinthine	adhesion	allergenic	wharf
stalwart	miscible	notoriety	rennet	vocabulary	altercation
bumptious	soprano	subterranean	pinnacle	vassal	fraternity
farcical	cutis	aubergine	avalanche	panary	cataclysmic
ghastly	hyrax	jalapeño	cadge	tangerine	metatarsal
parkour	truncheon	attributive	exodus	pervasive	bereavement
fealty	educand	plutonomy	philosophize	haphazard	carbohydrates
perilous	Realtor	lobotomy	Requiem	legislature	sesame
steroid	billabong	assumption	glitterati	shenanigans	palatable
gullibility	bariatrics	entrepreneur	transference	inclusion	gratis
tarantula	throughout	besieged	uveal	physicists	nonvolatile
cantankerous	propulsion	placoderm	candelabrum	tempura	juvenilia
vitriolic	assailant	hermitage	vacillate	reggae	fomentation
crinoline	charioteer	permutation	phenotype	futility	reprisal
debris	solicit	conference	transposable	untenable	astrobleme
armaments	melismatic	woebegone	thrasonical	feudalism	sabotage
versatile	spurious	resplendence	trepanation	malevolent	absolution
subtlety	tempeh	aphasia	Holstein	posada	rutabaga
hangar	statistician	environs	quadrillion	acquiesce	espousal
verbena	ibuprofen	celebratory	tardigrade	apothecary	virulence
zirconium	injurious	cornucopia	varsity	summary	allocable
ventriloquy	anglophile	prominent	scholarship	brogue	effraction
circumflex	defiant	archetype	filbert	suet	limousine
calligram	substitute	travails	Galahad	koto	drupiferous
eczema	quiddity	antipathy	jadeite	jingoism	organelle
theomachy	karst	leviathan	peripheral	satchel	osprey
fibula	Brigadoon	alpaca	elevator	evanescent	elusive
aberration	vestibule	duress	chaperonage	diverge	disproportionate
necrotic	ballyhooed	eucalyptus	frittata	exemplar	cayenne
eminent	arpeggio	rambunctious	vandalize	marsupial	tabernacle

Did You Know?

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

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: TWO BEE

Words of the Champions

phosphorescent	beguile	egress	antagonistic	drivel	recruit
anxiety	centenary	geocaching	affront	jettison	tableau
conch	matrimony	instigate	element	Promethean	sheldrake
singultus	errata	obscure	desolate	embassy	suitable
impromptu	stipulate	transcription	truncate	contemptuous	cenotaph
oracle	naïveté	muchacha	pedicure	okapi	Plumeria
condemn	cadence	steppe	**caftan	welterweight	perpetrator
scenographer	fido	palpitant	OR kaftan	scrooge	cinematic
neuroticism	vehicular	nonchalance	ingratiante	morose	wallaby
cannoli	sabbatical	realm	sousaphone	osmosis	contrivance
platoon	ermine	estuary	amalgam	flimflammer	suffrage
solstice	pugilist	technician	carnage	astringent	thyme
swannery	tapioca	dietetic	turmeric	mademoiselle	phlebotomy
probative	festooned	homage	zoolatry	nouveau	**anemic
oblique	tectonic	cumulus	ricochet	heterochromia	OR anaemic
buoyancy	wizened	essential	hackneyed	consul	depravity
situation	tomfoolery	seraphic	vespertine	hermetically	effervescent
lumbar	harrumph	cameist	**brusque	excursion	soirée
topiary	embezzlement	scrumptiously	OR brusque	dreadlocks	churros
reverberant	fallacy	toploftical	erstwhile	theriatrics	diadem
yeanling	asylum	noctambulist	lollid	cumbersome	larceny
homicide	remuneration	visibility	osteopath	affluent	acetaminophen
graphologist	expostulate	ligament	kaiser	chastise	parochial
principality	integument	plenitude	imperious	colic	earnestly
Nostradamus	Hebrides	illustrious	Egyptian	atomic	**gaffe
taxonomic	macaw	symmetrical	foible	fêng shui	OR gaff
beret	perspicacious	pendulous	lousicide	acuity	ostensibly
talisman	reimbursable	analepsis	ewer	subliminal	nervily
impecunious	jambalaya	mitigative	curfew	charismatic	gingivitis
reciprocity	geriatric	pyrite	schism	phoenix	patience
molecule	striation	sacrifice	dilapidated	bastion	quittance
millennial	Appaloosa	consternation	peony	edamame	tenement
ineffable	ramifications	escalator	urgency	porcelain	soothsayer
abnegation	temerity	impasto	bifurcate	deglaciation	varicose

