

63rd Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **63rd Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held in Washington, D.C. at the Capital Hilton on May 30–31, 1990, sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company.

The winner was 13-year-old Amy Marie Dimak of Seattle, Washington, correctly spelling "fibranne". Dimak reported that she knew all 11 words she faced, and did not make any guesses. Second place went to 13-year-old Eric Enders of El Paso, Texas, who missed "douanier", spelling it as "doinier".^{[2][3][4]}

There were 226 spellers this year, 127 girls and 99 boys.^{[5][6]} The youngest competitor was 9 year old Erika Harrell from Muncie, Indiana.^[7] Eight spellers dropped out in round one, 33 dropped in round two, and 30 were eliminated in round three. 155 spellers survived into day two.^[8]

Spellers' others activities included a visit to Gunston Hall on Monday of Bee Week, and visits to Washington monuments and Arlington Cemetery on Tuesday.^[1] Competition began at 8:30am on Wednesday.^[1]

The first place prize was \$5,000 (and other non-cash prizes), a sizable increase over \$1,500 from the prior year. Second place received \$4,000; third received \$2,500 and fourth got \$1,000. Total cash prizes to all spellers were \$26,550.^{[2][4]}

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The Capital Hilton, site of the 63rd National Spelling Bee

Date	May 30–31, 1990
Location	The Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. ^[1]
Winner	Amy Marie Dimak
Age	13
Residence	Seattle, Washington
Sponsor	<i>The Seattle Times</i>
Sponsor location	Seattle, Washington
Winning word	fibranne
No. of contestants	226 ^[2]
Pronouncer	Alex Cameron
Preceded by	62nd Scripps National Spelling Bee
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