

Summary Results for the Semifinals

Number of Spellers Participating in Rounds Four and Five: 49

Number of Spellers Participating in Round Six: 38

Score needed to Advance to the Championship Finals: 61

The Semifinals consisted of the Semifinals Test and two rounds of onstage oral spelling. For a breakdown of the contents and scoring of the Semifinals Test, please see Rule 3 of the *Contest Rules of the 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on page 5 of the *2015 Bee Week Guide*.

Advancement to the Championship Finals was determined by the cumulative points a speller earned during both the Preliminaries and Semifinals. The maximum possible score a speller could earn during the Preliminaries and Semifinals was 72 points.

The 10 Spellers Advancing to the Championship Finals (and their individual cumulative scores):

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| 16 - Snehaa Ganesh Kumar (61) | 29 - Sylvie Lamontagne (61) | 39 - Siyona Mishra (63) |
| 90 - Vanya Shivashankar (64) | 92 - Paul Keaton (63) | 132 - Dev Jaiswal (69) |
| 140 - Gokul Venkatachalam (63) | 200 - Cole Shafer-Ray (66) | 238 - Siddharth Krishnakumar (65) |
| 264 - Tejas Muthusamy (64) | | |

Round Four Spelling Words (Semifinals Test):

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| 27. adscititious | 28. tanned | 29. contretemps |
| 30. Phalaenopsis | 31. lulliloo | 32. karakurt |
| 33. elepaio | 34. radicolous | 35. sosie |
| 36. carcel | 37. kathakali | 38. Walpurgisnacht |

Round Four Vocabulary Words (Semifinals Test):

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| 39. A deltiologist is a collector of: | Answer: postcards |
| 40. Someone with a malapert attitude is: | Answer: impudently bold |
| 41. The inhabitants of a vespiary are: | Answer: wasps |
| 42. A collutorium is used as: | Answer: a mouthwash |
| 43. Anaclastic means: | Answer: capable of springing back |
| 44. An epithalamium is: | Answer: a celebratory song for a bride |
| 45. A mansard is what part of a house? | Answer: roof |
| 46. What does it mean to circumure something? | Answer: put a wall around it |
| 47. Someone who is toploftical has: | Answer: a superior attitude |
| 48. Another word for élan is: | Answer: flair |
| 49. What is sonoluminescence ? | Answer: emission of light by a liquid when traversed by high-frequency sound waves |
| 50. Something that is eburneous is what color? | Answer: creamy white |

Round Five Vocabulary Words (Semifinals Test):

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| 51. Which of the following are most likely to be in collusion ? | Answer: an enemy and a traitor |
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Round Six Vocabulary Words (Semifinals Test):

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| 52. Which of these is a symptom of dysphemia ? | Answer: stammering |
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