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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adage	Neapolitan	caricature	bittern	twilight	regurgitate
cicada	chintzy	emerald	flotsam	proletarian	stegosaur
mauve	genteel	liege	discombobulate	vantage	statuesque
emeritus	requisition	wilco	scrutiny	discountenance	nectarine
suture	stimuli	germane	concatenate	stupefy	galvanize
obfuscate	schooner	bacteriolytic	impeachable	irrevocable	agonistic
casualty	declamatory	rhododendron	residue	trellis	rosin
perseverance	embryo	ineptitude	halibut	juxtapose	burial
apparatus	languorous	academese	spectrometer	hydrangea	bulwark
myopic	stevia	registrar	circadian	slalom	iridescent
ebullience	phycology	alma mater	servitude	corollary	quince
clairvoyance	malaise	comedienne	traverse	étude	cyclone
impetus	staid	Egeria	tungsten	cranium	usurper
affianced	acerbity	gnarled	vineyard	equivalent	phraseology
archaism	inimical	hydroponic	interrogative	portentous	caramel
commodious	kaleidoscope	combustible	scullery	nepotism	pecuniary
austere	gluttonous	factorial	tiramisu	truffle	cornea
severance	gypsum	dolma	exaggerate	varicella	resilience
financier	polypeptide	sapphire	enoki	tonsillitis	apiary
wildebeest	wushu	prevenient	profundity	thoracic	ronin
asado	contradictory	Edenic	mantra	proviso	tropical
limpa	penitentiary	tributary	escarole	netiquette	pontiff
adolescence	umbrage	laudatory	nanotechnology	paucity	omniscient
menagerie	crustaceans	jitney	bureau	doldrums	capacity
hallucinate	bubonic	wattage	burglarious	slumgullion	sewage
opprobrious	sartorial	papillon	cryptozoa	valedictorian	epoxy
nocturnal	escarpment	vertigo	preponderance	auspices	discreetly
redolent	Celsius	accumulate	bruxism	elaborative	sieve
vendage	dialysis	deltoidal	psychoanalysis	proprietary	trounce
entente	humidistat	opulent	calendar	seclusion	hydrophobia
boomslang	sardonic	paramecium	reiterate	adieu	ingot
circuitous	braille	monochrome	remorseful	tenaciously	nubuck
veracity	vignette	facade	cybernetics	indemnity	jocularity
marionette	adjudicate	evaporation	garniture	cyanosis	unfurl

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.”

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Words of the Champions

calculator	epidermis	occupancy	stagflation	lorikeet	herringbone
corduroy	carriage	coriander	brontophobia	malfeasance	orchestra
encore	abstemious	amnesty	macrobiotics	sequential	phlox
hollyhock	echinoderm	condensation	glareous	intersperse	tractability
qualms	optimum	aqueduct	rejuvenate	numerology	montage
mosaic	pathogen	ferret	tubular	Paleozoic	compendium
centipede	acrostic	widdershins	dodecahedron	funnel	unmoored
attende	anthropology	hostile	rictus	syndicate	yardang
nomenclature	cruciferous	subsequent	vengeance	chrysalis	fluctuation
botany	macchiato	whet	modular	bethesda	flabbergast
Holocaust	ancillary	blatant	kleptocrat	cartilage	accolade
augment	toile	pyramid	neuropathy	coeval	connivory
acoustic	plaudits	terminus	surrealist	curio	impresario
eruption	serenade	agitation	secession	ombudsman	bruschetta
auburn	heptad	tremulous	digression	hydrant	dictum
virtually	engineer	scythe	intricate	zeppelin	premonition
glissando	pilcrow	duplicitous	annotate	superficiality	stereotypical
stomach	porosity	protectorate	vehemence	marooned	collectanea
demonstrative	tandoori	placards	fervorous	volary	telepathic
megalomaniac	succumb	corral	septennial	OR volery	banquet
posse	fervently	credulity	hypotenuse	follicle	upbraid
declension	divestiture	dissonance	emancipatory	brochure	pancreas
berserk	roseola	shoji	supine	grotesqueness	expunge
cathedral	installation	auditorium	fracas	privatim	maize
deciduous	harbinger	reconcilable	disrepair	eradicate	metastasize
baleen	raptorial	evaluate	photogenic	krypton	quintessential
Einstein	sobriety	mastodon	rehearsal	ethanol	pollutant
municipal	manumit	denticulate	irritability	quadriceps	brouhaha
adversaria	dentifrice	supplicate	vainglorious	tachycardia	pedantry
turbinado	collegiality	torsion	ataxia	triceratops	performance
brethren	inclement	justiciable	pageantry	sandal	equivocate
tympanum	celery	vernal	vinegar	pashmina	fission
fisticuffs	idiosyncratic	aardvark	fiduciary	utilitarian	boondoggle
propinquity	burgoo	census	emulsify	millivolt	phylum

Did You Know?

