



The Bee 2022

SPELLEBRATE



Sample Questions

PRELIMINARIES

Format: Three 5-minute speed rounds comprised of 10 words each (30 total words)

1. **quotidian** \ kwō- 'ti-dē-ən \

The car sped noisily off through the quotidian traffic.

2. **edify** \ 'e-dē-, fī \

A sermon seeks to edify its listeners.

3. **obfuscate** \ 'äb-fə-, skāt ; äb- 'fə-, skāt, əb- \

It is more likely to obfuscate people than enlighten them.

4. **annihilate** \ ə- 'nī-ə-, lāt \

A simple bomb of this type could annihilate them all.

5. **fiduciary** \ fə- 'dü-shē-, er-ē , -shə-rē, - 'dyü-, fī- \

The company has a fiduciary duty to shareholders.

SEMIFINALS (Top 4 teams after preliminaries)

Format: 5 rounds, 3 words per round during a 60-second time period (each team will have the opportunity to spell 15 words if time allows.)

1. jonquil /'jänkwəl/

(n) -- a Mediterranean daffodil that is widely cultivated for its yellow or white fragrant short-tubed clustered flowers.

The woman hopes to add a jonquil to her garden this spring.

French jonquille, from Spanish junquillo, diminutive of junco reed, from Latin juncus

2. chihuahua /CHə'wäwä/

(n) -- any of a breed of very small round-headed dogs that occur in short-coated and long-coated varieties

He was open to adopting any dog breed except a chihuahua.

Mexican Spanish, from Chihuahua, Mexico

3. archipelago /,ärkə'pelə,gō/

(n) -- a group of islands

He won a trip to the archipelago paradise of Hawaii.

Archipelago Aegean Sea, from Italian Arcipelago, literally, chief sea, from arci- (from Latin archi-) + Greek pelagos sea

4. gestalt /gə'SHtält/

(n) -- an organized whole that is perceived as more than the sum of its parts.

She is trying to understand the gestalt of human consciousness.

German, literally, shape, form

5. wainscoting /'wānskōdiNG/

(n) -- wooden paneling that lines the lower part of the walls of a room.

The couple remodeled the house's wainscoting to a more modern style.

Middle English: from Middle Low German wagenscot, apparently from wagen 'wagon' + schot, probably meaning 'partition'. wainscot (sense 2 of the noun) dates from the early 19th century.

FINALS (Top 2 teams after semifinals)

Format: 1 word, 60-second time period

1. pharaoh /'ferō/

(n) — a ruler in ancient Egypt

The sarcophagus was fit for a pharaoh.

Middle English pharao, from Old English, from Late Latin pharaon-, pharao, from Greek pharaō, from Hebrew par'ōh, from Egyptian pr-'

2. logorrhea /,lŏ-gə-'rē-ə/

(n) — excessive and often incoherent talkativeness or wordiness

Colloquially, logorrhea is often called verbal diarrhea.

New Latin

3. enneagram /'enēə,gram/

(n) — a nine-sided figure used in a particular system of analysis to represent the spectrum of possible personality types.

Her enneagram type explained everything about her personality.

from Greek ennea 'nine' + -gram

4. schadenfreude /'SHädən, froidə/

(n) — pleasure derived by someone from another person's misfortune.

Seeing her trip on the stanchion gave the crowd a sense of schadenfreude.

German, from Schaden damage + Freude joy

5. bourgeois /bōor'ZHwä/

(adj) — of, relating to, or characteristic of the social middle class.

Her milieu was very bourgeois.

Middle French, from Old French burgeis townsman, from burc, borg town, from Latin burgus