

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):

16 - Snehaa Ganesh Kumar (61)

29 - Sylvie Lamontagne (61)

39 - Siyona Mishra (63)

90 - Vanya Shivashankar (64)

92 - Paul Keaton (63)

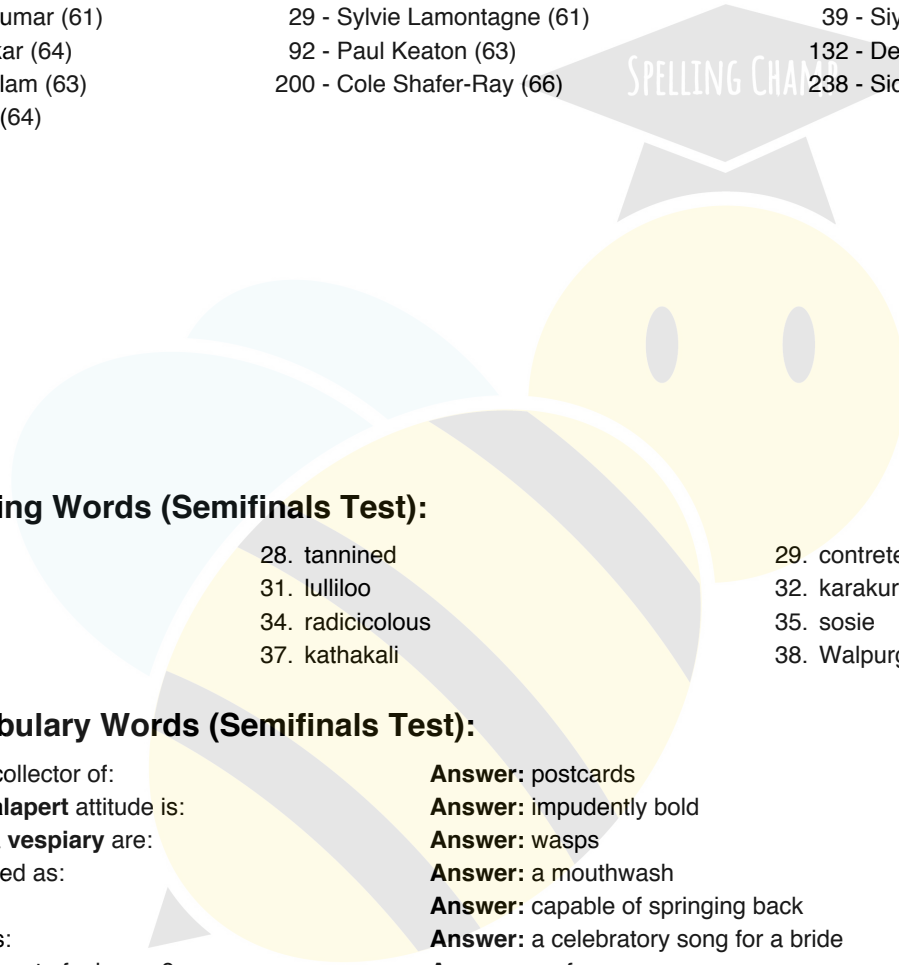
132 - Dev Jaiswal (69)

140 - Gokul Venkatachalam (63)

200 - Cole Shafer-Ray (66)

238 - Siddharth Krishnakumar (65)

264 - Tejas Muthusamy (64)



Round Four Spelling Words (Semifinals Test):

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):

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):

51. Which of the following are most likely to be in **collusion**? **Answer:** an enemy and a traitor

Round Six Vocabulary Words (Semifinals Test):

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