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

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Words of the Champions

hypochondria	recusancy	menial	curator	enumerated	fatuously
obstetrician	retrocedence	Moroccan	judicious	desertification	fraudulent
replete	cauterize	clearance	vice versa	quirky	necessity
raucous	immolate	assure	exercise	arraign	piety
Brandywine	résumé	compatriots	civet	elegant	veritable
surreptitious	extensive	liaise	pancetta	minacious	sashay
surplus	transcend	quotidian	waiver	vindictive	sciatica
impediment	freneticism	matriculation	decennial	implacable	discomfiture
revenant	merino	revulsive	dynamite	logarithmic	emphysema
topgallant	pestilence	gaucho	Gemini	regicide	stridency
clandestine	mordant	capsule	retinol	hubris	acetone
genealogical	posthumous	tragedian	corpulent	hibernaculum	cerebellum
pomposity	QWERTY	fajitas	potpourri	bandicoot	pantomime
neonatology	foosball	felonious	pallor	malingering	prima donna
pituitary	accentuate	palatial	Yorkshire	parliamentary	praxis
fleetness	ascension	Mecca	Belgravia	rebarbative	Tinseltown
anonymity	venue	albeit	casserole	olympiad	sorrel
carcinogenic	microfiche	vermicide	semester	crocodile	McCoy
detritus	quadrilateral	echelon	sacrament	venerable	histrionics
anorak	turpentine	supremacy	terra-cotta	chemise	cashier
enviable	cellophane	clowder	moratorium	campanology	polysemy
extrapolate	indulgent	occultation	cognizant	persuasible	stampede
extinguish	occipital	Chihuahua	OR *cognisant	desultory	forfeit
pilaster	predicament	promontory	languish	papyrus	armadillo
perceptible	provincial	shar-pei	protuberant	El Niño	overweening
dystopia	antithesis	narcoleptic	chortle	anchorage	sacrosanct
muesli	gouge	efface	unscathed	conundrum	syringe
crux	salivate	sycophant	raclette	debilitate	eclipse
wordmonger	laity	bellwether	superstitious	mittimus	espadrille
wobulator	indolent	clarinet	mawkish	mellifluous	corgi
mahogany	documentary	capillary	flambé	clemency	caffeine
moribund	bromide	disposition	patronymic	backgammon	panacea
recriminatory	algae	remonstrance	odometer	intuitable	cabaret
Darjeeling	reminiscent	smithereens	uvula	divvy	froufrou

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

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eschew	avarice	cholera	diligence	plantain	Formica
ventricle	bouclé	**minuscule	bodega	aperture	Mylar
inducement	thoroughbred	OR miniscule	bona fide	rhythmically	rustication
vanguard	potassium	jeepney	gustatory	shazam	globular
portrait	peculate	volucrine	obliterate	bountiful	stellar
tepidity	treatise	populace	legalese	pantheon	akimbo
meridian	undergird	vetiver	rudiments	marimba	derisive
spontaneity	oompah	parameters	monitory	conduit	ineluctable
platinum	adulation	inflammable	equilibrium	bravado	eerily
nonnegotiable	minutia	pyrotechnics	roustabout	beneficent	funambulist
disparate	anticipatory	mollify	trifle	indict	apotheosis
artifice	chinook	cohesive	ambrosial	epitome	entrée
cymbals	indigent	stigmata	simultaneity	annulment	homeostasis
nucleated	merganser	prolix	gastronome	vegetarian	mummified
exorbitant	sternum	mitochondria	epithet	surimi	prehensile
reparations	par excellence	onomatopoeia	encroach	besmirch	somatotype
constabulary	thwartwise	lavender	acacia	trespass	bizarro
speculate	tae kwon do	tensile	tetanus	commandeer	dissemble
stratosphere	fenestrated	gaudery	scarlatina	bonsai	gallant
noxious	lugubrious	luxuriate	ciao	university	intensify
arbitrary	isosceles	cavalcade	genome	celestial	hurriedly
quasar	hoity-toity	gladiatorial	inviolable	preposterous	corrosive
Podunk	Mesopotamian	machination	contrite	extant	afghan
seize	Muzak	pugnacious	patrician	cogently	odontiasis
pathos	vicinity	peruse	enervate	auricular	stratification
equinox	merely	alluvial	turophile	settee	tomahawk
prosperous	abominable	epicurean	Patagonia	legitimately	artesian
sclerosis	procedure	derelict	vanquish	inoculate	mendacious
ablaut	limpid	revelation	ectoplasm	heleoplankton	gubernatorial
anabolic	syllabus	arithmetic	olfactory	pliant	pungent
jimberjawed	animus	depredation	en masse	billiards	mandrill
toilsome	trillium	ignominious	stroganoff	obstreperous	gibbous
tempestuous	Dalmatian	auction	procrastinate	frabjous	extracurricular
univocal	ufology	assiduous	purification	spiracle	punctuation

