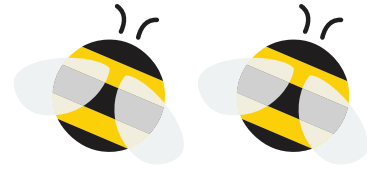


difficulty level: two bee



school spelling bee study list

The fourth, fifth and sixth-grade words from the 2024 School Spelling Bee Study List. Words with a single asterisk (*) indicate a primarily British spelling. Words with a double asterisk (**) are the preferred spelling.

bronze
flea
buckeye

sudsy

antlers

dapper

stroll

criss

bestie

cereal

silence

fury

howdy

important

popovers

thousand

razor

roughly

drawl

oddity

insult

valley

gather

dessert

stagecoach

peaceful

ailment

combat

rotten

expressway

practice**

OR practise

squash

amused

plural noun – horns of animals of the deer family, typically present only in the male.

pouch

outfits

sewing

transform

marble

gallon

flitting

plaza

yesterday

nighttime

putty

glumly

ignore

improve

Internet

pantry

hungrily

confident

vision

diamond

stitchery

fiddlehead

hobbit

doughnut

OR donut

precious

wafting

occupy

Afrobeat

termite

insulation

intertwine

recital

furniture

ambush

squire

submerged

saucer

gloaming — noun – twilight : dusk.

engulf

graduate

fascinated

composition

wisdom

ourselves

invisible

completely

poisonous

intimidate

drawers

disdain

deliberately

spacious

forearms

gratitude

appreciation

devotion

inscription

inventory

wheezy

possible

replace

crookedly

fragrant

fowl

responsible

awfully

manual



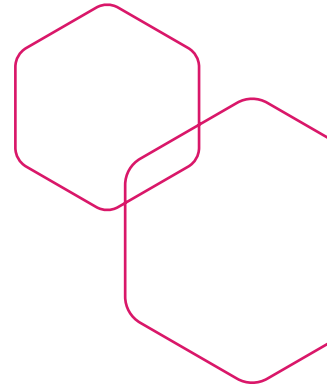
who knew?

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's largest and longest-running educational program.

thorax
tostones
bunions
bamboozled
Oman
flummox**
 OR flummix
 OR flummux
inscrutable
serenity
congregation
sentinel
Arctic
fluke
captain
delegation
verve
Vaseline
gastritis
platypus
salute
mantel
 OR mantle
amphitheater
desecration
diode
mischievous

bionic
syllables
sultanate
turban
sausage
disgruntled
terrify
quip
information
incubator
droll
vultures
Arabic
Brooklyn
sacred
reindeer
disclaimer
quotation
superior
privilege
fallow
replica
provision
reference
havens
voracious

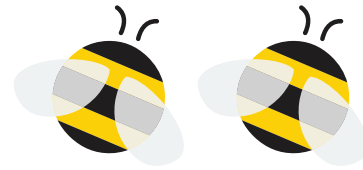
noun – a headdress consisting of a long cloth that is wrapped around a cap or directly around the head.



from around the world

Most spellers at the Scripps National Spelling Bee are from the United States, but spellers also come from Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Canada, Ghana and Department of Defense Schools in Europe.

difficulty level: two bee



Words of the Champions

Organized alphabetically, these words are a great place to continue your journey to mastering *Words of the Champions!* Words with a single asterisk (*) indicate a primarily British spelling. Words with a double asterisk (**) are the preferred spelling. A complete list of the words that were added to this year's study list can be found on page 40.

