

Neervely Welfare Association

2013

English Spelling Competition

Primary Division

Competitors Born in 2005, 2006 & 2007

PRIMARY SPELLING 2013

arrest	(a-rest)	v.	seize someone for a crime using the power of the law "I saw the police arrest the suspected bank robbers."
attach	(a-tách)	v.	join or fasten something to another thing "It was hard to attach the trailer to the car."
attire	(a-týr)	n.	clothes; dress "People wore formal attire for the wedding."
audience	(aw-dee-enss)	n.	a group of people who go to a play, concert, etc. "The audience enjoyed the orchestra's performance."
belief	(bee-léef)	n.	what a person thinks is true "Wilma had a strong belief in her religion."
betray	(bee-tráy)	v.	be disloyal to a person, cause, etc. "Would you betray your friends for money?"
bison	(by-son)	n.	a large animal with a hairy head and a hump on its shoulders "The bison and the buffalo are often confused with each other."
bleak	(bleek)	adj.	bare and cold; dreary and miserable "In winter, the farm fields look bleak ."
cradle	(kráy-dl)	n.	a bed for a baby "The baby slept in a cradle ."
creep	(kreep)	v.	move along close to the ground quietly or secretly "The soldiers began to creep towards the fort."
crowd	(krowd)	n.	a large number of people "The crowd began to cheer as the game ended."
crude	(krood)	adj.	rough; not finished properly "The doghouse I built is very crude but it will do."
[h.crewed] culture	(kúll-chur)	n.	customs and traditions "Terry is very interested in Japanese culture ."
cutlery	(kút-ler-ee)	n.	utensils, such as knives and forks "The cutlery in the restaurant was dirty."
dangle	(dańg-ul)	v.	hang or swing loosely "We watched the chimpanzee dangle from the tree."
daze	(dayz)	n.	a state or condition of being unable to think or see clearly "After being hit on the head, the boy was in a daze ."
[h.days] decade	(déh-kayd)	n.	a period of ten years "The first decade of a person's life is very important."

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duvet	(dóo-vey)	n.	a thick quilt <i>"The duvet on the bed was blue."</i>
dwarf	(dworf)	n.	an unusually small person or thing <i>"This small cactus is a dwarf."</i>
earn	(ern)	v.	receive or deserve money, honour, etc. <i>"At this job, you will earn ten dollars an hour."</i>
[h.urn] ebb	(ehb)	v.	flow back, as a tide does <i>"The tide began to ebb."</i>
ebony	(éh-boh-nee)	n.	a hard, black wood <i>"The black keys on a piano are often made of ebony."</i>
eighteen	(ay-teen)	adj.	one more than seventeen <i>"After eating eighteen doughnuts, I felt uncomfortable."</i>
elderly	(éll-der-lee)	adj.	rather old <i>"The elderly man had white hair."</i>
eyebrow	(eye-brow)	n.	the curved line of hair above the eye <i>"He raised an eyebrow and made us laugh."</i>
factory	(fäck-tore-ee)	n.	a building in which things are made <i>"The toy factory is on Fun Street."</i>
falcon	(fawl-kun)	n.	a small kind of hawk <i>"The falcon flew high above the field."</i>
faucet	(faw-set)	n.	a tap that supplies water <i>"The sink has a hot water faucet."</i>
[h.fawcett] field	(feeld)	n.	a piece of land clear of trees
groom	(groom)	v.	clean and brush an animal such as a horse or dog <i>"Before the show, the owner began to groom the horse."</i>
gruff	(gruff)	adj.	with a rough, unfriendly voice or manner <i>"The child was surprised by the old man's gruff speech."</i>
guideline	(gýd-lyn)	n.	advice or suggestion from an official on how something should be done <i>"We followed the guideline which the teacher gave us."</i>
gut	(guht)	n.	the lower part of the digestive system <i>"The green apples he ate gave Ken a pain in the gut."</i>
happiness	(há-pee-ness)	n.	gladness; enjoyment <i>"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas felt great happiness at the birth of their first grandchild."</i>
hasten	(hay-sun)	v.	hurry; speed up <i>"We must hasten or we'll be late for school."</i>
highjack/hijack (hý-jack)		v.	seize control of an airplane, bus etc., for ransom or escape to another country <i>"The fugitives tried to highjack the airplane to escape to Egypt."</i>
holy	(hóh-lee)	adj.	treated with religious respect <i>"Most religions have a holy book."</i>
[h. holey/ wholly] hone	(hohn)	v.	sharpen a cutting tool <i>"Hone the dull knife on this stone."</i>
honey	(húh-nee)	n.	sweet, sticky food made by bees <i>"I like honey on toast."</i>

