



## 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee Preliminaries Test

*The Preliminaries consisted of 12 scored spelling words and 12 scored vocabulary questions which counted as Round One, one scored vocabulary question for Round Two and one scored vocabulary question for Round Three. Spellers could earn a maximum of 30 points for correct spellings and responses on the Preliminaries Test.*

### Round One Spelling Words:

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| 1. culinary     | 2. subtlety       | 3. tout        |
| 4. bowyer       | 5. sortilege      | 6. reverberant |
| 7. macaronic    | 8. filar          | 9. theriatrics |
| 10. phraseogram | 11. achromatopsia | 12. canaille   |

### Round One Vocabulary Words:

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| 13. Which of these would be most <b>dulcet</b> ?                     | <b>Answer:</b> a cinnamon roll OR a popular lullaby                     |
| 14. If something is <b>baneful</b> , it is:                          | <b>Answer:</b> harmful                                                  |
| 15. Which of the following is closest in meaning to <b>schlepp</b> ? | <b>Answer:</b> haul                                                     |
| 16. What is a <b>cutpurse</b> ?                                      | <b>Answer:</b> a pickpocket                                             |
| 17. Something said <b>succinctly</b> is:                             | <b>Answer:</b> brief and exact                                          |
| 18. An example of an <b>ergogenic</b> activity is:                   | <b>Answer:</b> increasing sleep time by an hour                         |
| 19. A <b>jurisprude</b> is:                                          | <b>Answer:</b> a person who likes to show off their legal knowledge     |
| 20. A <b>pennate</b> object is shaped like a:                        | <b>Answer:</b> wing                                                     |
| 21. What might a <b>mountebank</b> do on the job?                    | <b>Answer:</b> perform card tricks                                      |
| 22. <b>Prosoplasia</b> refers to:                                    | <b>Answer:</b> abnormal tissue differentiation                          |
| 23. A <b>gaufrette</b> is a:                                         | <b>Answer:</b> slice of potato cut to look like a waffle and then fried |
| 24. <b>Taphephobia</b> is:                                           | <b>Answer:</b> the fear of being buried alive                           |

### Round Two Vocabulary Word:

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| 25. If something is <b>inviolable</b> , it is: | <b>Answer:</b> secure from assault or trespass |
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### Round Three Vocabulary Word:

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| 26. <b>Otology</b> is a science that deals with the: | <b>Answer:</b> ears |
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