A

aardvark	affluent	analgesia
aberration	affogato	anchorage
ablation	afghan	ancillary
ablaut	aficionado**	anemic**
abnegation	OR aficionado	OR anaemic
abominable	agalma	anent
abrogate	agate	anglophile
absolution	agave	anhinga
abstemious	agelicism	anicca
academese	aggrandizement	anionic
Acadians	aglossal	anise
accentuate	agnail	ankh
accrual	agonistic	anneal
accumulate	agoraphobia	annuity
acerbity	aioli — noun – garlic mayonnaise.	annulment
achromatic	akimbo	anodyne
acoustic	albeit	anonymity
acquiesce	alimentation	anorak
acral	allergenic	anserine
acuity	allocable	antacid
acumen	allonym	antagonistic
acupuncture	alluvial	anticipatory
adjugate	alma mater	antipathy
adjure	alpestrine	antiquarian
adolescence	althorn	antithesis
adulation	amalgam	anxiety
advocatory	ambrosial	aperture
aerobics	ammonite	apiary
affable	ammunition	aporia
affeer	amygdala	apothecary
affenpinscher	anabolic	apotheosis
affianced	anaglyphy	apparatus
affiliate	analects	approbatory
	analepsis	aqueduct



did you know?

Vocabulary questions were first introduced as part of the Bee on the written test in 2013. Oral vocabulary questions were given at the National Competition for the first time in 2021.

aqueous
aquiclude
arbitrary
arboretum
archaism
archetype
arduous
argot
arietta
armaments
armature
armistice
arpeggio
arraign
arrearage
art brut
artesian
artifice
asado
ascension
ascetic
Asgard
Asiago
aspish
assailant
assiduous
assumption
assure
asthmatic
astral
astringent
astrobleme
astronaut
Astur
asylum
ataxia
Aten
atlatl
atrabilious
atresia
attaché
attributive
attrition
aubergine
auburn
aughts

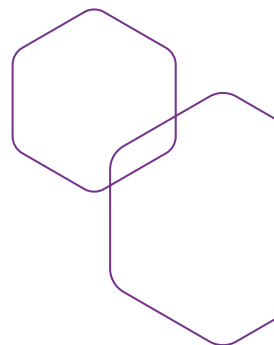
augment
auklet
aureole
auricular
aurora
auspices
austere
avarice
avifauna
avuncular

B

bacteriolytic
ballyhooed
balsamic
bandicoot
bango
bariatrics
baronetcy
basilica
bastion
Bavarian cream
beatific
beguile
Belgravia
Bellatrix
bellwether
beneficent
benison
bereavement
beret
bermudas
beseech
besieged
besmirch
bethesda
bibliopegist
bicameral
bifurcate
bilaterian
bilbo
billabong
billiards
billingsgate
biltong
binomial

biomimicry
bittern
blastema
blastogenesis
blatant
bloviate
bodega
bodkin
boffin
bona fide
bonobo
bonsai
boomslang
boondoggle
borough
bouffant
bowsprit
braille
Brandywine
bravado
breviloquence
bric-a-brac
Brigadoon
Broccolini
brockage
brogue
bromide
brontophobia
bruja
bruxism
bubonic
bucatini
buffa
bulgogi
bulgur**
OR bulghur
bulwark
bumptious
Bundt
buoyancy
bureau
burglarious
burgoo
busby

—● adjective –
voluminous.



C

cabaret
cadge
caducity
caffeine
caftan
OR kaftan
calcify
callow
calumet
cambio
cameist
campanology
cancion
candelabrum
cannoli
cantankerous
capillary
capnometer
capstan
capsule
carbohydrates
carcinogenic
cardoon
caricature
carnage
carnitas
carnitine
cartilage
Cassandra
cassock
castellated
castigate
Castilian
castor
cataclysmic
catalepsy
catalina
catalyst
cathect
cathode

adjective –
grumpy and
argumentative.

cattalo
OR catalo
caudex
causal
caustic
cauterize
cavalcade
cayenne
cellophane
Celsius
cenotaph
centenary
cerebellum
cetology
chamberlain
chancellor
chaperonage
charcuterie
charismatic
château
chemise
Cheshire cat
chevalier
chide
Chihuahua
chimera
OR chimaera*
chinook
chintzy
cholera
cholesterol
chrysalis
chrysolite
chupacabra
churchianity
churros
ciao
cicada
Cincinnati
circadian
circuitous

circumflex
civet
cladistics
clairvoyance
clandestine
clavichord
clemency
cloture
coalescence
coaxation
codswallop
coercive
coeval
cogently
cogitation
cognizant
OR cognisant*
cohesive
cohosh
coiffure
colic
collectanea
collegiality
colocate
comanchero
comminatory
commiserative
commissioner
commodious
compendium
con forza
concision
conclave
concordance
conduit
Conestoga
confabulation
congeniality
conglutinant
connivory
consecrate



adjectives vs. nouns

“My word ends with an /us/ sound! How do I know which letters to use?!”

