

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 ^{集(あつ)める} gather for the ^{最後(さいご)の} finals in Washington, D.C., every year. Students who ^{練習(れんしゅう)する} take part in the contest ^{準備(じゅんび)する} practice spelling for many hours every day to ^{受(う)け取(と)る} prepare. They each ^{公式(こうしき)の} receive an official word list for the contest that ^{含(ふく)む} contains 23,000 words. Many students ^{~やってみる 記憶(きおく)する} try to memorize the whole list.

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 ^{ただ} need to ^{~ができる} be able to spell words. They do not have to ^{費(つい)やす} know what they mean. Some people say that it would be better to ^{活動(かつどう)} spend time ^{理解(りかい)する} in class on activities that help students understand the ^{~の意味(いみ)} meanings of words.
 42. 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 ^{普通(ふつう)でない} unusual that most people have ^{今(いま)までに~ない} never even heard of them.

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。
 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 ^{ことば} 普通でないのですか。
 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 a 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

16	できるだけA	as A as possible				アズ A アズ パッセボリ
17	~する ^{かぎ} 限り	as long as~				アズ ロソグ アズ
18	いつものように	as usual				アズ ユージ アル
19	Aもまた	A as well				A アズ ウ エル
20	~と同様 ^{どうよう} に	as well as~				アズ ウェル アズ
21	~を ^{もと} 求める	ask for~				アスク フォ
22	Aに~するように たの ^{たの} 頼む	ask A to do				アスク A トリ ドゥ
23	はじ ^{はじ} 初めは	at first				アット ファ ースト
24	ついに	at last				アット ラスト
25	すく ^{すく} 少なくとも	at least				アット リースト
26	ただ ^{ただ} 直ちに	at once				アット ワンス
27	ぜっこうちょう ^{ぜっこうちょう} 絶好調で, 眞っ さか ^{さか} 盛りで	at one's best				アット ワンズ ベスト
28	~の ^{うし} 後ろに[で]	at[in] the back of~				アット[イン] ザ バック オブ
29	~の ^お 終わりに	at the end of~				アット ジ エ ンド オブ
30	どうじ ^{どうじ} 同時に	at the same time				アット ザ セ イム タイム