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Spelling bee is a word game in which participants are asked to spell words aloud in front of an audience. The words are usually chosen from a list of words, and the player who spells the most words correctly wins. The game is often played in schools and is a popular activity for children. The game is also played in professional settings, such as in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is one of the most prestigious spelling bee competitions in the world. The game is a test of a player's knowledge of words and their ability to spell them correctly under pressure. The game is often played in a tournament format, with players competing against each other in a series of rounds. The player who spells the most words correctly in each round advances to the next round, and the winner is the player who spells the most words correctly in the final round. The game is a fun and challenging way to learn new words and improve spelling skills.

Spelling competitions have been around for a long time in the U.S. at least since the mid-18th century.[1]Spelling bees were so popular that Mark Twain even mentions them in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, referring to them as spelling fights.[1]The largest spelling bee in the U.S. is the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which usually hosts over 200 spellers and even airs on television[2]Spelling bee team names can range from creative to funny.Our list features a great variety of choices as well as some tips below to help you create your own spelling bee team name. Spelling Bee Team Names Spelling Bee Team Name Generator How to Create a Great Spelling Bee Team NameCreate a great spelling bee team name using the following tips:Decide on the type of name you are looking for. It will be easier to search for a name once you figure out whether youre looking for a creative, funny, motivational, or another type of name. Once you decide, look up the definition of the word for the type of name you want. Also, check out the synonyms for additional choices.Think of puns that would work with the words spell or bee. Puns are always popular team names. All you have to do is think of a popular word, saying, or title and change it up with your spelling bee-themed word. For example, Dont Stop BEElievin.Put it to a vote. Take suggestions from your team and vote on the top choice for the winner. If you end up with several top contenders, you may be able to combine them into one unique team name. BEE creative!Choose a single word that describes your team. Team names dont have to be long and tedious. Single-word names can convey the vibe of your team just as well as a short phrase. Pick a single word that will motivate your team to spelling victory! Competition:For the episode of Psych, see Spelling Bee. For the annual spelling bee held in the United States, see Scripps National Spelling Bee. For other uses, see Spelling bee (disambiguation). This article needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed.Find sources:“Spelling bee”news newspapers books scholar JSTOR (February 2022) (Learn how and when to remove this message)Spelling bees at an elementary school, with a speller addressing an audience and a judge, with other contestants behindA spelling bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty. To compete, contestants must memorize the spellings of words as written in dictionaries, and recite them accordingly.Historically, the word "bee" has been used to describe a get-together for communal work, like a husking bee, a quilting bee, or an apple bee. According to etymological research recorded in dictionaries, the word "bee" probably comes from dialectal "been" or "bean" (meaning "help given by neighbors"), which came from Middle English bee (meaning "prayer", "boon" and "extra service by a tenant to his lord").[1][2]"Cousin Reginald Spells Peloponnesus." (Norman Rockwell, 1918)The earliest known evidence of the phrase "spelling bee" in print dates back to 1850, although an earlier name, "spelling match", has been traced back to 1808.[3] A key impetus for the contests was Noah Webster's spelling books. First published in 1786 and known colloqually as "The Blue-backed Speller", Webster's spelling books were an essential part of the curriculum of all elementary school children in the United States for five generations. Now the key reference for the contests is Webster's Third New International Dictionary.[4]Spelling bees became widespread across the United States during the 19th century as a way to motivate students to learn standardized spelling. They were usually held in individual schools and towns, and were not nationally organized. In 1908, the National Education Association (NEA) held what it called the first national spelling bee at its convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Marie Bolden, a girl from Cleveland, was named champion.[5][6]The annual United States National Spelling Bee was started in 1925 by The Courier-Journal. The winner was Frank Neuhouser, age 11, who won the 1st National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in 1925.[7]In the US, spelling bees are annually held from local levels up to the level of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which awards a cash prize to the winner. The National Spelling Bee is sponsored by English language newspapers and educational foundations; it is also broadcast on ESPN. Since 2006, the National Spelling Bee's championship rounds have been broadcast on ABC live. In 2005, contestants came from the Bahamas, Jamaica, Canada, and New Zealand, as well as the United States (including territories and overseas military bases). This was the first year that spellers from Canada and New Zealand attended the competition. The final authority for words is the Webster's Third New International Dictionary.