

Neervely Welfare Association

2013

English Spelling Competition

Intermediate Division

Competitors Born in 1999, 2000 & 2001

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attendant	(a-ten-dent)	n.	a person in a particular job "The parking lot attendant took the five-dollar deposit."
attorney	(a-ten-nee)	n.	a qualified lawyer, especially one representing a client in court "I think you should hire an attorney to defend you in court."
authentic	(aw-then-tick)	adj.	genuine real "This painting is an authentic Picasso."
automotive		adj.	pertaining to motor vehicles "Kerry runs an automotive repair shop."
ballad	(ba-lud)	n.	a song whose words tell a story "Sir Patrick Spens" is a ballad ."
barbaric	(bar-bafe-ick)	adj.	uncivilized; coarse "Everyone was shocked by his barbaric behaviour."
bonanza	(boh-nan-zuh)	n.	a rich mine, vein, or find of ore "The prospector discovered a bonanza of gold."
braise	(brayz)	v.	cook meat by searing till brown and then simmering in a covered pan "The meat will taste good if we braise it."
brevity	(breh-vi-tee)	n.	shortness of duration; brief time "The audience appreciated the brevity of her speech."
cravat	(kruh-vat)	n.	a scarf worn inside an open necked shirt "He wore a black silk cravat around his neck."
crestfallen	(krehst-faw-len)	adj.	dejected, dispirited; sad; discouraged "The pitcher was crestfallen after he lost the game."
croquet	(kroh-kay)	n.	an outdoor game played with balls, mallets, and wire arches "My mother is excellent at playing croquet ."
crusade	(kroo-sayd)	n.	a vigorous movement on behalf of a cause "Mothers Against Drunk Drinking are on a worth while crusade ."
cult	(kuhl)	n.	a group devoted to the same person, ideal or thing; sect "Fans of Elvis Presley almost form a cult ."
decision	(dee-sizh-un)	n.	the act or process of making up one's mind "Choosing to study medicine instead of law was an important decision in her life."
deftness	(dehft-ness)	n.	skill, dexterity, adroitness in performing some action "The woodcarver amazed us with his deftness ."
delusion	(deh-loo-zyun)	n.	a false belief or opinion that is resistant to reason "He suffered from the delusion that he was John A. Macdonald."
democracy		n.	a government system in which the people rule directly or through elected representatives "Canada is a parliamentary democracy ."
detergent	(dee-ter-jent)	n.	a powerful cleaning agent "I added some detergent to the wash."
enveloped	(en-vel-uped)	v.	covered completely; wrapped or surrounded "The burning house was enveloped in smoke."

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excavate	(ecké-ka-vayt)	v.	make a hole or channel by digging; remove material from the ground "They had to excavate a lot of earth to build the Panama Canal."
experimentation	(ecké-páir-i-men-táy-shun)	n.	the act of testing to discover a truth, principle, or effect " Experimentation proved that his formula did not cure baldness."
expunge	(ecké-píinj)	v.	erase, delete, or strike out something written "The editor told the author to expunge the swearing from his book."
extraction	(ecké-tráck-shun)	n.	removal by great effort "The dentist performed the extraction of the tooth."
fatigue	(fa-teég)	n.	weariness from exertion; tiredness "After a long day's work, Cal suffered fatigue ."
fecund	(féh-kund)	adj.	fertile, fruitful, prolific "The plant growth in the thick jungle was fecund ."
genuine	(jeñ-yoo-in)	adj.	real, authentic; not false or phoney "This is a genuine Ming vase."
graduation	(gra-joo-áy-shun)	n.	the ceremony of granting diplomas or degrees "Moira's whole family attended her graduation ."
granite	(graít)	n.	a hard rock used for building "The monument was made of granite ."
graphics	(gra-fícks)	n.	the art of drawing designs "Lee studied graphics in high school."
horizontal	(hore-i-zahú-tull)	adj.	parallel to the horizon "The artist drew a horizontal line across the canvas."
humanitarian	(hyoo-man-i-tafe-ee-un)	n.	one who seeks the welfare of other people by eliminating pain and suffering "Everyone admires the kindness of a humanitarian ."
ibex	(eyé-behcks)	n.	a wild goat of Europe and Asia with curved horns "I saw an ibex for the first time in the Toronto Zoo."
ignorance	(ig-nor-anss)	n.	a lack of knowledge or education "I have a great ignorance about the rules of chess."
imaginary	(i-máj-in-air-ee)	adj.	not real "Snow White and the seven dwarfs are imaginary characters."
jovial	(joh-vee-ull)	adj.	full of good humour and fun "The children like their jovial uncle."
jurassic	(jer-á-síck)	adj.	a certain period of geological time "The Jurassic period lasted forty-five million years."
kosher	(kóh-sheer)	adj.	meeting the requirements of Jewish dietary law "This store sells kosher food."
lambaste/ lambast	(lam-báyst)	v.	thrash; beat; criticize severely "He began to lambaste the rug on the clothesline with a baseball bat and dust flew out in clouds."
language	(laing-widj)	n.	the method of human communication, spoken or written "We could not communicate orally because we did not speak the same language ."
latex	(laýt-lex)	n.	a synthetic product used in paints, etc. "The house paint contained latex ."