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.

**preferred spelling

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nautilus	triforium	submersible	poblano	blarney	commissioner
thievery	**déjà vu	extemporaneous	conclave	diacritic	grande dame
dragoon	OR déjà vue	ungetatable	Gregorian	mephitic	verism
yuzu	calabash	unilaterally	rebuff	complementary	dramatization
ritziness	**chute	ordinance	taverna	Philistine	nonconformist
gazette	OR shute	ursine	illicitly	dyspeptic	château
continuum	impermeable	arduous	cribbage	inglorious	erroneous
pachyderm	trepidation	carnitas	crith	louche	Salvador
symposium	collision	bulgogi	Namibian	avatar	trillado
floribunda	scarab	fibromyalgia	tricenary	grandiloquent	per se
salience	veganism	terrier	triste	armature	peradventure
molasses	humerus	captivated	interred	maidenhair	Ryeland
classical	vagabonds	onus	legerity	aureole	domesticity
fungible	variegated	precursor	Vatican	spinosity	episcopal
Gothamite	volition	mochi	furoid	prespinous	consecrate
affable	gossamer	feign	parley	cladistics	trituration
dopamine	vincible	dementia	meningitis	gasiform	neoterism
pitiful	factitious	dandle	nutation	valuator	interregnum
ammunition	sculpture	effete	nutria	deserter	viaticum
pariah	annuity	Antigua	sedge	jankers	homiletics
prodigious	quid pro quo	vaudeville	capstan	Evactor	psalmody
denominator	curmudgeon	frisket	vicarious	possessive	omnilegent
prorogue	cushion	brockage	alate	venial	princeps
fecund	tutelage	malapropism	victimology	seton	procurement
laceration	domiciled	pelf	ibex	demerits	cribo
nexus	theorem	aqueous	cudgel	diaspora	colubrine
decor	accrual	Dianthus	bicameral	pious	immie
duchy	grandeur	olingo	irrigation	borough	aretalogy
pagoda	ottoman	Halifax	labradoodle	volatile	sessile
establishment	logographic	concordance	portico	gnocchi	du jour
ruminant	armistice	huerta	corsage	surety	lanceolate
sympathy	cryogenic	vascular	smellfungus	pileus	bowsprit
puniness	catalyst	wentletrap	arboretum	fez	Charon
lingua franca	thespian	serrated	Zamboni	glengarry	chupacabra

