

# Neervely Welfare Association

## English Spelling Competition

2017

### Intermediate Division

**Competitors Born in 2003, 2004, 2005**

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| ACCUMULATED   | Verb                 | acquired an increasing number or quantity of.<br>"The large fish's body <b>accumulated</b> toxins from the polluted lake"         |
| ACCOMPANIMENT | Noun                 | music supporting a solo instrument, voice, or group.<br>"As I sang, Mary provided the musical <b>accompaniment</b> on the piano." |
| ANALOGY       | Noun                 | similarity; likeness; resemblance<br>"The doctor pointed out the <b>analogy</b> between the heart and a pump."                    |
| ADOLESCENT    | Noun                 | a person in the state of growth between childhood and maturity.<br>"The <b>adolescent</b> attended the local high School."        |
| AGITATOR      | Noun                 | a device for shaking or stirring.<br>"The <b>agitator</b> in the washing machine aids in the cleaning."                           |
| AMIABLE       | Adjective            | good-natured and friendly; agreeable.<br>"She has a very <b>amiable</b> personality."   |
| BANQUET       | Noun                 | a great feast<br>"The queen held a <b>banquet</b> to celebrate her birthday."   |
| BENIGN        | Adjective            | favourable; mild; a benign climate.<br>"Canadian spring is a <b>benign</b> climate."  |
| CALENDAR      | Noun                 | something that shows the dates<br>"He checked the <b>calendar</b> : it was April 1."  |

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| CARNIVAL    | Noun           | a fair or festival<br>"The neighborhood held a street <b>carnival</b> ."   |
| CATHEDRAL   | Noun           | a large church<br>"The prince and princess were married in the <b>cathedral</b> ."                               |
| CHAOTIC     | Adjective      | utterly disordered and confused<br>"After the major earthquake, everything in the town was <b>chaotic</b> ."     |
| CIRCUIT     | Noun           | the path of an electric current<br>"The broken wire cut the electric <b>circuit</b> ."                           |
| CORRODE     | Verb           | wear away by rust or chemical action<br>"The terminals on the car's battery began to <b>corrode</b> ."           |
| CRITICISM   | Noun           | the act of making judgments, review, finding fault.<br>"It is not always easy to accept <b>criticism</b> ."      |
| DAPHNIA     | Noun           | a freshwater crustacean used as food for aquarium fish.<br>"I bought some more <b>daphnia</b> at the pet store." |
| DEPARTURE   | Noun           | the acts of going away or taking leave<br>"The train's <b>departure</b> was scheduled for 3 p.m."                |
| DEBOUCH     | Verb           | come out; emerge; issue.<br>"A horde of children began to <b>deboch</b> from the bus."                           |
| DISTINGUISH | Verb           | tell apart: see or point out differences<br>"You should be able to <b>distinguish</b> between right and wrong."  |

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|             |                      | over the street."   |
| DECEITFUL   | adj.                 | ready or willing to deceive or lie.<br>"His previous lies show him to be a <b>deceitful</b> person."  |
| ELOQUENT    | adj.                 | Fluent; using language effectively.<br>"The Sierra club meeting featured an <b>eloquent</b> speaker on global warming."                                       |
| EROSION     | Noun                 | wearing away of something such as rock by water or wind<br>"The cliff showed a lot of <b>erosion</b> ."   |
| EXAGGERATED | verb                 | made a thing seem larger or greater than it really is.<br>"He <b>exaggerated</b> the ocean's ability to regenerate itself after years of industrial dumping." |
| EXHAUST     | Verb                 | make someone very tired<br>"Running a marathon will <b>exhaust</b> most people."  |
| FAMILIAR    | Adjective            | often encountered; well-known; seen Frequently<br>"The boy and his pony are <b>familiar</b> pair around town."  |
| FRUSTRATE   | Verb                 | make efforts ineffective; prevent a person from achieving a purpose<br>"So far we have been able to <b>frustrate</b> bids to take over our company."          |
| FIENDISH    | Adjective            | extremely cruel or wicked; devilish.<br>"We were startled by a <b>fiendish</b> yell in the dark woods."   |

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| FIXTURE    | Noun                 | something fastened in its place<br>"The light <b>fixture</b> is on the wall."  |
| GENERATION | Noun                 | all the people born at the same time<br>"His <b>generation</b> grew up during the war."  |
| GESTURE    | Noun                 | a movement or action<br>"The king waved his hand, a <b>gesture</b> signaling that the servant could leave."  |
| GIGANTIC   | Adjective            | very large; vast; enormous<br>"China is a <b>gigantic</b> country."  |
| GRACIOUS   | Adjective            | kindly; courteous; cordial; amiable<br>"She was the most <b>gracious</b> hostess I've ever known."   |
| GYMNASTICS | Noun                 | exercises and movements that demonstrate strength, skill and agility<br>"The school team gave a display of <b>gymnastics</b> ."                    |
| HARMONY    | Noun                 | a pleasant combination of musical notes<br>"The barber shop quartet sang with perfect <b>harmony</b> ."  |
| HELICOPTER | Noun                 | a wingless, aircraft lifted by a large, horizontal propeller on top<br>"The <b>helicopter</b> rose, carrying the accident victim to the hospital." |
| HESITATE   | Verb                 | pause; stop briefly; be undecided<br>"I <b>hesitate</b> to pay so much for a car."   |

