



# New Nat's Notes

## Random Sequence Group 1

### For that rare speller seeking to anticipate the outlandish surprises in the National Spelling Bee finals

***Congratulations!*** This tome is a direct route for learning a large number of esoteric words that are typical of those used at higher levels of spelling competition of the National Bee. The extensive etymology will expand your language knowledge, and the definitions will enrich your vocabulary while you are building your spelling skills.

This 2012 volume incorporates all the updates made in the past few years to the pronunciations and etymology of the prior *New Nat's*. In recent years, Scripps began pronouncing words with a *d stop* in a literal manner, which is strictly with a *d* sound. Previous pronouncers would use either a *d* or a *t* sound for such pronunciations. The word *butter* is shown with both a *d stop* pronunciation and with a *t* in the pronunciation, so it would be pronounced either way with the first pronunciation shown being that with the *d stop*. Other words, like *perimeter* were pronounced either way previously in the National Bee, but in recent years, these are following the specific pronunciation shown in *Webster's Third*, which shows only one pronunciation, and this has a *d stop*. For this change we reedited every pronunciation in *New Nat's*, and at the same time, we corrected and improved many, many of the etymologies and little glitches.

This updates the 2008 *New Nat's Notes* volumes, and that in turn updated our original 1992 *Nat's Notes* and expanded the word list to 18,000+ words from the original 10,000+. Historically, around 50% to 60% of the off-list words at regional and national levels of competition have been words from the original *Notes* or a form of a word in *Notes* that obviates the spelling. Over the past 10 years, many National Spelling Bee champions have used this book along with our *Spelling Rules Book* for preparation, and often other of our advanced products.

We are a small company that listens. If you have suggestions or criticisms or if you find an error in this book, we want to hear about it. The *New Nat's Notes* was a gargantuan undertaking, and while we have edited and reedited, there is a chance that a glitch could slip through. **We want to know of any improvements or corrections that we should make!**

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**immanence** <IM.uh.nuhnts> or <IM.uh.nuhns>  
state of being inward, condition of being within the mind

*Ety/Note: L-in (in) + maneo/-ere/-si/-sus (remain) Hom: imminence*

**gimlet** <GIM.lit>  
small tool with a screw point designed for boring holes  
*Ety/Note: ME mod of MFr mod of MDu*

**realpolitiker** <ray.ahl.poh.LEE.dik.uhr> or <ray.AHL.poh.lee.dik.uhr>  
one who favors materiality and practicality over theory or ethics

*Ety/Note: Ger fr L-realis/-e (real/actual) + Ger fr Fr fr LL fr Gk-politikos (political) fr polis (city)*

**rancidity** <ran.SID.uhd.tee> or <ran.SID.uht.tee>  
state of having a foul smell or taste  
*Ety/Note: L-rancidus/-a/-um (rancid) fr ranco/-ere (be rancid/stink)*

**coquettishly** <koh.KED.ish.lee> or <koh.KET.ish.lee>  
<KOH.ket.eesh.lee> <KOH.ked.ish.lee>  
in a flirtatious manner  
*Ety/Note: Fr-coquette (flirtatious woman) dim coq (cock) fr LL-coccus/-i (cock) fr imit orig*

**umland** <UM.land>  
surrounding of a city that conjoins with the city because of various activities  
*Ety/Note: Ger + Ger fr OHG*

**sphragistics** <sfruh.JIS.tiks>  
study dealing with signets and their history  
*Ety/Note: Fr fr LGk-sphragistikos (relating to seals) fr Gk-sphragistos (stamped/sealed)*

**palisades, pallisades** <pal.uh.SAYDZ> or <PAL.uh.saydz>  
surround with a boundary used for defense usually made of stakes  
*Ety/Note: Fr fr OProv fr VL fr L-palus/-i (stake) Note: pallisades for noun def only*

**jordanon** <JAWR.duh.nahn>  
little localized group that is slightly different from related forms  
*Ety/Note: Ep fr Fr-named for Alexis Jordan (biologist/d.1897) + Gk*

**helmsmanship** <HELMZ.muhn.ship>  
ability to steer a ship in an able manner  
*Ety/Note: ME fr OE + ME fr OE + ME fr OE*