Here’s a hint: Ask for the part of speech. If it’s a noun, try -us; if it’s an adjective, -ous is a safe bet.

consequent
constabulary
consternation
constituent
consul
contemptuous
continuum
contrariwise
contrivance
contumelious
Coptic
cordillera
corduroy
coriander
Corinthian
corm
cornea
cornel
cornucopia
corollary
coroner
corpulent
corral
corrosive
corsage
cortex
cozen
credence
credulity
creel
crepuscular
crescive
cribbage
cribble
cribo
crinoline
crith
cruciferous
crustaceans
cryogenic
cudgel
cum laude
cumbersome
cumulus
curmudgeon
cutis

cyanosis
cybernetics
cygnet
cynicism

D

dactylic
Dalmatian
dandle
danseur
danta
darnel
davenport
deathin
debilitate
debutante
deceitful
deceleron
decennial
deciduous
decimation
declamatory
declension
declination
decurion
defiant
deglaciation
déjà vu**
 déjà vue
delectable
deleterious
deliquesce
deltoidal
dementia
demerits
demographics
demonstrative
demulcent
denominator
denticulate
depose
depravity
depreciate
depredation
deprivation
derelict

derisive
deserter
desertification
desolate
desultorily
detritus
deuterium
diacritic
diadem
dialysis
Dianthus
diaspora
diathermy
diatonic
dietetic
dihedral
dilapidated
diligence
diluent
dimorphism
dirigible
discombobulate
discomfiture
discountenance
discreetly
discretionary
disembogue
disjunct
Disneyfication
disparate
disproportionate
dissemble
dissipate
dissonance
distraught
divestiture
dodecahedron
dogana
doldrums
dolma
dolmen
domesticity
domiciled
domineering
dopamine
Dorking

dowager

dowdy

dromic

adjective – of, relating to, or in the form of a racecourse.

druid

drumlin

drupiferous

du jour

duchy

duplicitous

durango

dysgraphia

dyspeptic

dystopia

E

ebullience

ectoplasm

eczema

Edenic

educand

efface

effervescent

efflux

effraction

effusive

eggcorn

egress

El Niño

embolus

embryo

emeritus

eminent

emissary

emulsify

en masse

ensconced

ensued

entente

environs

epenthesis

epicurean

epidermis

epidural

episcopal

epithet

epitome

epoch

equilibrium

equinox

equivalent

equivocate

eradicate

ermine

noun – any of several weasels that have white fur in winter.

errata

erroneous

erstwhile

erubescence

eructation

escarpment

eschew

espousal

estuary

ethanol

étude

eucalyptus

eucrasia

euphonious

europium

eustress

Evactor

evacuees

evanescent

evo-devo

evzone

ewer

ex libris

exaugural

excelsior

excision

execrable

exeunt

exiguous

exodus

exogenous

exorbitant

expatiate

expectorant

expostulate

expugnable

expunge

exsect

extant

extemporaneous

extrapolate

extravasate

extrorse

F

facile

factitious

facundity

fajitas

farical

fardel

farina

farkleberry

Farsi

farthingale

fatuously

fealty

feckless

fecund

feign

fenestrated

fenster

fervorous

festooned

feudalism

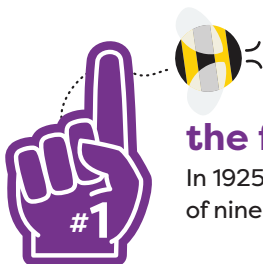
fiat

fibula

fictile

Ficus

fiduciary



the first bee

In 1925, the first national spelling bee was organized by the Louisville Courier-Journal with a total of nine spellers. Frank Neuhauser won the championship title after correctly spelling “gladiolus.”