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Acadians	polysyllabic	evo-devo	parabola	sobersides	Manu
Gippsland	teraphim	lumen	primeval	lantana	niminy-piminy
froward	anserine	catalina	morphological	atresia	philopatry
ensconced	elicitation	Sumatran	retrodict	estancia	Inuk
cattalo	advocatory	restitutory	expectorant	Asgard	copernicium
OR catalo	eligibility	cholesterol	Tasmanian	toties quoties	homoscedasticity
hypogeous	placate	astaxanthin	hipsterism	hetman	Beowulf
composite	runcible spoon	Florentine	melamine	zurna	chalaza
Miranda	goji berry	stricture	eluate	villi	Asura
Newfoundland	implicative	no-goodnik	heterophony	motherumbung	as nas
fulminate	sostenuto	agnail	polonium	serin	Dubuque
bilaterian	credence	perquisite	espial	**tarlatan	sravaka
wootz	Farsi	pilotage	kung pao	OR tarleton	Sfax
movimento	novemdecillion	arietta	aglossal	tappet	Sapporo
mandorla	adjugate	deprivation	nodosity	parr	scrofula
pomegranate	epidural	ante	somniloquy	acrogeria	saeta
parodic	patella	amiably	antacid	Jumada	Apistogramma
osculatory	hydrocortisone	nomancy	umbilical	wigan	mozo
orthogonal	maritime	officinal	zacate	struthious	Phobos
planisphere	debutante	Cassandra	acquit	parturient	Bosc
tase	ramson	quinary	capnometer	ben trovato	à fond
Shiba Inu	asthmatic	afroth	fontina	Waf	Beaux arts
misnomer	pilosity	rhapsody	biomimicry	Hathor	tambour
eustress	depreciate	Franciscan	durango	synanthrope	wabeno
blastogenesis	Pierre	abaft	pomato	in medias res	cushag
octuplicate	davenport	Romano	inerrancy	cermet	almuerzo
in silico	convocation	impoverish	Munich	spathe	nisi
particulate	recreant	flexitarian	coalition	acropachy	tintinnabulary
planogram	majuscule	parsimony	discretionary	thimerosal	marcescent
Pomeranian	Cheshire cat	prion	inveterate	firkin	apophyge
freegan	phishing	ancho	***muktuk	aistopod	adsum
emissary	Motrin	polyester	ex libris	petechia	katana
balsamic	tsk-tsked	anoint	auklet	yuga	bahr
pothos	cum laude	appraisal	jiggery-pokery	furan	alcarraza

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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*** Beginning at this point, all the words remaining in the Two Bee section are new to the 2023 version of *Words of the Champions*.

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acharya	guan	cavalletti	**smriti	creances	boniface
gaur	pelerine	chèvre	OR smrti	courgette	glabella
danta	jactance	MOOC	furcula	Corinthian	biltong
pierrot	kiva	tessitura	pampootie	fugue	démodé
rabato	scagliola	Aesir	stygian	estrepe	MIDI
Thomism	savoir faire	mandragora	chopine	zimocca	
aes rude	eudiometer	qiyas	korrigan	Sir Roger de Coverley	
calumet	coulisse	turgor	recamier	caprifig	
oud	silique	cahiers	fauchard	mondegreen	
buñuelo	accordatura	berceuse	espalier	creel	

Did You Know?

The Scripps National Spelling Bee has declared co-champions in 1950, 1957, 1962, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2019. Diana Reynard and Colquitt Dean were the first co-champs in 1950.

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School Spelling Bee Study List

hematology	broached	tankard	pneumonia	**eurhythmics	Bangalore
efficient	appendages	starboard	subservient	OR eurythmics	cirque
unacknowledged	tenets	maneuverable	mercenary	sackbuts	nom de plume
brooding	seminary	lurid	trey	tilapia	undine
pioneered	intubated	blasphemous	urchins	caparisoned	marguerite
sedan	counterfeit	chemotherapy	xylem	doppelgänger	Tamil
menacing	antidote	proscribed	fumatorium	Piraeus	garderobe
tiara	pomade	emigrate	deign	**misericords	clerisy
homeopathic	Manhattan	Zimbabwe	catastrophe	OR misericordes	nares
exhilaration	humbug	impudence	infrared	aye-aye	Andalusian
feisty	embossed	oncologist	mausoleum	trilby	carillon
configuration	smite	inaudible	incontrovertible	Jicarilla	cortege
ruckus	provocation	telenovelas	assimilation	thurible	Gaels
dissolute	crevices	mullioned	conjugate	Vesuvian	fado
confiscated	maniacal	benighted	commemoration	saltarellos	atheneum
enamel	defunct	philology	conifers	chatelaine	OR atheneum
retribution	deviation	prophetically	Beijing	cuirass	Ayurvedic
aggravate	reenactment	cul-de-sac	architrave	chachalacas	chiasmus
acid	offhandedly	pell-mell	andromeda	urad	Camelot
ballast	churned	Sanskrit	Spandau	hurdy-gurdy	
encompass	mutiny	parathas	estampies	Alhambra	
ordained	apex	rejoinder	Penelope	kumkum	
dais	subsidence	preternaturally	roulette	kirpan	
serum	effigy	canid	lustrum	**biryani	
batten	vestments	forsooth	Arcturus	OR biriani	
ambient	Lithuania	masa	hobbledehoy	Sikhism	
geopolitics	Azores	Leander	miscellaneous	cirrhosis	

