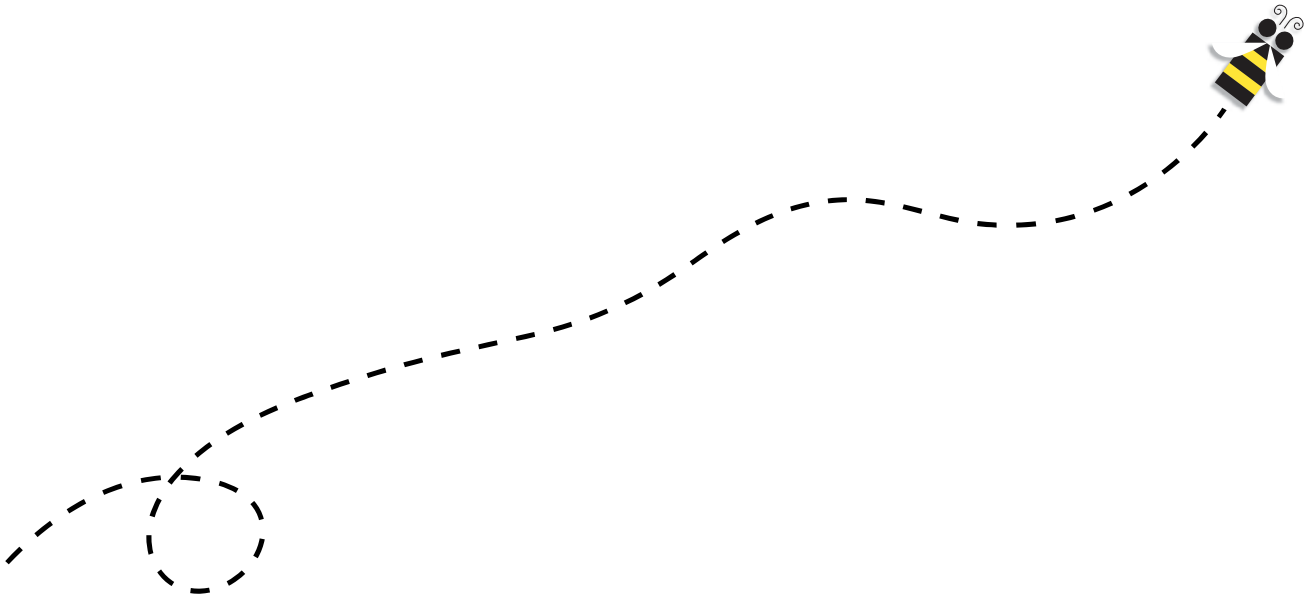




# WORDS OF THE CHAMPIONS

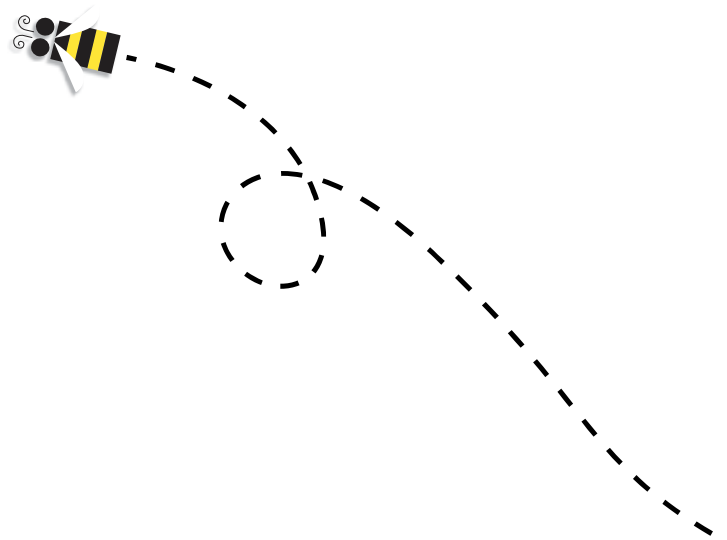
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2020



