

26. To win the Scripps National Spelling Bee, students ^{~しなければならぬ} must train very hard ^{熱心(ねっしん)に ほぼ}. Nearly 300 of the best spellers from schools all around the United States gather for the ^{集(あつ)める} finals ^{最後(さいご)の} in Washington, D.C., every year. Students who take part in the contest ^{練習(れんしゅう)する} practice spelling for many hours every day to ^{準備(じゅんび)する} prepare. They each ^{受(う)け取(と)る} receive an ^{公式(こうしき)の} official word list for the contest that ^{含(ふく)む} contains 23,000 words. Many students try to memorize the whole list. ^{~やってみる 記憶(きおく)する}

Further Questions&A

32. 5) Is it difficult to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee?
 33. Scripps National Spelling Bee ^かに勝つことは ^{むずか}難しいのですか。
 34. *Yes. The students must train very hard.*
 35. 6) What does each contestant in the contest receive?
 36. コンテストの各競技者 ^{かくきょうぎしゃ}は何 ^{なに}を受け取るのですか。
 37. *They each receive an official word list for the contest that contains 23,000 words.*

38. However, not everyone ^{しかしながら} thinks that spelling bees are a good idea. To do well in a ^{みんな} spelling bee, students only need to ^{ただ} be able to spell words. They do not have to ^{~ができる} know what they mean. Some people say that it would be better to ^{費(つい)やす} spend time ^{活動(かつどう)} in class on activities that help students understand the ^{理解(りかい)する} meanings of words. ^{~の意味(いみ)}
 41. In fact, many of the words in the final of the ^{国際的(こくさいてき)な} national contest are ^{とても} so ^{実際(じっさい)} unusual that most people have ^{普通(ふつう)でない} never even heard of them. ^{今(いま)までに~ない}

Further Questions&A

44. 7) Why might someone think spelling bees are a bad idea?
 45. なぜ ^{だれ}誰かが Spelling bees ^{わる}は悪いアイデアだと ^{かんが}考えるのですか。
 46. *To do well in a spelling bee, students only need to be able to spell words. They do not have to know what they mean.*
 47. 8) What is unusual about the words in the finals of the national contest?
 48. 全国大会の決勝戦 ^{ぜんこくたいかい けっしょうせん}での言葉 ^{ことば}について何が ^{なに}普通 ^{ふつう}でないのですか。
 49. *The words are so unusual that most people have never even heard of them.*

*Choose the correct answer from these choices.

50. (42) In a spelling bee, students
 51. 1 stay in the contest until they spell a word wrongly.
 52. 2 are often asked to spell words in a foreign language.
 53. 3 must write down the words that their teacher says.
 54. 4 have to make a list of words they are interested in.

55. (43) To get the chance to take part in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, students must

- 56. 1 be picked by millions of television viewers.
- 57. 2 get a recommendation from their teachers.
- 58. 3 become popular with other students.
- 59. 4 do well in local and state contests.

60. (44) Students who take part in the Scripps National Spelling Bee often

- 61. 1 practice spelling the names of cities that have hosted the contest.
- 62. 2 go to many places to meet the best spellers in the United States.
- 63. 3 try to remember all of the words on a list they are given.
- 64. 4 spend hours learning how to spell the names of other students.

65. (45) According to some people, what is one bad point about spelling bees?

- 66. 1 They teach students to use too many difficult words.
- 67. 2 They do not help students learn the meanings of words.
- 68. 3 They stop students from doing outdoor activities like sports.
- 69. 4 They take away time needed to prepare for national contests.

Review Questions

70. 1) What is difficult for even native speakers of English?

71. *Spelling can be difficult for even native speakers of English.*

72. 2) How does one lose in a spelling bee?

73. *If the student makes a mistake, he or she must leave the contest.*

74. 3) What happens if a student does well in school spelling bees?

75. *They can go on to local and state contests or even a national contest.*

76. 4) Can you watch the Scripps National Spelling Bee?

77. *Yes. Since 2006, the final rounds of this spelling bee have been shown live on television.*

78. 5) Is it difficult to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee?

79. *Yes. The students must train very hard.*

80. 6) What does each contestant in the contest receive?

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85. *The words are so unusual that most people have never even heard of them.*

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