Give light  and the people will find their own way

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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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imaret	allelopathy	cinerarium	hierurgical	kathakali	onychorrhaxis
cornichon	capoeira	polemic	melee	cozen	existence
devastavit	agnolotti	paladin	emolument	oxalis	vigneron
Mediterranean	ballabile	totipotency	ikebana	myeloma	tannined
longevous	draegerman	agnomen	exaugural	lebensraum	spiedini
digerati	prescient	Bauhaus	gaillardia	mufti	anhinga
solecism	Fribourg	sacerdotal	caryatid	dirigible	jai alai
hypertrophy	proselytizer	skeuomorph	heliacal	surcease	Rastafarian
ravigote	OR *proselytiser	binturong	schefflera	ascetic	succussion
inchoate	tenon	mamushi	contrapposto	oolite	avifauna
judoka	nubilous	lipophilic	temblor	revanche	joropo
vaccary	iatrogenic	codicil	insouciance	megrims	toxicosis
Adelaide	onychitis	coulomb	catarrh	podagra	**colporteur
unwonted	roux	violaceous	quattrocento	palaver	OR colporter
tazza	tuatara	Rorschach	millegrain	luthier	agitprop
damson	chicle	arthralgia	canaille	yttriferous	Achernar
pelisse	sulcus	desman	verisimilitude	vermeil	cassock
succade	thalamus	jacaranda	Keynesian	Ouagadougou	meringue
tumulus	gyttja	huapango	akaryote	bibliopegist	mackinaw
dorsiflexor	jibboom	predilection	azulejo	plagiarism	sambal
profiterole	vestigial	entomophagy	hauberk	holobenthic	yuloh
valetudinary	Orwellian	paronomasia	bouillon	boutonniere	hermeneutics
aristoi	gimbaled	facsimile	tarpaulin	anodyne	tikkun
vireo	OR gimballled	renminbi	cephalopod	saccharide	macaque
rococo	cabaletta	interferon	pulchritude	boulevardier	lassitude
lachsschinken	hesped	sedulous	pekoe	quokka	oeuvre
wakame	umami	velouté	patois	lidocaine	altazimuth
bathos	persiflage	Aesopian	Rubicon	contretemps	Castilian
nihilism	toreador	frigate	Truckee	a posteriori	trichinosis
ustion	vermicelli	enoptromancy	aerophilatelic	scaberulous	Gruyère
sumpsimus	frangipane	satiety	ankh	anaglyphy	proprioceptive
morel	reseau	perorate	contumelious	reconnoiter	oppugn
abeyance	mouflage	danseur	vicissitudes	OR reconnoitre	macropterous
rongeur	interpellate	chevalier	lilliputian	realpolitik	euphonious
mountebank	genuflect	taurine	Sbrinz	colloque	retinoscopy

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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**preferred spelling

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sepulchral	bruja	niveau	bailiwick	agelicism	spodumene
sangfroid	upsilon	rouille	bozzetto	subrident	leberwurst
pasilla	sakura	rescissible	coiffure	ethylene	daguerreotype
maringouin	buccal	Jungian	repartee	flaneur	yakitori
argot	zocalo	Groenendael	chimera	Ponzi	pejorate
vicenary	**aficionado	facile	OR *chimaera	teneramente	Aitutakian
ajimez	OR aficionado	chrysolite	avgolemono	styptic	parterre
pompeii	piscivorous	execrable	exiguous	sopapilla	rondeau
oviparous	benison	hangul	presentient	nictitate	atlatl
mangonel	gagaku	cartouches	renvoi	boutade	allochroous
coalescence	amygdala	Nicoise	kichel	towhee	ennui
Plantagenet	scurrilous	julienne	semaphore	escritoire	caisson
bauxite	flèche	moiety	gambol	affenpinscher	cheongsam
kakapo	tetrachoric	pastitsio	angiitis	gudgeon	graticule
pelagial	sforzando	modiste	Teutonic	beaumontage	gyascutus
ague	thalassic	deuterium	Conestoga	galoot	cygnet
largesses	frazil	Icarian	zeitgeist	desiccate	supercilious
fulgent	rapprochement	pappardelle	heinousness	aporia	dysphasia
olecranon	glacis	Sahel	nacelle	moraine	kugel
toreutics	ahimsa	bibelot	rupicolous	hirsute	topazolite
mascarpone	kanji	telegnosis	Pythagorean	shubunkin	trompe l'oeil
rissole	weltschmerz	loupe	kepi	hepatectomy	aillette
seneschal	jalousie	oleiculture	**bulgur	bloviate	fetticus
pinniped	ichthyology	**loess	OR bulghur	seine	rocaille
wahine	pruritus	OR löss	ushabti	galapago	couverture
grissino	dactylic	ruelle	puchero	au courant	lemniscus
coterie	affogato	Ushuaia	nival	crepuscular	ad nauseam
sylph	scrivener	redingote	ascites	theca	ganache
Cincinnati	dysrhythmia	adscititious	Véronique	croustade	sauger
diastole	dragée	hummock	planetesimal	kipuka	kanban
mediobrome	choucroute	internecine	taoiseach	noumenon	toccata
demurrage	hsaing-waing	duxelles	obeisant	chicanery	pertinacity
tristeza	stevedore	mesial	whippoorwill	vilipend	gasthaus
trigeminal	harangue	Feldenkrais	Ficus	vitiate	transmontane

