

80th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **80th Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held on May 30–31, 2007.

The winner was 13-year-old Evan O'Dorney from Danville, California. He won in Round 13 by correctly spelling *serrefine*. The runner-up was Nate Gartke from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada who misspelled *coryza*.^[1]

There were 286 spellers this year, 139 boys and 147 girls. Fifty-nine survived the first day. By lunchtime of day two, it was down to 33, and 15 by 2 pm.^[1] Andrew Lay's correct spelling of "negus" and surprised response became a popular video snippet. The showdown began between O'Dorney and Gartke when both contestants were the last to survive correctly spelling 7 consecutive words each.

The first place prize was \$50,000 in cash, and additional prizes from Scripps.^[1]

The championship finals aired live on ABC from 8:00 PM to shortly after 10:00 p.m. EDT.

Word list championship round

- coccyx
- yamisce
- fiancé
- imbroglio
- xanthippe
- Cebulska
- Reykjavik
- soteurre
- centillion
- pneutte
- seatur
- juxtaposition
- tete-a-tete
- ubiquitous
- amelioration
- psychedelic
- ennui
- calicette
- cul-de-sac
- communiqué
- daiquiri
- jodhpurs
- paradigm
- soyeut
- chamois
- quay
- sepulchre

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Date	May 30–31, 2007
Location	Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.
Winner	Evan O'Dorney
Age	13
Residence	Danville, California
Sponsor	<i>Contra Costa Times</i>
Winning word	serrefine
No. of contestants	286 ^[1]
Pronouncer	Jacques Bailly
Preceded by	79th Scripps National Spelling Bee
Followed by	81st Scripps National Spelling Bee

- [empousai](#)
- [segue](#)
- [dérailleur](#)
- [yosenabe](#)
- [coryza](#)
- [serrefine](#)

References

1. Neuman, Johanna (1 June 2007). [Spelling bee a drama of consonants, dissonance](http://articles.latimes.com/2007/jun/01/nation/na-bee1) (<http://articles.latimes.com/2007/jun/01/nation/na-bee1>), *Los Angeles Times*

External links

- [Video - Andrew Lay spells "negus" at 2007 bee](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsFCSvqsqFA) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsFCSvqsqFA>)
- [Video - Pronouncer Jacques Bailly on 2007 bee](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMgDf_qCYsE) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMgDf_qCYsE)
- [Video - Commercial promo for 2007 bee](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDWoDD9CtIc) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDWoDD9CtIc>)

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