

45th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **45th Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held in Washington, D.C. at the Mayflower Hotel in June 1972, sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company.

The winner was 14-year-old Robin Kral of Lamesa, Texas with the word "macerate".^[1] Second place went to 13-year-old Lauren H. Pringle of Buffalo, New York. Kral first had a chance to win when Pringle misspelled "polyonymous", but also misspelled it. Pringle then missed "garnett", which Kral correctly spelled, followed by "macerate" for the win.^{[1][2]}

There were 79 contestants this year, 47 girls and 32 boys. 533 words were used.^[3]

Barrie Trinkle of Texas placed fifth this year (falling on "allograph"), and won the next year.^{[4][5]}

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The Mayflower Hotel, site of the 45th National Spelling Bee

Date	June 1972
Location	The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.
Winner	Robin Kral
Age	14
Residence	Lamesa, Texas
Sponsor	<i>Lubbock Avalanche-Journal</i>
Sponsor location	Lubbock, Texas
Winning word	macerate
No. of contestants	79 ^[1]
Pronouncer	Richard R. Baker
Preceded by	44th Scripps National Spelling Bee
Followed by	46th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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