finial
fipple
firkin
fjeld
flagellum
flagon
flambé
flaneur
flavedo
flèche
flittern
Florentine
floribunda
floruit
flotsam
FLOTUS
fluoride
focaccia
follicle
fontina
forbivorous
fortissimo
Franciscan
fratority
fraudulent
frazil
freneticism
Freudian
frison
frittata
froufrou
froward
fructiferous
frugivore
fucoid
fugue
fulgent
fulminate
funambulist
fungible
furcula
fusiform
fussbudget

G

galapago

noun – ice crystals
sometimes similar
to slush that
are formed in
turbulent water.

Gallic
galvanize
gambit
ganache
gasiform
gastronome
gaudery
gaur
gelatinous
Gemini
genealogical
geniture
genome
gentilial
geocaching
geriatric
germane
gibbous
gingivitis
gladiatorial
glareous
glazier
glissando
globular
gluttonous
gnocchi
goji berry
golem
Goliath
goosander
gossamer
Gothamite
grande dame
grandiloquent
grandrelle
graticule
gratis
gravimetry
gravitas
greaves
Gregorian
grissino
groats
grobian
grotesqueness
grouse

adverb – without
charge : free.

gubernatorial
gudgeon
gules
gullibility
gumption
gustatory

H

habeas corpus
habiliments
hackneyed
hagiographer
halibut
Halifax
hallucinate
haplography
harangue
harbinger
harrier
harrumph
Hathor
hauberk
hauteur
Hawaiian
hawok
heinousness
heleoplankton
heliacal
hennerly
heptad
hermeneutics
hermetically
herringbone
heterochromia
heterophony
hetman
heuristic
hibernaculum
hierurgical
hinoki
hipsterism
histrionics
Hitchcockian
hoity-toity
holmium
Holocaust

noun – a group
of seven people
or things.

hologram
Holstein
homeostasis
homester
homiletics
hubris
humerus
humidistat
hummock
Hungary
hydrangea
hydrocortisone
hydrophobia
hydroponic
hypochondria
hypogeous
hypotenuse
hyrax

I

ibex
ibuprofen
Icarian
idiosyncratic
ignominious
illative
illicitly
illustrious
immolate
immortality
impasto
impeachable
impecunious
impediment
imperious
impermeable
impetus
implacable
implicative
impoverish
impresario
impromptu

incinerate
incisiform — adjective – having the form of a tooth adapted for cutting.
incitive
inclement
incoherent
incompetent
incubate
indemnity
indicia
indict
indigent
indistinguishable
indolent
inducement
indulgent
ineffable
ineluctable
ineptitude
inerrancy
ingenuous
ingratiante
inimical
injurious
inoculate
insignia
instigate
insufflator
interred
interrogative
intersperse
intuitable
inveterate
inviolable
iridescent
irrevocable
Isle Royale

J

jactance
jadeite
jalapeño
jambalaya

jarl
jaundiced
jeepney
jettison
jicama
jiggery-pokery
jimberjawed
jingoism
jitney
jocularity
jubilant — adjective – expressing gladness or triumphant joy.
judicious
julienne
Jurassic
justiciable
juvenilia
juxtapose

K

kaiser
kanban
kanji
karst
kerchief
kinesiology
kleptocrat
koto — noun – a long Japanese zither having 13 silk strings.
krausen
krypton
kufi
kugel
kung pao

L

labroid
labyrinthine
laceration
laconic
lacustrine
laity
lambasted
lambently



did you know?

