

Summary Results for the Preliminaries

Number of Spellers Participating in Rounds One and Two: 291

Number of Spellers Participating in Round Three: 259

Score needed to Advance to the Finals: 29

The Preliminaries consisted of the Preliminaries Test and two rounds of onstage oral spelling. For a breakdown of the contents and scoring of the Preliminaries Test, please see Rule 2 of the *Contest Rules of the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on page 5 of the *2017 Bee Week Guide*. The maximum possible score a speller could earn during the Preliminaries was 36 points.

The 40 Spellers Advancing to the Finals:

9 - Melodie Loya	25 - Sohun Sukhatankar	27 - Rohan Sachdev
36 - Erin Howard	37 - Varad Mulay	43 - Helena Thompson
65 - Samhita Kumar	75 - Mira Dedhia	99 - Brendan Pawlicki
109 - Paul Hamrick	114 - Shrinidhi Gopal	128 - Owen Kovalik
136 - Grant Taylor	143 - Tejas Muthusamy	163 - Nikhil Lahiri
167 - Sreeniketh Vogoti	176 - Maggie Sheridan	180 - Daniel Chen
187 - Saketh Sundar	189 - Rutvik Gandhasri	191 - Alice Liu
200 - Raksheet Kota	205 - Siyona Mishra	207 - Tara Singh
210 - Naysa Modi	214 - Ashrita Gandhari	227 - Enya Hubers
235 - Rohan Rajeev	245 - Jashun Paluru	254 - Shourav Dasari
259 - Alex Iyer	264 - Ananya Vinay	265 - Catherine Chung
276 - Akshra Paimagam	278 - Shruthika Padhy	280 - Srikar Chamarthi
281 - Thomas York	287 - Nicholas Ivan	288 - Aisha Randhawa
291 - Marlene Schaff		

Round One Spelling Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 1. culinary | 2. subtlety | 3. tout |
| 4. bowyer | 5. sortilege | 6. reverberant |
| 7. macaronic | 8. filar | 9. theriatrics |
| 10. phraseogram | 11. achromatopsia | 12. canaille |

Round One Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 13. Which of these would be most dulcet ? | Answer: a cinnamon roll OR a popular lullaby |
| 14. If something is baneful , it is: | Answer: harmful |
| 15. Which of the following is closest in meaning to schlepp ? | Answer: haul |
| 16. What is a cutpurse ? | Answer: a pickpocket |
| 17. Something said succinctly is: | Answer: brief and exact |
| 18. An example of an ergogenic activity is: | Answer: increasing sleep time by an hour |
| 19. A jurisprude is: | Answer: a person who likes to show off their legal knowledge |
| 20. A pennate object is shaped like a: | Answer: wing |
| 21. What might a mountebank do on the job? | Answer: perform card tricks |
| 22. Prosoplasia refers to: | Answer: abnormal tissue differentiation |
| 23. A gaufrette is a: | Answer: slice of potato cut to look like a waffle and then fried |
| 24. Taphephobia is: | Answer: the fear of being buried alive |

Round Two Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 25. If something is inviolable , it is: | Answer: secure from assault or trespass |
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Round Three Vocabulary Words (Preliminaries Test):

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| 26. Otology is a science that deals with the: | Answer: ears |
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