

Neervely Welfare Association

2013

English Spelling Competition

Junior Division

Competitors Born in 2002, 2003 & 2004

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acrobat	ACKRA bat	n.	A person who can perform on a trapeze, tumble, walk on a tightrope, etc. <i>"I would like to be an acrobat with Cirque du Soleil."</i>
action	ACK shun	n.	Something done; act. <i>"The action taken to correct the error was appropriate."</i>
actual	ACK chew ul	adj.	Existing in fact; real. <i>"He described an actual event that took place yesterday."</i>
acute	a CUTE	adj.	Highly developed, keen. <i>"A tracking dog has an acute sense of smell."</i>
adhesive	ad HEE siv	n.	Any substance, such as paste or gum, used to stick things together. <i>"I used adhesive to glue the picture on the wall."</i>
banana	buh NA nuh	n.	A long curved fruit with soft pulpy flesh and yellow skin. <i>"A banana is a good source of potassium."</i>
banish	BAN ish	v.	Formally expel (a person) from a country; exile. <i>"The king wanted to banish one of his stewards for treason."</i>
bannock	BAN ick	n.	A bread similar to tea biscuits, made of flour, water, and fat, cooked on a griddle or over a fire. <i>"Bannock was a staple food for fur traders."</i>
banquet	BANG quit	n.	A feast. <i>"The banquet was held at Ontario Place."</i>
banshee	BAN she	n.	A spirit whose wail means there will be a death in the family. <i>"The kid dropped her ice cream cone and began to howl like a banshee."</i>
cocoon	kuh KOON	n.	A silky case spun by an insect larva for protection as a pupa. <i>"The butterfly emerged from its cocoon."</i>
country	KUN tree	n.	The territory of a nation with its own government; a nation. <i>"He just arrived in Canada from another country."</i>
cricket	CRICK it	n.	A grasshopper-like insect. <i>"The cricket hid in the tall grass."</i>
dabble	DAB'II	v.	Do something in a casual or superficial way. <i>"Painting was something he liked to dabble in."</i>
daisy	DAY zee	n.	A plant with tall, leafy stems, and showy flower heads. <i>"I picked a daisy in my garden."</i>

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junior	JOON yer	adj.	Of lower position, rank, or standing. "Mary is a junior partner the law firm."
juvenile	JOOVA nile	adj.	Of or for young people. "He writes excellent juvenile fiction."
kangaroo	kang ga ROO	n.	A plant-eating marsupial native to Australia. "He was surprised to see a kangaroo hopping down the road."
kazoo	KA zoo	n.	A toy musical instrument. "A kazoo produces a buzzing sound when one hums into it."
kennel	KEN nel	n.	A place where dogs and cats may be lodged. "We left our dog at the kennel during our vacation."
kernel [h.: colonel]	KER nul	n.	The whole seed of a cereal. "The Blue Jay pecked at a kernel of corn."
literature	LITTER a cher	n.	Written works, especially those whose value lies in beauty of language or in emotional effect. "Stephen Leacock is a famous name in Canadian literature ."
lobster	LOB ster	n.	Any large marine crustacean with a cylindrical body, stalked eyes and two pincer-like claws. "He pulled the trap out of the water and discovered he had caught a lobster ."
lounge	LOWNJ	v.	Recline comfortably and casually. "We like to lounge beside the pool during the summer."
lucrative	LOO kra tiv	adj.	Profitable; yielding financial gain. "Mary has built a lucrative business."
milkweed	MILK weed	n.	Any of a group of plants with a milky juice. "Monarch butterflies may sometimes be found on a milkweed plant."
minor [h.: miner]	MINE er	n.	Person under the legal age. "He was not allowed to marry since he was still a minor ."
monthly	MUNTH lee	adj.	Done, occurring, or produced once a month. "We receive that monthly magazine."
museum	myoo ZEE um	n.	A building which houses a collection of objects to display science, history, art, or other subjects. "We are going to see the dinosaur exhibit at the museum ."
napkin	NAP kin	n.	A piece of cloth or paper used at meals for wiping the lips or fingers; a serviette. "Please wipe your mouth with your napkin , not your sleeve."
nasty	NAS tee	adj.	Disgustingly dirty, etc.; physically repugnant. "There is a nasty scum on the top of our pond."