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 official pronouncer, Dr. Jacques Bailly.

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laterigrade	Bunyanesque	unguiculate	Keplerian	pneumatocyst	xerogel
hyssop	exsect	amaryllis	codswallop	fortissimo	vizierial
naumachia	champignon	reveille	hauteur	portmanteau	crescive
focaccia	bahuvrihi	regnal	camarilla	coaxation	tryptophan
pahoehoe	panjandrum	attaché	nidicolous	ardoise	neophyte
Kjeldahl	catachresis	rafflesia	oxyacetylene	farouche	buffa
rubefacient	tiffin	ranunculus	Humboldt	farfalle	clavichord
halcyon	colcannon	pistou	hellebore	ogival	de rigueur
corrigena	tournedos	scintillation	transhumance	stretto	secant
Zanni	ormolu	Bolognese	phloem	coccygeal	comanchero
nonage	blottesque	farrago	lacustrine	Strelitzia	meiosis
beurre	consommé	coup de grace	ageusia	tachyon	gules
jicama	ullage	tourelle	pillor	piccata	nimiety
sturnine	zortzico	notturmo	deleterious	isagoge	lokelani
octonocular	teratism	ginglymus	ikat	élan	psoriasis
parallax	flagellum	hemorrhage	pylorus	breviloquence	bavardage
antenatus	panegyric	tapetum	erythroblast	kalimba	coulibiac
trouvaille	hoi polloi	golem	maillot	illative	xyloglyphy
glazier	sirenian	krewe	epenthesis	betony	Aramaic
kinesiology	nescience	toque	hinoki	bêtise	anathema
exogenous	blatherskite	avuncular	nonpareil	transience	basilica
aniseikonia	consigliere	habiliments	nyctinasty	frison	rajpramukh
guayabera	adiabatic	rubato	pointelle	flavedo	Chalcolithic
realgar	camembert	gentilitial	vinaigrette	maquillage	rinceau
anaphylaxis	ecchymosis	obnebulate	tinnient	mortadella	filar
bobolink	oppidan	allonym	aioli	stanchion	bhangra
diluent	decastich	croquembouche	pochoir	spirulina	risorgimento
urushiol	Naugahyde	kobold	glyceraldehyde	eleemosynary	agalma
andouille	lefse	mendicity	hagiographer	force majeure	analgesia
otiose	beccafico	castellated	syncope	ossicle	dengue
megacephalic	amphistylar	toponymic	icosahedron	anemone	cantatrice
souchong	saturnine	boudin	goanna	alpargata	emollient
poltroon	zaibatsu	bucatini	wassail	disembogue	parquet
Freudian	titian	reboation	ammonite	luculent	dhurrie
floruit	tokonoma	haupia	tanager	expatiate	lapidary

