

Summary Results for the Preliminaries

Number of Spellers Participating in Rounds One and Two: 519

Number of Spellers Participating in Round Three: 452

Score needed to Advance to the Finals: 28

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 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on page 5 of the *2018 Bee Week Guide*. The maximum possible score a speller could earn during the Preliminaries was 36 points.

The 41 Spellers Advancing to the Finals:

11 - Jacob Faulk	14 - Amith Vasantha	15 - Enya Hubers
24 - Cameron Keith	37 - Siddharth Doppalapudi	44 - Lauren Guo
48 - Medina Miranda	50 - Aisha Randhawa	60 - Simone Kaplan
70 - Rishik Gandhasri	72 - Paul Hamrick	74 - Nidhi Vadlamudi
80 - Anisha Rao	94 - Samhita Kumar	98 - Erin Howard
133 - Tara Singh	171 - Marisa Langley	192 - Jashun Paluru
209 - Brendan Pawlicki	219 - Sophia Nguyen	242 - Alice Liu
250 - Nicole Tsygan	251 - Saketh Sundar	279 - Navneeth Murali
290 - Shruthika Padhy	315 - Sravanth Malla	316 - Noah Brandt
326 - Phoebe Smith	327 - Nilla Rajan	348 - Christopher Serrao
350 - Eva Vega	361 - Snehal Choudhury	398 - Melodie Loya
436 - Pranav Nandakumar	447 - Naysa Modi	460 - Rohan Raja
471 - Karthik Nemmani	484 - Abhijay Kodali	506 - Sohumi Sukhatankar
516 - Pranathi Jammula	517 - Anson Cook	

Round One Spelling Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 1. barrenness | 2. pestilential | 3. remittent |
| 4. pataphysics | 5. troglodyte | 6. flagellate |
| 7. orpiment | 8. theremin | 9. epipodiale |
| 10. pteridophyte | 11. bocconcini | 12. eumolpique |

Round One Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 13. If something is insuperable , it is: | Answer: impossible to overcome |
| 14. Items described as chockablock are: | Answer: crowded together |
| 15. An explicit statement is: | Answer: clear |
| 16. Timocracy is a form of government in which: | Answer: love of glory is the ruling principle |
| 17. What is ditto graphy? | Answer: the unintentional repetition of letters when copying by hand |
| 18. Which activity would you be most likely to do mano a mano ? | Answer: boxing |
| 19. Which would best be described as anfractuous ? | Answer: a winding maze |
| 20. Something described as festucine is: | Answer: yellow |
| 21. Lalopathy is a disorder of: | Answer: speech |
| 22. An aperçu is a: | Answer: swift insight |
| 23. Someone irenical is: | Answer: striving for harmony |
| 24. To reticulate means to: | Answer: divide to form a network |

Round Two Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 25. A comptroller is in charge of supervising: | Answer: accounts and expenditures |
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Round Three Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 26. Which of the following is closest in meaning to timorous ? | Answer: fearful |
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