[4] The annual study list is available from Scripps, either online or in print.The National Senior Spelling Bee started in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1996.[8] While most countries and continents have their own spelling bees, there are also a few global Spelling Bees such as ISB Spelling Bee International,[9] which has participation from across the world.[9]Holding spelling bees in English, with its irregular spelling, makes more sense than in languages that have much more consistent spelling. Some languages, like Hindi, Italian, German, and Turkish, have highly phonetic writing systems, with a virtually one-to-one ratio of letters to sound, which makes word spelling predictable; therefore, there are very few spelling bees in these languages.[10]In Ghana, The Spelling Bee Ghana is organized annually, with the winners being flown to the US to represent Ghana at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.[11]Nigeria's spelling bee is called the Nigeria Spelling Bee, and is organized by the Bee Spelling Competition Initiative in states across the federation of Nigeria.[12]Many other African countries are also part of the African Spelling Bee.[13]The Nigeria Spelling Bee is organized in across states of the federation with national finalists drawn after qualifying from their respective states and either of the six geo-political zones of the country.[14]The Nigeria Spelling Bee which is the widest spelling bee competition in the country has so far been conducted in more than 25 states across Nigeria by the organizers (Bee Spelling Competition Initiative)[12] which has been first such arrangement in Bangladesh. The champion is rewarded with a trip to Washington, DC. The winners of season 2 met the honorable president of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Advocate Abdul Hamid.[21]The fourth season was held in 2016.The India Spelling Bee is held for school students across the country, featuring school-level, state and regional-level, and national-level competitions.[22] The contest focuses on commonly used but misspelled words for students. It also organizes corporate and institutional contests.Different consents/schools organize and participate in different, independent spelling bees, but the largest company in Latin America to organize annual international spelling bees since 2015 is Advanced Methods Corporation (Amco), a U.S.-based company that promotes learning English as a second language. Schools from Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Chile, Honduras, and El Salvador enrolled to the Amco system are eligible to participate in the annual Amco Spelling Bee, consisting of 3 stages: school (selection of students to participate in the regional, repeats with the next stages), regional, and international. The international one is always set in Guadalajara, Jalisco, in Expo Guadalajara, and is almost always held in the last days of May or beginnings of June.[23]In 1876 there were newspaper reports of spelling bees in a number of towns in the United Kingdom. Since 2009, The Times newspaper has run a spelling bee for schools: The Times Spelling Bee.One of the first spelling bee competitions in Vanuatu took place in August 2019. Six primary schools and 36 students on the main island of Vanuatu participated and competed for secondary school scholarships. The SHEFA Education office and Peace Corps Volunteers collaborated to make the spelling bee possible.[24]Bible beeChinese Characters Dictation CompetitionDictation (exercise)Kanji KenteiSpelling alphabet " Dictionary.comAlso, bees draw out figures and alphabets when flying; hence the appropriate use of bees to describe a competition with extensive use of alphabets.Bee Retrieved March 3, 2015. " Definition of BEE". Merriam-Webster. Archived from the original on 21 October 2012. Retrieved 28 March 2013. " Popik, Barry (April 13, 2013). "Spelling Bee (Spelling Match)". The Big Apple. Retrieved April 16, 2013. " a b "Contest rules". spellingbee.com. Archived from the original on 2016-10-11. " Maguire, James (2006). "Chapter 4: A Fine Amusement". American Bee: the National Spelling Bee and the culture of word nerds. Rodale. ISBN 1594862141. " Ackermann, Marsha E., Black, Thomas K. III (2014). "Chapter 5: Bee Seasons". How Do You Spell Ruzzevot? 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Media related to Spelling bees at Wikimedia CommonsRetrieved from " Image not available forCover: To view this video download Flash Player Michael Kwan Jun 9, 2022 8 min read Getty The Scripps National Spelling Bee got its start way back in 1925. Since then, the thrilling competition has crowned dozens of spelling bee champions. The words have gotten more difficult and obscure over the years. And these young contestants continue to step up to the challenge. Lets take a look back at the most noteworthy Scripps Spelling Bee winners and their unique stories.Deviating from tradition, the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee decided its winner via a spell-off between the final two spellers. This was a first in Spelling Bee history. Harini Logan and Vikram Raju had 90 seconds to correctly spell as many words as they could. At the end of the time, the player with the most words spelled correctly would be crowned the champion.In the end, Harini Logan (age 14) won with 21 of 26 words spelled correctly. Vikram Raju, 12, was the runner-up with 15 of 19 correct words.Zaila Avant-garde The Multi-Talented Sensation (2021)The Scripps National Spelling Bee returned in 2021 after skipping the 2020 competition due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Held virtually for the majority of its rounds, the 2021 Spelling Bee had 209 contestants. The 11 finalists met and competed in person.Zaila Avant-Garde 2021 Scripps National Spelling BeeAt the end of the Spelling Bee, 14-year-old Zaila Avant-garde took first place by spelling murraya. Zaila was the first Black American contestant to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee ever, and the second Black champion after Jamaican speller Jody-Anne Maxwell won in 1998.Shes clearly an accomplished speller, but Zaila Avant-garde has proven to be an exceptional person with many talents. For example, Zaila is a top basketball prospect in her age group. She also holds three

