

Summary Results for the Semifinals

Number of Spellers Participating in Rounds Four and Five: 46

Number of Spellers Participating in Round Six: 36

Score needed to Advance to the Championship Finals: 62

The Semifinals consisted of the computer-based 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 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on page 5 of the *2014 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 12 Spellers Advancing to the Championship Finals (and their individual cumulative scores):

20 - Neha Konakalla (67)	38 - Jacob Williamson (63)	43 - Mary Horton (66)
58 - Alia Abiad (63)	87 - Tajaun Gibbison (63)	139 - Gokul Venkatachalam (63)
154 - Sriram Hathwar (70)	188 - Ashwin Veeramani (62)	232 - Kate Miller (62)
237 - Ansun Sujoe (64)	255 - Samuel Pereles (62)	263 - Tejas Muthusamy (63)

Round Four Score Spelling Words (Semifinals Test):

1. bokmakierie	2. chou	3. cnidarian
4. fizelyite	5. Hesperian	6. katsura
7. patonce	8. Pleistocene	9. rheotropism
10. satrap	11. verbena	12. yizkor

Round Four Score Vocabulary Words (Semifinals Test):

1. What do auspices refer to?	Answer: patronage and kindly guidance
2. A person described as contumacious is:	Answer: stubbornly disobedient
3. What is a coup de grace ?	Answer: a decisive final blow
4. A desideratum is something that is:	Answer: sought for or aimed at
5. Which of these is most similar to empyreal ?	Answer: celestial
6. Something described as littoral is:	Answer: related to the seashore
7. Something described as megacephalic has:	Answer: a large head
8. If something is mordant , it is:	Answer: biting or incisive
9. Something described as pachydermatous has:	Answer: thick skin
10. Who would most likely receive a pourboire ?	Answer: a restaurant server, to reward good service
11. What does a solipsist believe in?	Answer: his or her own mind
12. What is a Volkslied ?	Answer: a folk song