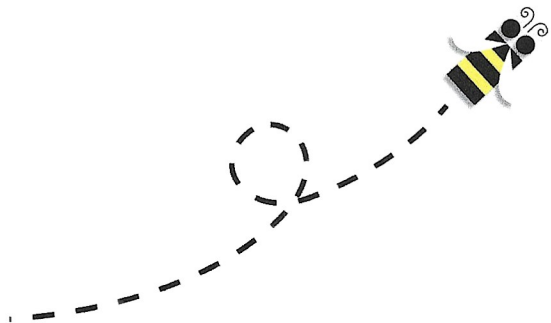
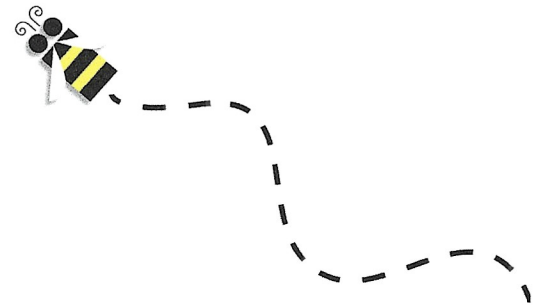
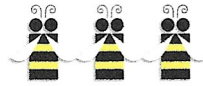


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School Spelling Bee Study List



reflexology	aerials	menorahs	humus	Montmorency	Confucianism
intentionally	surgeon	heirloom	Cantonese	justaucorps	Chaucerian
cocoon	Judaism	pallid	herbalist	ducats	Edinburgh
motley	stalemate	renal	fortuitous	condyles	Carlisle
fetlocks	thoroughfare	mete	poultice	Yom Kippur	Mantua
ranchero	transgressions	russet	guarantor	Firenze	Jains
intolerance	abdomen	topologically	adduced	kaddish	ziggurat
gluten	appeasement	burgundy	impertinent	Chelonia	Arapaho
pulverized	liability	brocade	fractious	Quasimodo	OR Arapahoe
OR *pulverised	penchant	heresy	Darwinism	Helvetia	Durham
mystified	propensity	perdition	transept	lachrymose	derrick
swankiest	instinctive	incorrigibles	condescendingly	quatrains	Kerala
clouting	infectious	porcine	rhetorical	katabatic	chandleries
demeanor	Minnesota	dispensation	phenomenal	bivouac	bier
OR *demeanour	adversity	Richter scale	mortification	fata morgana	Des Moines
mallet	convictions	palpable	covenant	hawsers	conurbation
Singapore	intestine	congealing	throes	Bayreuth	Sioux
disembodied	discriminating	bantlings	semblance	vambrace	refectory
Korea	exile	prioress	aversion	plastron	presidio
aisles	lineage	embroidery	primordial	linsey-woolsey	
unsportsmanlike	coaxing	coronation	moppet	Albion	
ensnarement	permanence	padre	assassinate	paschal	
morbidity	larkspur	mien	vuvuzela	coracle	
proctors	drudgery	resinous	adzuki	abalones	
trodden	ransacked	scree	allée	repast	
torturous	**kimchi	chaplain	d'orsay	Bloomsbury	
referral	OR kimchee	feinted	Wiesbaden	aquiline	

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	tanned
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	gimbale	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	ecclesiology
sumpsimus	frangipane	satiety	ankh	anaglyphy	teppanyaki
morel	reseau	perorate	contumelious	reconnoiter	cicatrise
abeyance	moulage	danseur	vicissitudes	OR reconnoitre	somnolent
rongeur	interpellate	chevalier	lilliputian	realpolitik	intonaco
mountebank	genuflect	taurine	Sbrinz	colloque	realia