DIFFICULTY  
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**TWO BEE**





## DIFFICULTY LEVEL: TWO BEE

### School Spelling Bee Study List



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

### Our Purpose

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



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

### **Eight Times the Fun**

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



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### Words of the Champions



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

### Who Knew?

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

\*\*preferred spelling



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elucidate	myoglobin	approbatory	macular	epoch	leisure
spatula	frugal	catalepsy	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
demographics	lupine	ingenuous	chancellor	trefoil	phosphorescent
Jurassic	resuscitate	phonetician	pauper	designer	anxiety

### Did You Know?

In 2002, the Bee introduced the written test at the national finals for the first time. The vocabulary portion of the test came along in 2013.



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

### From Around the World

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

\*\*preferred spelling



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

### 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.”

\*\*preferred spelling





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jocularly	fisticuffs	idiosyncratic	aardvark	fiduciary	utilitarian
unfurl	propinquity	burgoo	census	emulsify	millivolt
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
attendee	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	bergamot
demonstrative	tandoori	placards	fervorous	**volary	telepathic
megalomaniac	succumb	corral	septennial	<b>OR</b> 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

### Did You Know?

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

\*\*preferred spelling



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boondoggle	recriminatory	algae	remonstrance	odometer	intuitable
phylum	subaqueous	reminiscent	smithereens	uvula	divvy
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	<b>OR</b> *cognisant	desultorily	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
wobbulator	indolent	clarinet	mawkish	mellifluous	corgi
mahogany	documentary	capillary	flambé	clemency	caffeine
moribund	bromide	disposition	patronymic	backgammon	panacea

### There's a First Time for Everything

Hugh Tosteson was the first winner from outside of the fifty U.S. states. He lived in Puerto Rico.

\*chiefly British spelling



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

### Older than Sliced Bread

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

\*\*preferred spelling



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gibbous	ruminare	armistice	viscount	dishevel	quotient
extracurricular	sympathy	cryogenic	plague	Limburger	ricotta
punctuation	puniness	catalyst	preferential	tuffet	guttural
nautilus	lingua franca	thespian	bazooka	epact	atrocious
thievery	triforium	submersible	complacency	abstruse	vivacious
dragoon	**déjà vu	extemporaneous	kraken	nephrolith	xenoglossy
yuzu	OR déjà vue	ungetatable	stanzaic	adipose	smorgasbord
ritziness	calabash	unilaterally	putrescent	quorum	electrode
gazette	**chute	ordinance	nostalgia	pharynx	sporadically
continuum	OR shute	ursine	dechlorinate	epistolary	sudation
pachyderm	impermeable	arduous	unconscionable	pursuit	cytoplasm
symposium	trepidation	carnitas	Pembroke	esoteric	affectionately
floribunda	collision	bulgogi	liquefaction	grapheme	Pulitzer
salience	scarab	fibromyalgia	palazzo	trigonometry	vitreous
molasses	veganism	terrier	miasma	alloy	wraith
classical	humerus	captivated	concoct	Belgium	insulin
fungible	vagabonds	onus	modicum	audacious	phlegmatic
Gothamite	variegated	precursor	javelin	exasperate	spasmodic
affable	volition	mochi	spoonerism	Mandarin	bouquet
dopamine	gossamer	feign	complicit	Kelvin	denizen
pitiful	vincible	dementia	gyrocopter	vellum	duopoly
ammunition	factitious	voilà	**medieval	enunciate	alpinist
pariah	sculpture	OR voila	OR mediaeval	tarsier	abracadabra
prodigious	annuity	habanero	licensure	autodidact	plethora
denominator	quid pro quo	Francophone	Herculean	parable	rappelled
prorogue	curmudgeon	convivium	pilgrimages	rowan	conceit
fecund	cushion	atrium	oriel	tripartite	tapas
laceration	tutelage	italicization	preeminent	Bohemian	sediment
nexus	domiciled	preliminary	alfresco	succinct	emulate
decor	theorem	echoed	loquacious	inquietude	caveat
OR décor	accrual	reticulated	prosthetic	compunction	doubloons
duchy	grandeur	authenticate	latency	decumbiture	oscillation
pagoda	ottoman	fiscal	epitaphs	multivalent	enzyme
establishment	logographic	oblige	solitaire	artillery	dinero