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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cachexia	epideictic	zazen	darnel	efflux	gallivat
connoisseur	embolus	cabochon	giallolino	frugivore	charcuterie
ferruginous	caveola	après	krausen	lobscouse	zugzwang
gendarme	farina	zydeco	Castalia	senecio	triskelion
demulcent	heuristic	consanguine	nahcolite	jasmone	crokinole
goosander	nudibranch	bibimbap	telamon	hawok	anicca
kwashiorkor	triquetra	aquiclude	uraeus	fructiferous	batamote
lecithin	paramahansa	demitasse	teledu	martinoe	yabbies
cetology	duello	tomalley	gattine	lierre	**salmagundi
plenipotentiary	fjeld	bouffant	mele	porwige	OR salmagundy
foudroyant	tomography	bas-relief	Marathi	portugais	**hutia
sesquipedalian	effleurage	rhizome	nuciform	ligas	OR jutia
expugnable	chastushka	Wensleydale	grandrelle	Osloite	Deseret
profligacy	bergère	erubescant	bordereaux	sciolistic	Djibouti
yosenabe	Erewhonian	estovers	rambla	seraya	Tegucigalpa
funori	rhyton	rembrandt	tullibee	janthina	Llullaillaco
piloncillo	orogeny	marcel	guichet	Skeltonic	Pyxis
xiphias	Pepysian	croquignole	Guarnerius	balata	Bezier curve
étouffée	esplanade	dolmen	unakite	balbriggan	Beauceron
degauss	gesellschaft	griot	azotea	affeer	ni-Vanuatu
tussock	tamari	vexillologist	gabbro	pomology	Vulcan
lanolated	arenaceous	**halala	gegenschein	Svengali	anabathmoi
linnet	panettone	OR halalah	hebdomadad	escheator	selah
embouchure	tmesis	corybantic	gypsophila	dogana	cirri
plangency	clerihew	chasuble	koh-i-noor	toorie	Oort cloud
apocryphal	tsukupin	furuncle	nocive	exchequer	cobalamin
tamarack	katakana	pongee	cataphora	habeas corpus	amuse-gueule
puerilely	Parmentier	acoel	blastema	kerril	anent
obloquy	rugose	acral	trochee	pudibund	abaculus
dhole	brume	Koine	diapason	toril	Dvorak
Sangamon	hiortdahlite	weka	deliquesce	ryas	sous vide
outré	extravasate	haplography	aperçu	terai	Nethinim
ululate	incunabula	Tchefuncte	cioppino	gabarit	Rayleigh wave
sororal	cordillera	becquerel	inglenook	guerite	Gaia

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.

**preferred spelling

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Ner Tamid	Alfvén	Aten	moissanite	svarabhakti	Terre Haute
cathect	virga	catjang	mässig	poudre B	Geatish
mange-tout	ab aeterno	neem	Mirach	Barylambda	Deimos
whakapapa	Caracas	amour propre	Dubhe	macushla	carcajou
Astur	indicia	Sagittarius	Baucis	succès fou	pschent
Casimir effect	Huallaga	hordeolum	Firbolg	Kitksan	Esau
Devanagari	kufi	trous-de-loup	Panathenaea	Apabhramsa	esclandre
bismillah	Novanglian	vis-à-vis	Furneaux	Euroclydon	orphéon
deceleron	una corda	Latinxua	Enoch Arden	Taal	Caerphilly
Ardipithecus	triduum	Barnumesque	Herodotean	Cotoneaster	Carrickmacross
Equatoguinean	wapiti	medulla	Schedar	akkum	Quonset
limaçon	galena	aughts	taedium vitae	chorten	prêt-à-porter
Kannada	gyokuro	carnitine	Shawwal	cacoëthes	lebkuchen
Bundt	luftmensch	ahuehuete	point d'appui	caló	cire perdue
Strigolniki	aggrandizement	hominin	fête champêtre	alouatte	
Bavarian cream	battue	***La Tène	pas seul	tinamou	
hysteron proteron	Tok Pisin	Gaspesian	roi fainéant	acicula	
rooseveltite	dvandva	samsara	fatshedera	cacaxte	
temalacatl	ivermectin	Déné	Bernoulli effect	aegrotat	
darmstadtium	coulrophobia	ubi sunt	Ishihara test	Typhoean	
Eris	ancien régime	à la grecque	Bêche-de-mer	cynocephali	
flehmen	deathin	galatea	je ne sais quoi	thuluth	
au bleu	zowie	tic douloureux	witch of Agnesi	fellahin	
pou sto	colocate	calusar	Robigalia	OR fellaheen	
kapparrah	Aglaia	graywacke	Bartókian	torii	
Kuiper Belt	Apostolici	Panchen Lama	Patripassianism	Nabal	
Quaoar	ubiquinone	pot-au-feu	hei-tiki	ahuatle	
agate	Gurmukhi	rubaiyat	Saoshyant	Guidonian	
art brut	Burkinabe	cohosh	Ahura Mazda	Aegilops	
banh mi	ciliopathy	alleluiatic	Zdarsky tent	Hsia	
attacca	logothete	ca'canny	Menaia	pareidolia	
Ryukyu	grobian	Theravada	Metonic cycle	Mandelbrot set	
kalopanax	rond de jambe	Hippolyta	Ardhamagadhi	skerrick	
derring-do	kyphoplasty	Anno Hegirae	bhikshuni	tusche	

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