The Scripps National Spelling Bee was featured in the 2002 Academy Award-nominated documentary *Spellbound*.

lambkin
languorous
lanolated
lantana
lapidary
larceny
largesses
larnax
lassitude
latigo
laudatory
laureate
lavender
legalese
legato
legerity
lemniscus
leviathan
liaise
lidocaine
limned
limousine
limpa
limpet
limpid
limpkin
lingua franca
linnet
linstock
lithium
lithophone
litmus
lobotomy
locavore
loch
logarithmic
logographic
lolloped
longitude
lorikeet
lossy
lousicide
lovage
luculent
ludicrous
lugubrious
lumen

noun – a person who eats foods grown nearby whenever possible.

luthier
lutrine
luxuriate

M
machination
mackerel
macropterous
macular
malapropism
malevolent
malfeasance
malingering
mandrill
mano a mano
manumit
marimba
marionette
marring
marsupial
mastodon
matriculation
mawkish
McCoy
Mecca
medusa
megalomaniac
melamine
melee
melismatic
menagerie
mendacious
mendacity
meningitis
mephitic
merganser
meridian
merino
mesial
Mesopotamian
metaplasia
metastasize
metatarsal
MIDI
millennial
millet
millisecond

millivolt
minacious
ministra
minette
minuscule**
 OR miniscule
Miranda
misnomer
mitigative
mitochondria
mochi
modiste
moissanite
mollify
monitory
monochrome
monture
moratorium
mordant
Moroccan
morphological
mortician
Motrin
movimento
muchacha
mulligan
Munich
municipal
musketeers
Mylar
myocarditis
myoglobin
myopic

N
Namibian
nanotechnology
narcoleptic
nautilus
Neapolitan
necrotic
nectarine
neonatology
neoterism
nepotism
netiquette
neuropathy

adjective – lacking in foresight or keenness of insight.

neuroticism
Newfoundland
nexus
nitrate
nocive
noctambulist
no-goodnik
nomancy
nomenclature
nomophobia
nonage
nonchalance
nonnegotiable
nonvolatile
Norovirus
Nostradamus
notoriety
novemdecillion
noxious
nuance
nubuck
nuciform
nucleated
numerology
nutantion
nutria
nuzzer

noun – divination
by letters.

O

obfuscate
oblique
obloquy
obnebulate
obsecration
obsolete
obstetrician
obstreperous
occipital
occultation
Oceanian
octonocular

adjective –
stubborn and
defiant often
with a show of
noisy disorder.

octuplicate
odometer
officinal
okapi
olfactory
olingo
ombudsman
omnilegent
omniscient
onus
oompah
operose
opprobrious
oppugn
Orion
orthogonal
oscitation
osculatory
Osloite
osmosis
osprey
ossicle
ostensibly
osteopath
ottoman
oxalis

P

pagoda
palatable
Paleozoic
palpebral
palpitant
panary
pancetta
pancreas
panegyric
pantomime
papyrus
par excellence
parabola

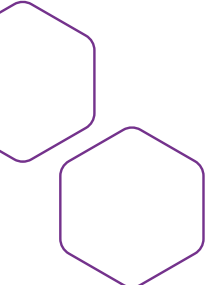
adjective – related
to breadmaking.

parameters
paraplegic
parasol
pariah
parliamentary
parochial
parodic
parr
parsimony
particulate
parturient
parvo
pashmina
Patagonia
patella
pathos
patronymic
paucity
peacenik
peculate
pecuniary
pedantry
pelagial
pelerine
pelf
pendragon
pendulous
penitentiary
pepita
per se
peradventure
perceptible
perilous
periodontist
peripheral
periwinkle
permutation
perpetrator
perquisite
perseverance
perspicacious



there's a first time for everything

Hugh Tosteson was the first winner from outside of the 50 U.S. states. He lived in Puerto Rico and won in 1975.



