



# Scripps National Spelling Bee

## Vocabulary List for Difficulty Level One Bee 2019-2020

1.	<b>punting</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to kick a ball when playing football, soccer or rugby before the ball hits the ground when dropped from the hands.
2.	<b>crowd</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a large number of people especially when condensed into a compact group without order.
3.	<b>secret</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	hidden, concealed.
4.	<b>fumble</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to move awkwardly along, feeling one's way.
5.	<b>pond</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a body of water that is smaller than a lake but larger than a pool, and that either occurs naturally or is confined through man-made means.
6.	<b>health</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the state in which the parts of an organism are performing their vital functions normally and properly.
7.	<b>pardon</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	forgiveness of a fault or offense.
8.	<b>shake</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to grip or join hands.
9.	<b>kiddo</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	— used as a familiar way to greet someone.
10.	<b>proof</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	anything serving as evidence to determine the judgment or finding of a court of law.
11.	<b>gorp</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a snack that is usually comprised of high-energy foods such as nuts.
12.	<b>town</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a compressed settled area that in terms of population is larger than a village but smaller than a city.
13.	<b>bingo</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a game played using a grid in which five covered numbers in a row means a win.
14.	<b>clever</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	having quick mental faculties, intelligence and resourcefulness in improvising accompanied by cunning wit or physical readiness and grace.
15.	<b>inside</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	being on an inner surface or side.
16.	<b>reply</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to answer in words or writing.
17.	<b>frozen</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	subject to severe cold : chilly.
18.	<b>special</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	noteworthy, extraordinary, uncommon.
19.	<b>film</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to make a movie of.
20.	<b>results</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	a comprehensive publication of the outcome of competitive events.
21.	<b>soda</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a beverage that consists of water which is highly charged with carbon dioxide that is used to make soft drinks.
22.	<b>seal</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a marine aquatic carnivorous mammal that lives near cold seacoasts or on floating ice, bears its young on land, feeds on fish and other marine animals, has webbed flippers adapted for swimming, and has been hunted for its fur, hide and oil.
23.	<b>twirled</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	spun quickly.
24.	<b>crate</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a container that is used to transport items.



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25.	<b>admit</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to accept as the truth.
26.	<b>grown-ups</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	adults : those that have reached full physical and intellectual development.
27.	<b>pieces</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	parts of a whole thing.
28.	<b>brass</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a typically yellow alloy made of copper with zinc which is capable of being formed and is harder and stronger than copper.
29.	<b>onshore</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	within the country.
30.	<b>stunts</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	feats or tricks which display significant strength or skill.
31.	<b>deny</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to turn down or give a negative answer to a person.
32.	<b>jolly</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	joyous.
33.	<b>powder</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a substance made up of very fine particles.
34.	<b>hotel</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a building with many rooms that are used for overnight lodging.
35.	<b>walnut</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	an edible nut that comes from a tree of the same name.
36.	<b>sawdust</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	dry pulverized particles of wood or stone made during the process of cutting material with a manually operated or power-driven tool.
37.	<b>flustered</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	confused, muddled.
38.	<b>barber</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	one whose job is to cut and dress hair, as well as shave and trim beards.
39.	<b>chimes</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	makes a musical and harmonious sound, like a bell.
40.	<b>cabin</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a small single-story low-roofed house of simple construction.
41.	<b>faint</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	feeble, dizzy and likely to pass out due to hunger, illness, pain, shock or emotion.
42.	<b>manger</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	an open box in which food is placed for horses or cattle to eat.
43.	<b>peppermint</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a sharp and strong smelling plant with dark green leaves and whorls of small pink flowers in spikes.
44.	<b>broth</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	liquid which was used to cook meat, fish, grains or vegetables.
45.	<b>ash</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the material that is left behind after combustible materials (such as coal) have been burned.
46.	<b>flame</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the part of a fire which glows.
47.	<b>grits</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	grains such as maize, wheat or barley which have been hulled and coarsely ground.
48.	<b>cliff</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a very steep face of rock or earth : precipice.
49.	<b>hem</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	an edge of cloth (such as for a skirt, sleeve or napkin) which has been finished by folding back the edge and sewing it down.