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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grison	toroidal	speleothem	sangfroid	upsilon	rouille
phulkari	bialy	euripus	pasilla	sakura	rescissible
garrulous	appurtenances	samarium	maringouin	buccal	Jungian
paroxysm	corsair	variscite	argot	zocalo	Groenendael
communiqué	zabaglione	bolide	vicenary	**aficionado	facile
Chantilly	velamen	vervain	ajimez	OR aficionado	chrysolite
jacquard	sporrán	chanoyu	pompeii	piscivorous	execrable
sorghum	clematis	hamadryad	oviparous	benison	hangul
guilloche	kente	calumny	mangonel	gagaku	cartouches
appositive	ranine	escabeche	coalescence	amygdala	Nicoise
dirndl	riparian	ad hominem	Plantagenet	scurrilous	julienne
latke	**accoutrement	oubliette	bauxite	flèche	moiety
martinet	OR accouterment	béchamel	kakapo	tetrachoric	pastitsio
asterion	radicchio	repoussage	pelagial	sforzando	modiste
hypallage	dudgeon	otacoustic	ague	thalassic	deuterium
solenoid	nitid	naranjilla	largesses	frazil	Icarian
veridical	Basenji	elegiac	fulgent	rapprochement	pappardelle
threnody	concinuate	pâtissier	olecranon	glacis	Sahel
Jacobean	Stradivarius	Yeatsian	toreutics	ahimsa	bibelot
ballotage	synecdoche	surfeit	mascarpone	kanji	telegnosis
ocotillo	tulsi	limicolous	rissole	weltschmerz	loupe
dubitante	sebaceous	girandole	seneschal	jalousie	oleiculture
disciform	papeterie	googol	pinniped	ichthyology	**loess
mizuna	litigious	étagère	wahine	pruritus	OR löss
trichotillomania	phytophilous	anechoic	grissino	dactylic	ruelle
huipil	meunière	leonine	coterie	affogato	Ushuaia
mustelid	hilum	laulau	sylph	scrivener	redingote
prestidigitation	fanfaronade	Gruyère	Cincinnati	dysrhythmia	adscititious
soupçon	malachite	proprioceptive	diastole	dragée	hummock
diphtheria	urticaria	oppugn	mediobrome	choucroute	internecine
bdelloid	capsaicin	macropterous	demurrage	hsaing-waing	duxelles
nugatory	ptosis	euphonious	tristeza	stevedore	mesial
commorients	pejerrey	retinoscopy	trigeminal	harangue	Feldenkrais
immiscible	horologist	sepulchral	bruja	niveau	bailiwick

Word Club

Want a new way to study? The Word Club app, available 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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bozzetto	ethylene	yakitori	pahoehoe	panjandrum	attaché
coiffure	flaneur	pejorate	Kjeldahl	catachresis	rafflesia
repartee	Ponzi	Aitutakian	rubefacient	tiffin	ranunculus
chimera	teneramente	parterre	halcyon	colcannon	pistou
OR *chimaera	styptic	rondeau	corrigenda	tournedos	scintillation
avgolemono	sopapilla	atlatl	Zanni	ormolu	Bolognese
exiguous	nictitate	allochroous	nonage	blottesque	farrago
presentient	boutade	ennui	beurre	consommé	coup de grace
renvoi	towhee	caisson	jicama	ullage	tourelle
kichel	escritoire	cheongsam	sturnine	zortzico	notturmo
semaphore	affenpinscher	graticule	octonocular	teratism	ginglymus
gambol	gudgeon	gyascutus	parallax	flagellum	hemorrhage
angiitis	beaumontage	cygnet	antenatus	panegyric	tapetum
Teutonic	galoot	supercilious	trouvaille	hoi polloi	golem
Conestoga	desiccate	dysphasia	glazier	sirenian	krewe
zeitgeist	aporia	kugel	kinesiology	nescience	toque
heinousness	moraine	topazolite	exogenous	blatherskite	avuncular
nacelle	hirsute	trompe l'oeil	aniseikonia	consigliere	habiliments
rupicolous	shubunkin	ailette	guayabera	adiabatic	rubato
Pythagorean	hepatectomy	fetticus	realgar	camembert	gentilial
kepi	bloviate	rocaille	anaphylaxis	ecchymosis	obnebulate
**bulgur	seine	couverture	bobolink	oppidan	allonym
OR bulghur	galapago	lemniscus	diluent	decastich	croquemouche
ushabti	au courant	ad nauseam	urushiol	Naugahyde	kobold
puchero	crepuscular	ganache	andouille	lefse	mendicity
nival	theca	sauger	otiose	beccafico	castellated
ascites	croustade	kanban	megacephalic	amphistylar	toponymic
Véronique	kipuka	toccata	souchong	saturnine	boudin
planetesimal	noumenon	pertinacity	poltroon	zaibatsu	bucatini
taoiseach	chicanery	gasthaus	Freudian	titian	reboation
obeisant	vilipend	transmontane	floruit	tokonoma	haupia
whippoorwill	vitiate	laterigrade	Bunyanesque	unguiculate	Keplerian
Ficus	spodumene	hyssop	exsect	amaryllis	codswallop
agelicism	leberwurst	naumachia	champignon	veille	hauteur
subridant	daguerreotype	focaccia	bahuvrihi	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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nidicolous	coaxation	crescive	connoisseur	embolus	cabochon
oxyacetylene	ardoise	tryptophan	ferruginous	caveola	après
Humboldt	farouche	neophyte	gendarme	farina	zydeco
hellebore	farfalle	buffa	demulcent	heuristic	consanguine
transhumance	ogival	clavichord	goosander	nudibranch	bibimbap
phloem	stretto	de rigueur	kwashiorkor	triquetra	aquiclude
lacustrine	coccygeal	secant	lecithin	paramahansa	demitasse
ageusia	Diplodocus	comanchero	cetology	duello	tomalley
pillor	tachyon	meiosis	plenipotentiary	fjeld	bouffant
deleterious	piccata	gules	foudroyant	tomography	bas-relief
ikat	isagoge	nimiety	sesquipedalian	effleurage	rhizome
pylorus	élan	lokelani	expugnable	chastushka	Wensleydale
erythroblast	breviloquence	psoriasis	profligacy	bergère	erubescence
maillot	kalimba	bavardage	yosenabe	Erewhonian	estovers
epenthesis	illative	coulibiac	funori	rhyton	rembrandt
hinoki	betony	xyloglyphy	piloncillo	orogeny	marcel
nonpareil	bêtise	Aramaic	xiphias	Pepysian	croquignole
nyctinasty	transience	anathema	étouffée	esplanade	dolmen
pointelle	frison	basilica	degauss	gesellschaft	griot
vinaigrette	flavado	rajpramukh	tussock	tamari	vexillologist
tinnient	maquillage	Chalcolithic	lanolated	arenaceous	**halala
aioli	mortadella	rinceau	linnet	panettone	OR halalah
pochoir	stanchion	filar	embouchure	tmesis	corybantic
glyceraldehyde	spirulina	bhangra	plangency	clerihew	chasuble
hagiographer	eleemosynary	risorgimento	apocryphal	tsukupin	furuncle
syncope	force majeure	agalma	tamarack	katakana	pongee
icosahedron	ossicle	analgesia	puerilely	Parmentier	acoel
goanna	anemone	dengue	obloquy	rugose	acral
wassail	alpargata	cantatrice	dhole	brume	Koine
ammonite	disembogue	emollient	Sangamon	hiortdahlite	weka
tanager	luculent	parquet	outré	extravasate	haplography
pneumatocyst	expatiate	dhurrie	ululate	incunabula	Tchefuncte
fortissimo	xerogel	lapidary	sororal	cordillera	becquerel
portmanteau	vizierial	cachexia	epideictic	zazen	darnel

