

35th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **35th Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held in Washington, District of Columbia on June 6–7, 1962, sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company.

Nettie Crawford (age 13) of Roswell, New Mexico and Mike Day (age 14) of Hardin, Illinois were announced as co-champions (the third tie in the bee's history) after both misspelled *esquamulose*, following an hour of head-to-head competition as the final contestants.^{[2][3]} The next tie-ending did not occur for over 50 years, in the 2014 bee.^[4] Third place was captured by Barbara Brugnau, 14, of Ohio, who was eliminated in the 15th round after misspelling *xylophagous*.^{[5][6]}

There were 70 contestants this year, 48 girls and 21 boys.^[1] 718 words were used.^[7]

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The Mayflower Hotel, site of the 35th National Spelling Bee

Date	June 6–7, 1962
Location	The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. ^[1]
Winner	Nettie Crawford / Mike Day (tie)
Age	13 / 14
Residence	Roswell, New Mexico / Hardin, Illinois
Sponsor	<i>El Paso Herald-Post / St. Louis Globe-Democrat</i>
Sponsor location	El Paso, Texas / St. Louis, Missouri
Winning word	esquamulose (both missed final word)
No. of contestants	70
Pronouncer	Richard R. Baker
Preceded by	34th Scripps National Spelling Bee
Followed by	36th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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