persuasive
pertinacity
pestilence
petroleum
phalanges
phenotype
philosophize
phishing
phlebotomy
phoenix
phonetician
phosphorescent
phraseology
phycology
phylum
Pierre
piety
pilaster
pilcrow
pileus
pilferer
pilosity
pilotage
pinnacle
pinnate
pious
pituitary
placoderm
plagiarism
plaintiff
planetesimal
plangency
planisphere
planogram
plantain
plantigrade
plaudits
plenipotentiary
plenitude
plentiful
Plumeria
plutonomy
poblano
podsnappery
Podunk
pointelle
politick

pollutant
polonium
poltroon
polyester
polygenous
polypeptide
polysemy
polysyllabic
pomato
pomegranate
Pomeranian
pomology
pompeii
pomposity
pongee
pontiff
populace
porcelain
porosity
portentous
portico
posada
posse
possessive
posterity
posthumous
postural
potassium
praxis
prehensile
prelapsarian
preponderance
preposterous
preprandial
presentient
prespinous
prevenient
prima donna
primeval**
OR primaeval
primogeniture
princeps
privatim
privet
probative
procurement
prodigious

profligacy
profundity
proletarian
proliferate
prolix
prolusory
promontory
propinquity
proprietary
proprioceptive
prorogue
prosody
protectorate
protuberant
provenance
proviant
provincial
proviso
psychoanalysis
puchero
pugilist
pugnacious
pulchritude
purvey
pyrite
pyrotechnics

Q

quadriceps
quadrilateral
quadrillion
qualms
quid pro quo
quiddity
quinary
quince
quintessential
quirt
quittance
quotidian
QWERTY

noun – the ultimate form or the essential nature of something.

R

rabato
rabbinic
rambla
rambunctious

ramifications
ramson
rankles
rapscallion
raptorial
rasorial
raucous
reagent
realgar
realm
Realtor
rebarbative
reboation
recipient
reciprocity
reconcilable
reconnoiter**
OR reconnoitre
recreant
recriminatory
recumbent
recusancy
redolent
refrigerant
refugium
regalia
reggae
regicide
regnal
regurgitate
reimbursable
reminiscent
remonstrance
remuda
remuneration
renegotiate
renitency
reparations
repartee
repentant
repercussion

verb – to bring,
forcefully impel,
or pour back out
again.

repository
reprieve
reprisal
Requiem
requisition
resilience
resplendence
restitutory
résumé
resuscitate
retinol
retinoscopy
retrocedence
retrodict
retrograde
revenant
reverberant
rhapsody
rhizome
rhythmically
ricochet
rictus
rigatoni
ritziness
rollicking
Romano
rosin
roustabout
Rubicon
rudiments
rugose
ruminate
rustication

S
sabbatical
sabermetrics
sabotage
sacrament
sacrosanct
sailage

salience
saltatory
sapphire
sardonic
sarmentum
sartorial
sashay
saturnine
sauger
scarab
scarlatina
scenographer
schism
schnell
schooner
scintillation
sclerosis
scrivener
scrumptiously
scumble
scuppers
scythe
secant
secession
sedentary
sedge
sedum
seethe
senecio
seneschal
senna
sensei
septennial
sepulchral
sequential
seraphic
serrated
sesame
settee
severance
shaman



archaic or obsolete? not here.

The Bee doesn't include words labeled obsolete or archaic in competition lists, and you won't find any in *2024 Words of the Champions* either. Why? Because they're just not used that often. Words labeled obsolete are found in literature but have not been part of standard English since 1755; words labeled archaic are only used rarely or in special contexts such as prayers or poetry since 1755. Why 1755? That was the year that the first really large and comprehensive dictionary was published in London by Samuel Johnson.

shar-pei
shazam
shebang
sheldrake
shenanigans
Shetland
shirk
shoji
sieve
simpatico
simultaneity
singultus
sirenian
Sirius
slalom
slumgullion
smellfungus
smithereens
snell
sobersides
sobriety
solon
somatotype
somniaquy
soothsayer
sophomoric
soppiness
sousaphone
Spaniel
spathe
speciation
spectrometer
spinosity
spiracle
spirulina
splenetic
sponsalia
spontaneity
sprightliness
sprue
spurious
stagflation
staid
stalwart
stanchion
statistician
statuesque

noun – someone
who tends to find
fault in others.

