

26. To win the Scripps National Spelling Bee, students ^{~しなければならぬ} must train very hard ^{熱心(ねっしん)に ほぼ}. Nearly 300 of the best spellers from schools all around the United States gather for the ^{集(あつ)める} finals ^{最後(さいご)の} in Washington, D.C., every year. Students who take part in the contest ^{練習(れんしゅう)する} practice spelling for many hours every day to ^{準備(じゅんび)する} prepare. They each ^{受(う)け取(と)る} receive an ^{公式(こうしき)の} official word list for the contest that ^{含(ふく)む} contains 23,000 words. Many students try to memorize the whole list. ^{~やってみる 記憶(きおく)する}

Further Questions&A

32. 5) Is it difficult to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee?
 33. Scripps National Spelling Bee ^かに勝つことは ^{むずか}難しいのですか。
 34. Yes. The students must train very hard.
 35. 6) What does each contestant in the contest receive?
 36. コンテストの各競技者は何を受け取るのですか。
 37. They each receive an official word list for the contest that contains 23,000 words.

38. However, not everyone ^{しかしながら} thinks that spelling bees are a good idea. To do well in a ^{みんな} spelling bee, students only need to ^{ただ} be able to spell words. They do not have to ^{~ができる} know what they mean. Some people say that it would be better to ^{費(つい)やす} spend time ^{活動(かつどう)} in class on activities that help students understand the ^{理解(りかい)する} meanings of words. ^{~の意味(いみ)}
 41. In fact, many of the words in the final of the ^{国際的(こくさいてき)な} national contest are ^{とても} so ^{実際(じっさい)} unusual that most people have ^{普通(ふつう)でない} never even heard of them. ^{今(いま)までに~ない}

Further Questions&A

44. 7) Why might someone think spelling bees are a bad idea?
 45. なぜ誰かが Spelling bees ^{だれ}は悪いアイデアだと ^{わる}考えるのですか。 ^{かんが}
 46. To do well in a spelling bee, students only need to be able to spell words. They do not have to know what they mean.
 47. 8) What is unusual about the words in the finals of the national contest?
 48. 全国大会の決勝戦 ^{ぜんこくたいかい けっしょうせん}での言葉について何が普通でないのですか。 ^{ことば} ^{なに} ^{ふつう}
 49. The words are so unusual that most people have never even heard of them.

*Choose the correct answer from these choices.

50. (42) In a spelling bee, students
 51. 1 stay in the contest until they spell a word wrongly.
 52. 2 are often asked to spell words in a foreign language.
 53. 3 must write down the words that their teacher says.
 54. 4 have to make a list of words they are interested in.

55. (43) To get the chance to take part in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, students must

- 56. 1 be picked by millions of television viewers.
- 57. 2 get a recommendation from their teachers.
- 58. 3 become popular with other students.
- 59. 4 do well in local and state contests.

60. (44) Students who take part in the Scripps National Spelling Bee often

- 61. 1 practice spelling the names of cities that have hosted the contest.
- 62. 2 go to many places to meet the best spellers in the United States.
- 63. 3 try to remember all of the words on a list they are given.
- 64. 4 spend hours learning how to spell the names of other students.

65. (45) According to some people, what is one bad point about spelling bees?

- 66. 1 They teach students to use too many difficult words.
- 67. 2 They do not help students learn the meanings of words.
- 68. 3 They stop students from doing outdoor activities like sports.
- 69. 4 They take away time needed to prepare for national contests.

Review Questions

70. 1) What is difficult for even native speakers of English?

71. *Spelling can be difficult for even native speakers of English.*

72. 2) How does one lose in a spelling bee?

73. *If the student makes a mistake, he or she must leave the contest.*

74. 3) What happens if a student does well in school spelling bees?

75. *They can go on to local and state contests or even a national contest.*

76. 4) Can you watch the Scripps National Spelling Bee?

77. *Yes. Since 2006, the final rounds of this spelling bee have been shown live on television.*

78. 5) Is it difficult to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee?

79. *Yes. The students must train very hard.*

80. 6) What does each contestant in the contest receive?

81. *They each receive an official word list for the contest that contains 23,000 words.*

82. 7) Why might someone think spelling bees are a bad idea?

83. *To do well in a spelling bee, students only need to be able to spell words. They do not have to know what they mean.*

84. 8) What is unusual about the words in the finals of the national contest?

85. *The words are so unusual that most people have never even heard of them.*

解答 : (42)1 (43)4 (44)3 (45)2

