

Neervely Welfare Association

English Spelling Competition

2016

Intermediate Division

Competitors Born in 2002, 2003, 2004

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attendant	(a-teñ-dent)	n.	a person in a particular job "The parking lot attendant took the five-dollar deposit."
attorney	(a-tef-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-thén-tick)	adj.	genuine real "This painting is an authentic Picasso."
automotive		adj.	pertaining to motor vehicles "Kerry runs an automotive repair shop."
ballad	(aw-toh-móh-tiv) (bá-lud)	n.	a song whose words tell a story "Sir Patrick Spens" is a ballad ."
barbaric	(bar-baře-ick)	adj.	uncivilized; coarse "Everyone was shocked by his barbaric behaviour."
bonanza	(boh-nán-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	(bréh-vi-tee)	n.	shortness of duration; brief time "The audience appreciated the brevity of her speech."
cravat	(kruh-vát)	n.	a scarf worn inside an open necked shirt "He wore a black silk cravat around his neck."
crestfallen	(kréhst-faw-len)	adj.	dejected, dispirited; sad; discouraged "The pitcher was crestfallen after he lost the game."
croquet	(kroh-káy)	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	(kuhlt)	n.	a group devoted to the same person, ideal or thing; sect "Fans of Elvis Presley almost form a cult ."
decision	(dee-sizsh-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-loó-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 ."
	(dem-ah-kroh-see)		
detergent	(dee-tér-jent)	n.	a powerful cleaning agent "I added some detergent to the wash."
enveloped	(en-véll-uped)	v.	covered completely; wrapped or surrounded "The burning house was enveloped in smoke."

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excavate	(eckś-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	(ecks-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	(ecks-púnj)	v.	erase, delete, or strike out something written "The editor told the author to expunge the swearing from his book."
extraction	(ecks-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	(jeń-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 "Moirá's whole family attended her graduation ."
granite	(grań-it)	n.	a hard rock used for building "The monument was made of granite ."
graphics	(gra-ficks)	n.	the art of drawing designs "Lee studied graphics in high school."
horizontal	(hore-i-zahń-tull)	adj.	parallel to the horizon "The artist drew a horizontal line across the canvas."
humanitarian	(hyoo-man-i-tare-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-sick)	adj.	a certain period of geological time "The Jurassic period lasted forty-five million years."
kosher	(kóh-she)	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	(lańg-widj)	n.	the method of human communication, spoken or written "We could not communicate orally because we did not speak the same language ."
latex	(lay-tex)	n.	a synthetic product used in paints, etc. "The house paint contained latex ."

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

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