basketball-related Guinness world records:The most bounces of four basketballs in 30 seconds (307)The most basketballs dribbled at one time (six)The most bounce juggles in one minute, using four basketballs (255)Frank Neuhouser: The First Spelling Bee Winner (1925)While the 1925 National Spelling Bee wasnt the first spelling bee ever, other competitions were local. It was the first in spelling bee history to combine them into a national contest. At first, The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Kentucky organized the competition. The Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company (later the E. W. Scripps Company) took over in 1941.Louisville local Frank Neuhouser was the first-ever National Spelling Bee champion. He spelled gladiolus as his winning word, beating eight other finalists. His hometown honored him with a parade. Neuhouser would later enjoy a successful career as a patent lawyer.Barrie Trinkle: Spelling Out of This World (1973)As you read about top spelling bee champions, you may wonder if the spellers went on to achieve great things. Barrie Trinkle is an excellent example. She went to the Spelling Bee three times, winning in 1973 by spelling vouchsafe in the final round. To her recollection, she didnt even ask any questions before spelling it.Barrie Trinkle went on to study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She joined NASAs Jet Propulsion Laboratory as an aerospace engineer. After about a decade, she changed careers to become an editor at Amazon and a writer. Its almost like I tried to get away from words, and they pulled me back.She co-authored a book in 2006 How to Spell Like a Champ and served on the Spelling Bees Word Panel for several years.The Year With 8 National Spelling Bee Champions (2019)In the long history of the contest, the National Spelling Bee has generally crowned single spelling bee champions. Diane Reynard of Cleveland, Ohio and Colquitt Dean of College Park, Georgia were the first co-champions in 1950. Since then, there have been five more pairs of joint winners in 1957, 1962, 2014, 2015 and 2016.Winners of the 2019 Scripps National Spelling BeeAt the 92nd National Spelling Bee in 2019, everything changed. After five consecutive perfect rounds, the competition concluded with an unprecedented eight-way tie. Thus, a total of eight national spelling bee winners shared the championship. Their names, ages, hometowns and spelling bee winning words are as follows:Rishik Gandhasth (13) - San Jose, California - auslautErin Howard (14) - Huntsville, Alabama - erysipelasSaketh Sundhar (13) - Clarksville, Maryland - bougainvilleaShruthika Padhy (13) - Cherry Hill, New Jersey - aigulletteSohum Sukhatanakar (13) - Dallas, Texas - pendeloqueAbhijay Kodali (12) - Flower Mound, Texas - palamaChristopher Serrao (13) - Whitehorse Station, New Jersey - cernuouRohan Raja (13) - Irving, Texas - odylisBalu Natarajan: Indian American Domination (1985)Indian Americans only make up about one percent of the total population in the United States. Even so, the majority of spelling bee winners in the past 20 years come from this cultural background. The trend started with Balu Natarajan at the 58th National Spelling Bee in 1985.You may have noticed that the eight co-champions from 2019 are Indian American.Since 1999, 26 spelling bee champions have been Indian American.Balu, who was 13 years old at the time, was the first son of immigrants to win the competition. His Bee-winning word was milieu, meaning a persons social setting or environment. He would go on to become a sports medicine physician and the Chief Medical Officer of Seasons Hospice in Rosemont, Illinois. His son, Atman Balkrishnan, is following in his fathers footsteps.Arvind Mahankali: The Stoic Knaiel (2013)Arvind Mahankali Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion 2013Most national spelling bee champions are pretty thrilled when they win. And understandably so! They have to qualify through regional competitions. Then, spellers endure a preliminary test and two rounds of oral spelling. Finally, they fight through five rounds of tough competition. Its no easy feat! Of course, they want to celebrate.But not Arvind Mahankali of Bayside Hills, New York. When the 13-year-old spelled knaiel to win in 2013, he appeared nearly emotionless on stage. No big smile, no fists in the air, no jumping up and down with joy. Hed just won the national title and \$30,000, beating out 280 other contestants. No big deal, right? After winning, Arvind celebrated by eating knaiel for the first time at a deli in New York.Akshay Buddiga: The Foxlike Fair (2004)Yes, this article is all about noteworthy spelling bee champions. Akshay Buddiga is not among the list of national spelling bee winners. But, he is noteworthy for a different reason. In 2004, the 13-year-old from Colorado Springs, Colorado was asked to spell alopecoid. Its an adjective that means like a fox.He asked typical spelling bee questions. He asked about the words definition and language of origin, for example. Then, while repeating the word one more time, Akshay fainted on stage. He recovered almost immediately, returned to the microphone and spelled alopecoid correctly. In the end, Akshay Buddiga would take second place.

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