

Summary Results for the Preliminaries

Number of Spellers Participating in Rounds One and Two: 285

Number of Spellers Participating in Round Three: 251

Score needed to Advance to the Finals: 27

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 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on page 5 of the *2016 Bee Week Guide*. The maximum possible score a speller could earn during the Preliminaries was 36 points.

The 45 Spellers Advancing to the Finals:

1 - Erin Howard	5 - Nicola Ferguson	13 - Cooper Komatsu
15 - Aisha Randhawa	16 - Snehaa Ganesh Kumar	20 - Rutvik Gandhasri
29 - Cameron Keith	30 - Sylvie Lamontagne	32 - Raphael Kim
38 - Sreeniketh Vogoti	39 - Vasundara Govindarajan	49 - Afua Ansah
51 - Ameera Waterford	55 - Alette Eide	74 - Jashun Paluru
78 - Larisa Tuttle	88 - Chaunté Blackwood	94 - Tara Singh
104 - Jiming Chen, Jr.	114 - Mitchell Robson	122 - Divya Aggarwal
129 - Maxwell Meyer	140 - Tharein Potuhera	142 - Arushi Kalpande
145 - Rimas Chacar-Palubinskas	152 - Jairam Hathwar	156 - Shashwat Patel
165 - Eva Vega	167 - Bettie Closs	178 - Owen Kovalik
179 - Lipika Narisetti	181 - Shiv Dewan	184 - Andrew France
201 - Aditi Sridhar	219 - Heehyun Chung	229 - Smrithi Upadhyayula
232 - Nihar Janga	233 - Shourav Dasari	239 - Alex Iyer
252 - Kyra Holland	259 - Tejas Muthusamy	262 - Edwin Estep
264 - Ayush Noori	278 - Sravanth Malla	280 - Shruthika Padhy

Round One Spelling Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 1. sundry | 2. enshroud | 3. geminate |
| 4. mademoiselle | 5. allogamy | 6. chiropodist |
| 7. tapetum | 8. polysemy | 9. hematorrhachis |
| 10. fouetté | 11. lachsschinken | 12. Nynorsk |

Round One Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 13. A reticent person is: | Answer: quiet |
| 14. If something is decorous , it is: | Answer: proper |
| 15. What is a pilcrow ? | Answer: a paragraph mark |
| 16. A person described as mendacious is: | Answer: prone to lying |
| 17. What is a criticaster ? | Answer: an inferior evaluator of others' works |
| 18. A person described as supercilious is acting: | Answer: arrogantly superior |
| 19. If a statement is made obiter , it is made: | Answer: offhandedly |
| 20. If you're called a turophile , you must like: | Answer: cheese |
| 21. Which of the following is closest in meaning to au courant ? | Answer: up-to-date |
| 22. Something that is Damoclean : | Answer: involves imminent danger |
| 23. The ne plus ultra is: | Answer: the highest degree of a quality or state |
| 24. Something described as glottogonic relates to: | Answer: the origin of language |

Round Two Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 25. If something is described as expugnable , it is: | Answer: capable of being conquered |
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Round Three Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 26. Something allusive is: | Answer: marked by indirect reference |
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