

## Summary Results for the Preliminaries

Number of Spellers Participating in Rounds One and Two: 285

Number of Spellers Participating in Round Three: 279

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 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on page 4 of the *2015 Bee Week Guide*. The maximum possible score a speller could earn during the Preliminaries was 36 points.

### The 49 Spellers Advancing to the Finals:

1 - Erin Howard	5 - Marcus Behling	9 - Eesha Sohail
12 - Jillian Fusi	13 - Cooper Komatsu	15 - Jenna-May Ingal
16 - Snehaa Ganesh Kumar	29 - Sylvie Lamontagne	35 - Vaishnavi Suren
39 - Siyona Mishra	45 - Monisha Mahadevan	62 - Aniket Nuthalapati
76 - Cy Orentlicher	87 - Sara-Beth McPherson	90 - Vanya Shivashankar
92 - Paul Keaton	112 - Christy Jestin	117 - Lily Mears
122 - Nathaniel Britton	128 - Maxwell Meyer	130 - Christine Farnberg
132 - Dev Jaiswal	136 - River Blount	140 - Gokul Venkatachalam
144 - Arushi Kalpande	153 - Jairam Hathwar	158 - Sai Vishudhi Chandrasekhar
159 - Srinath Mahankali	164 - Dylan O'Connor	167 - Akshra Paimagam
173 - Rohan Sachdev	181 - Owen Kovalik	183 - Lipika Nariseti
185 - Manu Nair	186 - Abhilash Yarlagadda	198 - Melina Gabele
200 - Cole Shafer-Ray	207 - William Yaeger	234 - Smrithi Upadhyayula
236 - Michelle Yakubek	237 - Shobha Dasari	238 - Siddharth Krishnakumar
246 - Muriel Cotman	255 - Samuel Pereles	259 - Shiv Lamba
261 - Ankita Vadiala	264 - Tejas Muthusamy	282 - Arjun Jagjivan
284 - Katharine Wang		

### Round One Spelling Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 1. rhythmically | 2. collateral | 3. jibboom      |
| 4. capsaicin    | 5. perruche   | 6. tarsorrhaphy |
| 7. certosina    | 8. gorgoneion | 9. meunière     |
| 10. rondavel    | 11. tablita   | 12. schmierkase |

### Round One Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 13. What does it mean to be <b>comestible</b> ?                     | <b>Answer:</b> suitable to be eaten  |
| 14. What is a <b>gazetteer</b> ?                                    | <b>Answer:</b> a journalist on a daily newspaper <b>OR</b> a dictionary of place names |
| 15. <b>Lenitive</b> means:  | <b>Answer:</b> soothing  |
| 16. When people <b>expatiate</b> , they:                            | <b>Answer:</b> speak at length   |
| 17. Something described as <b>lilliputian</b> is very:              | <b>Answer:</b> small   |
| 18. Which word is a synonym for <b>vulpine</b> ?                    | <b>Answer:</b> sly   |
| 19. Who would most likely receive <b>plaudits</b> ?                 | <b>Answer:</b> an author releasing a new book  |
| 20. What does it mean to <b>enervate</b> a person?                  | <b>Answer:</b> to make weak or feeble  |
| 21. An <b>abstemious</b> person is likely to:                       | <b>Answer:</b> eat sparingly   |
| 22. An <b>otiose</b> person is:                                     | <b>Answer:</b> idle  |
| 23. Something described as <b>viridigenous</b> :                    | <b>Answer:</b> produces greenness  |
| 24. Which of the following best describes <b>hypercryalgnesia</b> ? | <b>Answer:</b> excessive pain due to cold  |

### Round Two Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 25. What does <b>symbiosis</b> refer to? | <b>Answer:</b> the mutually beneficial relationship of two dissimilar organisms |
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### Round Three Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 26. Something in <b>desuetude</b> is: | <b>Answer:</b> apparently abandoned |
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