

5th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **5th National Spelling Bee** was held at the National Museum in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1929, by the Louisville Courier-Journal. Scripps-Howard would not sponsor the Bee until 1941.

The winner was 12-year-old Virginia Hogan of Nebraska, a student at St. John's Parochial School in Omaha,^[3] correctly spelling the word *luxuriance*, followed by *asceticism*. In second place came Viola Strbac of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (who had failed to properly spell luxuriance),^[4] followed by Teru Hayashi of Ventnor City, New Jersey, a Japanese-American who stumbled on "panacea".^{[1][5][6][7][8][9]}

Hogan was first bee winner from her state. She died in Fremont, Nebraska in 1976.^[10] Nebraska did not have another winner until the 40th Bee in 1967.^[11]

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Date	May 21, 1929
Location	National Museum in Washington, D.C.
Winner	Virginia Hogan
Age	12
Residence	Nebraska
Sponsor	<i>Omaha World-Herald</i>
Sponsor location	Omaha, Nebraska
Winning word	asceticism
No. of contestants	21 ^[1]
Pronouncer	Francis A. Litz and Charles E. Hill ^[2]
Preceded by	4th Scripps National Spelling Bee
Followed by	6th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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