statusy
stegosaur
steinkirk
OR steenkirk
stellar
steppe
stevia
stigmata
stimuli
stipulate
stratification
stratocracy
stratosphere
striation
stricture
stridency
Styrofoam
subliminal
subluxated
submersible
subrident
subsequent
subsistence
subterranean
subtlety
subversive
succumb
succussion
suet
suffrage
Sumatran
summoned
superficiality
superstitious
supine
supplicate
supremacy
surcease
surety
surmountable
surrealist
suture
sycophant
syllabus
sylph
symmetrical
symposium

syndicate
syntonize
syntrophism
syringe

T

tabernacle
tableau
tabulate
taciturn
tae kwon do
tai chi
talisman
tamworth
tangerine
tantrum
tapioca
tappet
tarantula
tarlatan**
OR tarleton
Tasmanian
taverna
taxonomic
tectonic
teemed
telepathic
telmatology
temblor
temerity
tempestuous
tempura
tenaciously
tenement
tensile
tentacled
tepidity
tercentenary
terminus
terra-cotta
terrarium
tetanus
Thailand
theomachy
theorem
theosophy
theriatrics

thoracic
thoroughbred
thrasonical
thwartwise
thyme
tibia
tiffany
tiffin
Tinseltown
titian
titration
tomfoolery
tommyrot —●
tomography
tongue
toorie
topgallant
topiary
toploftical
toponymic
torsion
tortoise
tosh
toties quoties
toxicosis
tractability
traiteur
transcend
transducer
transhumance
transience
transmissibility
transmontane
transpiration
transposable
trapezoid
travails
treadle
trefoil
trellis
tremulous

noun – complete foolishness or nonsense.

trepanation
trepidation
triage
tributary
trice
tricenary
triceratops
triforium
trigeminal
triglycerides
trillium
triste
trituration
trophic
Truckee
truncheon
tsk-tsked
tubular
tumpline
tungsten
turbinado
turducken
turgor
turken
turophile
turpentine
tussock
tutelage
tutti-frutti
twain
twang
tympanum
typhology

U

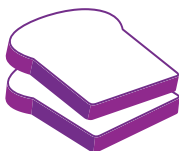
ufology
Ukrainian
ulna —●
umbilical
umbrage
una corda

noun – the inner of the two bones of the forearm.

unchristened
unctuous
ungetatable
unilaterally
univocal
unmoored
unremitting
unscathed
untenable
upbraid
upsilon
ursine
usurper
utilitarian
uveal
uvula

V

vaccination
vacillate
vagabonds
vague
vainglorious
valedictorian
valerian
valiant
valuator
vandalize
vanguard
vanquish
vantage
varicose
variegated
Vatican
vaudeville
veganism
vegetarian
vehemence
vehicular
vendage
vener



older than sliced bread

The first national spelling bee was held in 1925. That makes us older than sliced bread, bubble gum and even trampolines.

venerable
vengeance
venial
venomous
ventail
ventricle
ventriloquy
veracity
verbena
verism
veritable
vermicide
vernal
vertigo
vespertine
vestibule
vetiver
vetoed
vicarious
vice versa
vicenary
viceroy
victimology
vigil

vincible
virga
virulence
vis-à-vis
viscosity
vitriolic
volary
OR volery
volatile
volition
volucrine
volumetric
Vulcan —● noun – a worker in metals; especially: a blacksmith.

W
wallaby
Walter Mitty
widdershins —● adverb – counterclockwise.
wilco
wobulator
woebegone
wolfsbane
wootz

Y
yabbies —● plural noun – small burrowing crayfish that live in most Australian creeks and water holes.
yardang
yawmeter
Yorkshire

Z
zazen
zeitgeist
zeppelin
zirconium
zocalo
zoetic
zoolatry
zowie
zurna —● noun – a traditional Middle Eastern woodwind instrument.
zydeco
zygote



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