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| HYPNOTIC   | Adjective            | tending to produce sleep<br>"The ticking of the clock was <b>hypnotic</b> to the tired man."  |
| HYDRAULIC  | Adjective            | (of a mechanism) operated by liquid moving through pipes or channels, usually by pressure.<br>"The truck had hydraulic brakes."                         |
| INSULATION | Noun                 | Materials used against the passage of electricity, heat, or sound.<br>"Newer houses have better <b>insulation</b> , So they use less energy."           |
| IRRIGATION | Noun                 | application of water to land so plants can grow.<br>"The total land area under <b>irrigation</b> increased by more than a third between 1970 and 1990." |
| IMITATION  | Noun                 | a copy of the original; reproduction; fake<br>"The fabric isn't real silk, only an <b>imitation</b> ."  |
| IMMUNE     | Adjective            | safe from danger or attack, especially from disease<br>"The vaccination mad her <b>immune</b> to smallpox."   |
| JANITOR    | Noun                 | the caretaker of a building<br>"The school <b>janitor</b> kept it neat and clean."  |
| JAVELIN    | Noun                 | a light spear thrown in a competitive sport or as a weapon.<br>"I threw the <b>javelin</b> , but it did not go far."                                    |
| JEOPARDIZE | Verb                 | put in danger; risk; imperil.<br>"You will <b>jeopardize</b> your school year if you are absent too many days."   |

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| JUGULAR     | Adj.                 | of the neck or throat.<br>"A <b>jugular</b> vein is important because it carries blood from the head."                        |
| LEAGUE      | Noun                 | a group of teams that play games against each other.<br>"The local students formed a co-ed basketball <b>league</b> ."        |
| LEOPARD     | Noun                 | a large yellow cat with black spots<br>"The <b>leopard</b> paced back and forth in its cage in the zoo."                      |
| LETHARGY    | Noun                 | drowsy dullness; lack of energy; sluggish inactivity.<br>"The medicine she took left her with a feeling of <b>lethargy</b> ." |
| MAGNIFICENT | Adj.                 | extraordinarily fine; superb<br>"We climbed above the tree line to a <b>magnificent</b> view of the valley below."            |
| MERCURY     | Noun                 | a heavy, silvery liquid metal<br>"Some thermometers contain <b>mercury</b> ."   |
| MINORITY    | Noun                 | the smaller part of a group of people or things<br>"There was a <b>minority</b> of votes against the plan."                   |
| NAUSEA      | Noun                 | the feeling that one has when about to vomit.<br>"The flu symptoms included a feeling of <b>nausea</b> ."                     |
| NEIGHBOR    | Adjective            | the person who lives next to or close to another person<br>"Mr. Brown is the Goldstein family's <b>neighbor</b> ."            |

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| OCCUPANT  | Noun           | a person who resides in a house, apartment, etc<br>"The <b>occupant</b> of apartment 102 plays his stereo loudly at all hours."                  |
| ORGANIC   | Adjective      | made by or found in living things.<br>"This is an <b>organic</b> fertilizer."  |
| OBSTINATE | Adjective      | not giving in; stubborn.<br>"The <b>obstinate</b> girl insisted on doing things her own way."  |
| PARSLEY   | Noun           | a green plant used to flavour and decorate food<br>"The cook sprinkled <b>parsley</b> on the mashed potatoes."                                   |
| PENGUIN   | Noun           | an Antarctic sea-bird that cannot fly but uses its wings as flippers for swimming<br>"The black and white <b>penguin</b> stood on the ice floe." |
| PLEASANT  | Adjective      | pleasing; liked<br>"Everyone likes Rachel's <b>pleasant</b> , friendly manner."  |
| POPSICLE  | Noun           | ice cream or flavored ice on a stick<br>"The child licked the lime <b>popsicle</b> ."  |
| POTATOES  | Noun           | a vegetable which grows underground<br>"In October we dig up the <b>potatoes</b> ."  |
| PROPELLER | Noun           | device consisting of a revolving hub with blades for propelling boats and aircraft.<br>"The pilot started the main <b>propeller</b> ."           |



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| RATION    | Noun                 | portion; share<br>"The survivor of the shipwreck ate only a small <b>ration</b> of food each day."                                   |
| REFUSAL   | Noun                 | rejection; decision not to accept or take something<br>"The man proposed marriage and was hurt by the young lady's <b>refusal</b> ." |
| REPRIEVE  | Noun                 | a temporary relief from any hardship or trouble<br>"The rain brought a <b>reprieve</b> from the threat of forest fires."             |
| RHAPSODY  | Noun                 | an utterance or writing marked by extravagant enthusiasm.<br>"She spoke with great <b>rhapsody</b> about her grandchildren."         |
| RIGHTEOUS | Adjective            | morally right or justifiable.<br>"We believe that ours is a <b>righteous</b> position in this case."                                 |
| SECURITY  | Noun                 | safety<br>"The family worried about the <b>security</b> of their home while they were away on holiday."                              |
| SOCIETY   | Noun                 | a community; people living together in a group or nation<br>"Canadians live in a democratic <b>society</b> ."                        |
| SURROUND  | Adjective            | come to be all around.<br>"The new movie theatre has <b>surround</b> sound."   |
| THERMOS   | Noun                 | a vacuum flask for keeping liquids hot<br>"There was a <b>thermos</b> of hot tea in Spike's lunch bucket."                           |

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| THESAURUS | Noun                 | a book that lists words in groups of synonyms and related concepts<br>"In the <b>thesaurus</b> , I found many synonyms for the word animal." |
| URGENT    | Adjective            | that must be done or dealt with immediately<br>"The doctor received an <b>urgent</b> call from the hospital."                                |
| VEHICLE   | Noun                 | a movable machine for carrying people<br>"A car is a faster <b>vehicle</b> than a horse-drawn buggy."  |
| WINERY    | Noun                 | a place where wine is made.<br>"We had a tour of a <b>winery</b> near Niagara falls."  |