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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giallolino	frugivore	charcuterie	cathect	virga	catjang
krausen	lobscouse	zugzwang	mange-tout	ab aeterno	neem
Castalia	senecio	triskelion	whakapapa	Caracas	amour propre
nahcolite	jasmone	crokinole	Astur	indicia	Sagittarius
telamon	hawok	anicca	Casimir effect	Huallaga	hordeolum
uraeus	fructiferous	batamote	Devanagari	kufi	trous-de-loup
teledu	martinoe	yabbies	bismillah	Novanglian	vis-à-vis
gattine	lierre	**salmagundi	deceleron	una corda	Latinxua
mele	porwige	OR salmagundy	Ardipithecus	triduum	Barnumesque
Marathi	portugais	**hutia	Equatoguinean	wapiti	medulla
nuciform	ligas	OR jutia	limaçon	galena	aughts
grandrelle	Osloite	Deseret	Kannada	gyokuro	carnitine
bordereaux	sciolistic	Djibouti	Bundt	luftmensch	ahuehuete
rambla	seraya	Tegucigalpa	Strigolniki	aggrandizement	hominin
tullibee	janthina	Llullaillaco	Bavarian cream	battue	
guichet	Skeltonic	Pyxis	hysteron proteron	Tok Pisin	
Guarnerius	balata	***Bezier curve	rooseveltite	dvandva	
unakite	balbriggan	Beauceron	temalacatl	ivermectin	
azotea	affeer	ni-Vanuatu	darmstadtium	coulrophobia	
gabbro	pomology	Vulcan	Eris	ancien régime	
gegenschein	Svengali	anabathmoi	flehmen	deathin	
hebdomadad	escheator	selah	au bleu	zowie	
gypsophila	dogana	cirri	pou sto	colocate	
koh-i-noor	toorie	Oort cloud	kapparrah	Aglaia	
nocive	exchequer	cobalamin	Kuiper Belt	Apostolici	
cataphora	habeas corpus	amuse-gueule	Quaoar	ubiquinone	
blastema	kerril	anent	agate	Gurmukhi	
trochee	puđibund	abaculus	art brut	Burkinabe	
diapason	toril	Dvorak	banh mi	ciliopathy	
deliquesce	ryas	sous vide	attacca	logothete	
aperçu	terai	Nethinim	Ryukyu	grobian	
cioppino	gabarit	Rayleigh wave	kalopanax	rond de jambe	
inglenook	guerite	Gaia	derring-do	kyphoplasty	
efflux	gallivat	Ner Tamid	Alfvén	Aten	

One Dictionary to Rule them All

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