

78th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **78th Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held June 1–2, 2005 in Washington D.C..^{[2][1]}

Anurag Kashyap, 13, won the competition. He spelled the word *appoggiatura*, a musical term, correctly.^[2] He had finished 47th in the prior year's competition.^[1]

Eleven-year-old Samir Patel of Colleyville, Texas and Aliya Deri, 13, of Pleasanton, California tied for second place. Patel misspelled the word *Roscian*. Deri misspelled the word *trouvaille*.

There were 273 spellers this year, 146 boys and 127 girls, ages 9 to 14. 51 survived until the final day of competition. Only 71 spellers made it successfully through the third round, and 20 more dropped out in the fourth round.^[3]

The first place prize was \$30,000 and other non-cash prizes.^[1]

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Date	June 1–2, 2005
Location	Grand Hyatt Washington, Washington D.C.
Winner	Anurag Kashyap
Age	13
Residence	Poway, California
Sponsor	<i>San Diego Union-Tribune</i>
Sponsor location	San Diego, California
Winning word	appoggiatura
No. of contestants	273 ^[1]
Pronouncer	Jacques Bailly
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