



2019 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. grok | 2. dissilient | 3. sciapodous |
| 4. rucervine | 5. epollicate | 6. indiscerptible |
| 7. sobornost | 8. passim | 9. avoirdupois |
| 10. zuppa inglese | 11. diel | 12. Ljubljana |

Round One Vocabulary Words:

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| 13. If you take flak from someone, you: | Answer: receive criticism from them |
| 14. Which of the following is closest in meaning to restive ? | Answer: fidgety |
| 15. Something that is exculpatory : | Answer: vindicates someone |
| 16. What does it mean for someone to raise Cain ? | Answer: create a disturbance through wild behavior |
| 17. An ailurophile would be most likely to have which of the following? | Answer: several kittens |
| 18. What is a megillah ? | Answer: a long involved story |
| 19. Pyrosis is a synonym for: | Answer: heartburn |
| 20. What is a haymaker ? | Answer: a knockout punch |
| 21. If something is cyclopean , it is: | Answer: massive |
| 22. Which of these is a tritaph ? | Answer: a tomb containing three chambers |
| 23. Which of the following is another way to refer to an artist manqué ? | Answer: a frustrated artist |
| 24. Dianoia is: | Answer: a process of thinking |