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eighty	AY tee	n.	Eight times ten, the number after seventy-nine. "There are <i>eighty</i> Popsicle sticks left in the box."
employee	em PLOY ee	n.	A person who works for a person or firm for pay. "He was the only <i>employee</i> at the store."
eraser	ih RACER	n.	A piece of rubber or other substance for erasing pencil, ink, etc. "Use an <i>eraser</i> to correct the mistakes on your spelling test."
fable	FAY bull	n.	A tale, usually with animals as characters, conveying a moral. "The teacher used a <i>fable</i> to illustrate her point."
fabric	FAB brick	n.	Any woven, knitted, or pressed material; cloth. "The dress was made from velvet <i>fabric</i> ."
fabricate	FABRIC ate	v.	Construct or manufacture, especially from standardized parts. "They will <i>fabricate</i> the concrete posts at the construction site."
fabulous	FAB byuh luss	adj.	Excellent, marvellous, terrific. "That antique shop charges <i>fabulous</i> prices."
gallop	GAL up	v.	The fastest gait of horses and quadrupeds with all the feet off the ground together in each stride. "The horse began to <i>gallop</i> down the road."
gloves	GLUVS	n.	Covering for the hands with separated fingers and thumbs. "I lost my favourite <i>gloves</i> in the snow."
gobble	GAW bull	v.	Eat hurriedly and noisily; devour. "The hungry dog began to <i>gobble</i> his food."
grammar	GRAM mer	n.	The rules in a language for changing the form of words, depending on their positions and role in relation to other words. "The teacher instructed the class to always use <i>proper grammar</i> ."
hardware	HARD ware	n.	Tools, building materials and household articles. "You can buy nails, screws, and other <i>hardware</i> at that store."
hardy	HAR dee	adj.	Robust; capable of enduring difficult conditions. "This <i>hardy</i> fir is usually found at high altitudes near the treeline."
jabber	JAB ber	v.	Talk very fast in a confused, senseless way. "When you <i>jabber</i> like that I cannot understand you."

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talkative	TOCKA tiv	adj.	Fond of or given to talking; chatty. "The <i>talkative</i> students were given a detention."
teacher	TEE cher	n.	A person trained to teach, especially in a school or college. "The <i>teacher</i> walked into the classroom."
teaspoon	TEE spoon	n.	A small spoon for stirring coffee, tea, etc. "I left a <i>teaspoon</i> in your coffee cup."
tinsel	TIN sil	n.	Glittering metallic strands or threads used for decoration. "The hall was decorated with gold and silver <i>tinsel</i> ."
tooth	tooth	n.	Each of a set of hard bony enamel-coated structures in the jaws of most vertebrates, used for biting and chewing. "I lost my front <i>tooth</i> ."
tractor	TRAK ter	n.	Powerful motor vehicle used for hauling, especially one with large treaded rear wheels used to haul farm machinery. "The farmer used a big <i>tractor</i> to plant his fields of canola."
umpire	UM pire	n.	A person chosen to enforce the rules and settle disputes in various sports. "The <i>umpire</i> stood behind home plate."
violin	vie a LIN	n.	A musical instrument with four strings, rested on the shoulder beneath the chin and played with a bow. "I can often hear my neighbour practicing scales on her <i>violin</i> ."
waiter	WAY ter	n.	A person, especially a man, who works in a restaurant waiting tables. "The <i>waiter</i> brought menus to the table."
walnut	WALL nut	n.	A tall tree with aromatic compound leaves and drooping catkins, valued for its edible nuts. "The storm took out the old <i>walnut</i> on my uncle's farm."

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official	oh FISH ull	n.	A person holding office or engaged in official duties. "She is a senior official in the ministry of education."
oyster	OY ster	n.	Any of various bivalve molluscs with rough irregular shells, several kinds of which are eaten. "When he returned to the surface, the diver had an oyster in his hand."
package	PAK ij	n.	An object or objects wrapped in paper or packed in a box; a parcel. "We received a package in the mail."
pane [h.: pain, payne]	PANE	n.	Single sheet of glass in a window or door. "The baseball broke through the pane of glass."
parasite	PAIR ah site	n.	An organism living in or on another and benefiting at the expense of the other. "A tapeworm is an example of a parasite ."
ritual	RICH oo ul	n.	Something that is done regularly and always in the same way. "Sunday lunch with the in-laws has become something of a ritual ."
rivalry	RY vl ree	n.	Competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field. "There is a rivalry between the Toronto and Montreal hockey teams."
roast	ROHST	v.	Cook (food, especially, meat) in an oven or by exposure to open heat. "Mother will roast the turkey for our meal."
robust	roh BUST	adj.	Strong and sturdy, especially in physique or construction. "He was almost 80, but still very robust ."
rodeo	ROH dee oh	n.	A display or exhibition exhibiting the skills of riding broncos, roping cattle, steers, etc. "The Calgary Stampede is a famous Canadian rodeo ."
sandwich	SAND wich	n.	Two or more slices of bread with a filling between them. "I like a sandwich made with peanut butter and jam."
sedimentary	sedda MENTA ree	adj.	Of or like sediment. "The limestone rocks of Kingston are sedimentary deposits."
shave	SHAYV	v.	Remove bristles or hair with a razor. "My father forgot to shave this morning."
shovel	SHUV ull	v.	A spade-like tool for shifting quantities of snow, earth, etc. "If the snow keeps falling, we will have to shovel the driveway."
snack	SNAK	n.	A light, casual, or hurried meal. "We ate apples for our snack ."