



2016 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. sundry | 2. enshroud | 3. geminate |
| 4. mademoiselle | 5. allogamy | 6. chiropodist |
| 7. tapetum | 8. polysemy | 9. hematorrhachis |
| 10. fouetté | 11. lachsschinken | 12. Nynorsk |

Round One Vocabulary Words:

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| 13. A reticent person is: | Answer: quiet |
| 14. If something is decorous , it is: | Answer: proper |
| 15. What is a pilcrow ? | Answer: a paragraph mark |
| 16. A person described as mendacious is: | Answer: prone to lying |
| 17. What is a criticaster ? | Answer: an inferior evaluator of others' works |
| 18. A person described as supercilious is acting: | Answer: arrogantly superior |
| 19. If a statement is made obiter , it is made: | Answer: offhandedly |
| 20. If you're called a turophile , you must like: | Answer: cheese |
| 21. Which of the following is closest in meaning to au courant ? | Answer: up-to-date |
| 22. Something that is Damoclean : | Answer: involves imminent danger |
| 23. The ne plus ultra is: | Answer: the highest degree of a quality or state |
| 24. Something described as glottogonic relates to: | Answer: the origin of language |