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intention	(in-ten-shun)	n.	purpose; aim; goal "My intention was to mow the lawn."
issue	(i-shoo)	v.	send or give out; supply "On the first day of school, the teacher began to issue books to the students."
jackdaw	(jäck-daw)	n.	a black, crowlike bird of Europe "The queen kept the jackdaw in a cage."
janitor	(jan-i-tore)	n.	the caretaker of a building "The janitor kept the office neat and clean."
jiffy	(ji-fee)	n.	a very short time; moment; instant "I'll be back in a jiffy ."
jockey	(jáh-kee)	n.	someone who rides horses in races "The jockey wearing the blue and white colours finished last."
kayak	(ký-ack)	n.	a light boat made and used originally by the Inuit "The Inuit hunter paddled his kayak skillfully."
knob	(nahb)	n.	the round handle of a door or drawer "The door knob is stuck and will not turn."
[h.nob] knock	(nahk)	n.	the act of hitting something with the hand, fist or knuckles "I heard a knock on the door."
[h.nock]			
launch	(lahneh)	v.	send a rocket into space "NASA will launch the rocket at eleven a.m."
moisture	(moýss-chur)	n.	liquid or dampness on a surface " Moisture forms on the inside of a window in winter."
mortal	(mofe-tull)	n.	a human being "Remember that you are a mortal ."
muddle	(múh-dul)	v.	mix things up "When Alan tried to help, all he did was to muddle everything."
nape	(nayp)	n.	the back of the neck "The mother cat picked up the kitten by the nape of its neck."
neap	(neep)	adj.	smaller or lower (used of a tide) "This week the neap tide is occurring."
panel	(pá-nell)	n.	a long, flat piece of wood or metal that is part of a door, wall, or piece of furniture "The carpenter put an oak panel in the door."
passport	(paśs-port)	n.	an official document that a person needs to travel abroad "A Canadian passport has to be renewed every five years."
pastry	(payss-tree)	n.	a mixture of flour, fat, and water rolled flat and baked "The baker prepared the pastry for dessert."
patio	(pá-tee-oh)	n.	a paved area next to a house "We had lunch on the patio ."

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repose	(ree-pohz)	v.	rest following activity; lie at rest <i>"As soon as the gruelling game ended, the team began to repose on the field."</i>
resort	(ree-zort)	n.	a place where one goes for recreation or rest <i>"They spent three days at the ski resort."</i>
sway	(sway)	v.	move from side to side <i>"The strong wind made the trees sway."</i>
switch	(swich)	v.	turn on or off an electric switch <i>"Switch on the lamp on the table."</i>
syrup	(ser-up)	n.	a thick sticky sweet liquid <i>"People often put syrup on pancakes."</i>
tablet	(tab-leht)	n.	a small pill <i>"Each morning he takes one tablet for his cold."</i>
tackle	(ta-kull)	v.	deal with a person or thing that is challenging or difficult <i>"The sooner we tackle the problem of the hole in the road, the better."</i>
taint	(taynt)	v.	contaminate; corrupt; spoil
violet	(vy-oh-let)	n.	a small plant that usually has purple flowers <i>"Isn't this African violet pretty?"</i>
volleyball	(vawl-ee-bawl)	n.	a game played with a ball and a net in which players hit the ball with hands <i>"Our school's team is good at volleyball."</i>
vulture	(vull-chur)	n.	a large, carrion-eating bird <i>"The vulture is important in nature because it cleans up dead carcasses."</i>
wallet	(waw-let)	n.	a small, flat, folding case for holding money <i>"Antoine lost his wallet with fifty dollars in it."</i>