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50.	<b>candles</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	long, slender, cylindrical masses made of wax and containing wicks that are burned to give light.
51.	<b>brim</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the edge of a cup or bowl.
52.	<b>plot</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to devise or plan.
53.	<b>desk</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a table with a sloping or horizontal surface used for writing and reading, often furnished with drawers and compartments.
54.	<b>bobcat</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a lynx from North America that is reddish with dark markings.
55.	<b>polo</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a game played by teams of three or four players on horseback who use mallets with long handles to move a wooden ball down the field and through goalposts.
56.	<b>roller</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a device made of a rotating cylinder that is covered with an absorbent material and mounted on a handle so that the cylinder can be dipped into paint and rolled over a flat surface such as a wall.
57.	<b>stark</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	barren, desolate, bleak.
58.	<b>drum</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a musical percussion instrument that usually consists of a hollow cylinder with a skin head stretched over it which is beaten with a stick or pair of sticks.
59.	<b>snarl</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a tangle of something (such as hairs or threads) that is difficult to unravel.
60.	<b>argue</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to give statements or provide facts in support of or in opposition to an opinion.
61.	<b>loppers</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	shears used for pruning which are about two feet in length.
62.	<b>petal</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	one of the typically leaf-shaped members that make up the inner set of leaves of a flower.
63.	<b>giant</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	extremely large.
64.	<b>sniffle</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to bring air noisily up into the nose over and over again to stop mucus from running from the nose (typical of having a cold).
65.	<b>mouth</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the opening for food to enter the body of an animal.
66.	<b>filters</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	porous articles (typically made from cloth, paper or sand) used to separate liquid or gas from solid matter by passing the matter through the article.
67.	<b>cone</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a crisp conical wafer used to hold ice cream.
68.	<b>never</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	at no time.
69.	<b>silly</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	of little weight or importance.
70.	<b>Monday</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the second day of the week.
71.	<b>grub</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	food.
72.	<b>hook</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a curved piece of metal or other hard material that is used for catching, holding or pulling.
73.	<b>number</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the total sum of units involved.
74.	<b>cooking</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	preparing food for the table by a heating process.
75.	<b>amazed</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	filled with wonder : astounded.
76.	<b>collect</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to gather together into a group or assortment.



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78.	<b>proper</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by being suitable, fit, compatible or in accordance.
79.	<b>basement</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the part of a building that is either completely or partly below the ground level.
80.	<b>ripple</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to become lightly ruffled on the surface (such as can occur with water).
81.	<b>feats</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	deeds or acts.
82.	<b>plumbing</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the articles (such as pipes and fixtures) in a building that are concerned with the introduction, distribution and disposal of water.
83.	<b>stubborn</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	perversely unyielding in character or quality.
84.	<b>adrift</b>	<i>(adverb)</i>	without anchor or mooring and without controlled direction.
85.	<b>sweeten</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to add sugar to.
86.	<b>neon</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	extremely bright in color.
87.	<b>beeswax</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	business — used primarily by children.
88.	<b>social</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	marked by pleasant time spent with one's friends or companions.
89.	<b>behold</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to experience or apprehend : to receive the full impression of something through sight.
90.	<b>mix</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to stir, shake or bring different substances together.
91.	<b>drool</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	saliva issuing from the mouth in a stream.
92.	<b>understand</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to comprehend.
93.	<b>stray</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a domestic animal that has left its enclosure or home and wanders at large or is lost.
94.	<b>sound</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a noise or tone.
95.	<b>benches</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	long typically wooden seats for multiple people to sit upon.
96.	<b>shrugged</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	raised the shoulders to express indifference or aloofness.
97.	<b>still</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	stationary, immobile.
98.	<b>pranks</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	tricks.
99.	<b>smiled</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	looked at with amusement, contempt or ridicule.
100.	<b>peach</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a sweet juicy edible fruit which is used as a fresh or cooked fruit, in preserves or dried.
101.	<b>pie</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a food consisting of meat or fruit baked in or under dough and typically in a dish that is lined with dough and topped with pastry.
102.	<b>size</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the actual, characteristic, normal or relative proportion of a thing.
103.	<b>hall</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the home or castle of a medieval king or member of the nobility.
104.	<b>jangled</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	caused to sound harshly or unpleasantly.
105.	<b>chain</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a series of interconnected typically metal links or rings used for various purposes such as support or restraint.
106.	<b>workhorse</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who performs and takes on a large amount of difficult labor.



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107.	<b>antennas</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	metallic devices such as rods or wires that are used for receiving or radiating radio waves.
108.	<b>honest</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	legitimate : truthful.
109.	<b>holler</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to cry out or shout to attract attention.
110.	<b>billboard</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a large panel mounted on a building or framework near a road that holds outdoor advertising.
111.	<b>chicken</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a common domestic bird.
112.	<b>puppets</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	representations of humans or other living things that are small in scale and are moved and controlled by rod, hand or strings.
113.	<b>waited</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	remained in place in expectation of something or someone.
114.	<b>finish</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to arrive at the end of : complete.
115.	<b>cheer</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to fill with gladness : to cause to be happy.
116.	<b>twisty</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	winding : full of bends.
117.	<b>chips</b>	<i>(plural noun)</i>	thin slices of potatoes that are deep-fried in fat.
118.	<b>scoop</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a container or utensil used to hold or remove a liquid or loose materials.
119.	<b>rover</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	someone who wanders.
120.	<b>forgive</b>	<i>(verb)</i>	to stop feeling resentment toward because of a wrong committed.
121.	<b>ribbon</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a flat narrow fabric made of silk, rayon, nylon or cotton that is closely woven in various constructions and used for trimmings, decorations or knitting.
122.	<b>shoo</b>	<i>(interjection)</i>	– used in scaring away an animal.
123.	<b>greedy</b>	<i>(adjective)</i>	having an excessive or selfish desire for something, usually material possessions.
124.	<b>beam</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	a long piece of heavy wood that is suitable to use in house construction.
125.	<b>crew</b>	<i>(noun)</i>	the group of people who work on a ship.