

69th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **69th Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held at Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C. on May 29–30, 1996, sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company.

Twelve-year-old Wendy Guey, from West Palm Beach, Florida won the competition by correctly spelling the word "vivisepulture".^{[2][3]} This was Guey's fourth bee, her previous best was fourth-place in the 1993 bee. Second place went to 13-year old Nikki Dowdy of Houston, Texas, who missed "cervicorn".^[4]

There were 247 participants this year, 51% female, with about one-fourth coming from a private or parochial school, and 12 home-schoolers.^[1]

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Date	May 29–30, 1996
Location	Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.
Winner	Wendy Guey
Age	12
Residence	West Palm Beach, Florida
Sponsor	<i>The Palm Beach Post</i>
Sponsor location	West Palm Beach, Florida
Winning word	vivisepulture
No. of contestants	247 ^[1]
Pronouncer	Alex Cameron
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