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motorcyclist	n.	person who rides a vehicle with two wheels and an engine "The motorcyclist had to stop for gas."
	(móh-tore-sy-klist)	
multitude	n.	a large number of people "A great multitude attended the outdoor concert."
	(múll-ti-tood)	
musk ox	n.	a shaggy-haired wild ox of the Arctic that gives off a musky smell "The musk ox grazed on the Tundra."
	(muhšk-awcks)	
mussed	v.	put into a rumpled, disordered condition "The man mussed the boy's hair affectionately."
	(mussd)	
neon	n.	a colourless gaseous element which glows red when electricity is applied, used in advertising signs "The restaurant sign was filled with neon ."
	(néc-ahn)	
novella	n.	a short tale or narrative "James Jones's story <i>The Pistol</i> is a novella ."
	(noh-véll-uh)	
nutritional	adj.	providing nourishing substances "This food is very nutritional ."
	(noo-trísh-un-ull)	
oboe	n.	a woodwind instrument "Carson plays the oboe in the school orchestra."
	(oh-boh)	
occupant	n.	a person who lives in a house, apartment, etc. "The occupant of apartment 102 plays his stereo loudly late at night."
	(awk-yoo-punt)	
policy	n.	a principle, conduct or plan of action "The store's policy is 'satisfaction guaranteed or your money back'."
	(páhl-i-see)	
polio	n.	an acute viral infection of the central nervous system, which sometimes leads to paralysis "The boy suffered from polio ."
	(póh-lee-oh)	
portage	n.	the act of carrying canoes, boats or goods from one navigable stretch of water to another "This is a good route for our canoe trip because there is only one portage ."
	(pore-táj)	
portrait	n.	a picture of a person or persons "The painter made a portrait of Jean Charest."
	(poíe-trutt)	
rogue	n.	a dishonest and unprincipled person; a rascal; a trickster "The rogue tricked me out of fifty dollars."
	(rohg)	
rudder	n.	a movable device at the stern of a boat to steer it "Kay turned the rudder and the boat changed direction."
	(rúd-er)	
rural	adj.	of or like the countryside "The farmer liked living in a rural setting."
	(rér-ull)	
sabotage	n.	deliberate damage to machines or buildings "During World War II, there was much sabotage against the Germans."
	(sáb-uh-tazj)	
sawyer	n.	a person who saws wood "Alex worked at the lumber mill as a sawyer ."
	(sóy-cr)	
saxophone	n.	a wind instrument with a curved body usually made of brass "Alex learned to play the saxophone ."
	(sácks-oh-fohn)	

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trivial	(tri-vee-ull)	adj.	not important; not valuable <i>"The difference between eighty and eighty-one millimetres is trivial."</i>
tumbleweed	(tum-bull-weed)n.		a prickly plant with a round shape that breaks off when dry and is tumbled about by the wind <i>"The tumbleweed rolled across the desert."</i>
tweak	(tweek)	v.	pinch and twist sharply <i>"The mischievous student began to tweak the principal's nose."</i>
twentieth	(twén-tee-eth)	adj.	coming after nineteenth <i>"She was the twentieth runner to finish the race."</i>
typewriter	(typ-ry-ter)	n.	a keyboard machine that produces printed characters on paper <i>"Some authors still write their works on a typewriter rather than on computer and printer."</i>
urn [h.earn]	(ern)	n.	a rounded vase with a base used to contain the ashes of a person <i>"The urn contained the ashes of an ancient ruler."</i> <i>"The attack of vertigo caused him to fall."</i>
viewpoint	(vyóo-poynt)	n.	the position from which a person regards a particular matter, issue, idea, etc. <i>"The convict's viewpoint on jail sentences was based on the ten to twenty years he had just been given."</i>
virtual	(vef-choo-ull)	adj.	actual; as good as the real thing <i>"What are called virtual reality games are really well simulated reality."</i>
visual	(vizz-yoo-ull)	adj.	having to do with seeing or sight <i>"She has no visual problems because her eyesight is 20/20."</i>
volley	(vaw-lee)	n.	the firing of many guns at the same time <i>"The squad of soldiers fired a volley over the grave at the funeral."</i>
vouchsafe	(vowch-sayf)	v.	condescend to give or grant <i>"I will vouchsafe your requests," said the king."</i>
waddle	(waw-dull)	v.	walk with short steps, swaying from side to side <i>"I watched the duck waddle to the pond."</i>
warp	(worp)	v.	turn or twist out of shape, as by heat or shrinkage <i>"Age caused many of the boards in the old house to warp."</i>