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comestibles	thermos	pessimum	infarction	interim	cardiopathy
stenographer	acrylics	amateurish	cedar	definiendum	vanity
mezzanine	imminent	**intransigent	udon	rhubarb	nymphal
lozenge	hieroglyphics	OR intransigent	gourd	neutron	grammarian
tedious	oculus	tyrannical	verbatim	epigram	empirical
resonate	dubiously	pearlescent	joule	marmoset	havoc
suspicion	mariposa	tautology	niacin	panache	figurative
repudiate	teleology	misconstrue	courage	lucrative	malacology
emporium	bowyer	sagacious	arabesque	bardolatry	saskatoon
Victorian	infatuation	mammalian	cylindrical	scrimshaw	enmity
forestallment	abysmal	tranquil	tephra	pterodactyl	undulating
Iberian	chambray	behemoth	lackadaisical	inculcate	circumscribe
fluency	rhombus	equestrian	silhouette	nimbostratus	ensemble
invective	revendicate	nominal	dismal	vertebral	bassoon
occur	jonquil	draconian	consortium	racial	preamble
claustrophobia	pensive	trebuchet	tuition	acrimony	feasibility
idyllic	quarantine	ransom	multifarious	certitude	jurisdiction
coralline	schnitzel	iambic	unanimous	mimeograph	mycology
abhenry	rialto	monocle	soporific	territory	antelope
chromosome	delphinium	apocalypse	tupelo	ultimatum	mansard
braggart	obelisk	cemetery	cadaverous	ambidexterity	Stilton
relentlessly	diurnal	anticoagulant	prowess	mortgage	barracks
opalescence	prejudice	euro	dromedary	exhaust	rendition
polyglot	bombastic	Gouda	squalid	baroque	calories
velociraptor	cistern	endocrine	tracheotomy	gonzo	sortition
puree	exquisite	presumptuous	firmament	strengthen	ballistic
manticore	epsilon	doubt	paramountcy	ostracism	nattily
chronometer	petroglyphs	unkempt	sultana	hasten	tincture
cherubic	specious	cursive	agrarian	bossa nova	gosling
wherewithal	pumice	binoculars	collapsar	rational	optometry
inquisitor	zodiac	apportion	exhibition	betrotal	niche
chemistry	artery	gurney	ministrations	laminated	paragon
quandary	ornithology	sanctimonious	racketeer	laborious	foliage
equanimity	apropos	peremptory	solder	sententious	tribunal

### Bee's Bookshelf

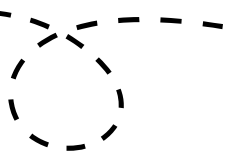
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apostate	brazenness	zealous	analogize	concomitant	
plundered	beautician	portcullis	guineas	sundry	
multitude	covetous	urbanely	conglomerate	salutary	
enthalpy	flippancy	lanai	**baklava	indubitable	Beefalo
truculence	sequester	hyacinth	<b>OR</b> baklawa	obituary	pavlova
quagmire	sufficiency	segmentate	ipso facto	obsidian	malleable
masseuse	wayward	convalesce	coupon	bidialectal	idiolect
Hippocratic	yeoman	vagary	signatory	officiant	irascible
warrior	Websterian	devoid	aspirate	annexation	
brachiopods	grievance	promulgate	senator	animalier	
macaroon	solemn	salinity	angular	endogenous	

### 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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