

Summary Results for the Preliminaries

Number of Spellers Participating in Rounds One and Two: 291

Number of Spellers Participating in Round Three: 259

Score needed to Advance to the Finals: 29

The Preliminaries consisted of the Preliminaries Test and two rounds of onstage oral spelling. For a breakdown of the contents and scoring of the Preliminaries Test, please see Rule 2 of the *Contest Rules of the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on page 5 of the *2017 Bee Week Guide*. The maximum possible score a speller could earn during the Preliminaries was 36 points.

The 40 Spellers Advancing to the Finals:

9 - Melodie Loya	25 - Sohum Sukhatankar	27 - Rohan Sachdev
36 - Erin Howard	37 - Varad Mulay	43 - Helena Thompson
65 - Samhita Kumar	75 - Mira Dedhia	99 - Brendan Pawlicki
109 - Paul Hamrick	114 - Shrinidhi Gopal	128 - Owen Kovalik
136 - Grant Taylor	143 - Tejas Muthusamy	163 - Nikhil Lahiri
167 - Sreeniketh Vogoti	176 - Maggie Sheridan	180 - Daniel Chen
187 - Saketh Sundar	189 - Rutvik Gandhasri	191 - Alice Liu
200 - Raksheet Kota	205 - Siyona Mishra	207 - Tara Singh
210 - Naysa Modi	214 - Ashrita Gandhari	227 - Enya Hubers
235 - Rohan Rajeev	245 - Jashun Paluru	254 - Shourav Dasari
259 - Alex Iyer	264 - Ananya Vinay	265 - Catherine Chung
276 - Akshra Paimagam	278 - Shruthika Padhy	280 - Srikar Chamarthi
281 - Thomas York	287 - Nicholas Ivan	288 - Aisha Randhawa
291 - Marlene Schaff		

Round One Spelling Words (Preliminaries Test):

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 (Preliminaries Test):

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

Round Two Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

25. If something is inviolable , it is:	Answer: secure from assault or trespass
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Round Three Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

26. Otology is a science that deals with the:	Answer: ears
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