**fibrillogenic** <fii.bruh.loh.JEN.ik> or <fib.ruh.loh.JEN.ik>  
<fii.bril.uh.JEN.ik> <fi.BRIL.uh.jen.ik>  
inducing muscular twitching or contractions especially of the heart  
*Ety/Note: NL fr L-fibra/-ae (fiber) + Fr fr Gk-gignesthai (be born)*

**hamartia** <hahm.ahr.TEE.uh> or <huh.MAHRD.ee.uh>  
character defect, especially of a tragic hero  
*Ety/Note: Gk-hamartanein (err)*

**consuetude** <KAHN.swi.tood> or <KAHNT.swi.tood>  
<KAHN.swi.tyood> <KAHNT.swi.tyood>  
habit, custom recognized as having legal force  
*Ety/Note: ME fr L-consuetudo/-inis (custom/habit) fr cum (with)+suesco//suevi/suetus(become accustomed to)*

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**edibility** <ed.uh.BIL.uhd.tee> or <ed.uh.BIL.uht.tee>  
state of being safely consumable  
*Ety/Note: LL fr L-edo/edere/edi/essus (eat)*

**verrucose** <VEHR.uh.kohs> or <VEHR.yuh.kohs>  
covered with wart-like projections and protuberances  
*Ety/Note: L-verrucosus/-a/-um (warty/rugged) fr verruca (wart)*

**kumquat, cumquat** <KUHM.kwaht>  
citrus fruit with a tart taste and edible rind; small citrus tree  
*Ety/Note: Chin/Cant - kam (gold) + kwat (orange)*

**sarothrum** <suh.RAHTH.ruhm>  
stiff hairs on a bee that collect pollen  
*Ety/Note: NL fr Gk-sarotron (broom) fr saroun (sweep clean) fr saron (broom)*

**quartzite** <KWAWRT.sit>  
transformed rock containing a silicon dioxide mineral and sandstone  
*Ety/Note: Ger-quarz (quartz) fr MHG of Slav orig*

**isentropic** <II.zen.trahp.ik> or <II.sen.trahp.ik>  
<ii.sen.TRAHP.ik> <ii.zen.TRAHP.ik>  
occurring without changing of the amount of energy; line indicating same on diagram  
*Ety/Note: ISV fr Gk-isos (equal) + en (in) + tropos (turning)*

**revanche** <ri.VAHNCH>  
governmental policy intent on recovering lost territory  
*Ety/Note: Fr fr OFr-revanche (revenge) fr L-re-(again) + OFr-vingier/vencher (avenger)*

**cantle** <KAN.tuhl>  
rear part of a saddle that curves up  
*Ety/Note: ME fr ONFr-dim of cant (edge/corner)*

**semainier** <suh.MEN.yay>  
chest of drawers with 7 drawers  
*Ety/Note: Fr-semaine (week) fr LL fr L-septimanus/-a/-um (relating to/of 7) fr septem (7)*

**coutil** <koo.TEEL> or <koo.TIL> <koo.TEE.uhl>  
tough cotton fabric  
*Ety/Note: Fr fr OFr-coute (quilt/mattress)*

**obeah (O)** <OH.bee.uh>  
form of African religious beliefs involving sorcery; charm used by this religion  
*Ety/Note: Afr*

**giustamente** <joos.tuh.MEN.tee>  
in a manner that is strict and precise  
*Ety/Note: It fr L-justus/-a/-um (just)*

**byssinosis** <bis.uh.NOH.sis>  
chronic lung disease caused by inhaling dust from cotton, mill fever  
*Ety/Note: NL fr LL-byssinum (linen garment) fr L*

**cotyledon** <kaht.uh.EED.uhn> or <KAHT.uh.eed.uhn>  
<kahd.uh.LEE.duhn> <KAHD.uh.lee.duhn>  
primary leaf or first pair of leaves from the embryo of a plant seed  
*Ety/Note: NL fr L-cotyledon/-is (navelwort) fr Gk-kotyledon (cup-shaped hollow) fr kotyle (cup)*

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- frugivorous** <froo.JIV.uh.ruhs> or <FROO.jiv.rhr.uhs>  
<froo.JIV.awr.uhs> <FROO.jiv.awr.uhs>  
consuming fruit  
*Ety/Note: L-frux/-gis (fruit/produce) + L-voro/-are/-avi/-atus (devour/swallow)*
- lemures** <LEM.yuh.reez>  
in ancient Rome, frightening spirits that were often exorcised from homes  
*Ety/Note: L-lemur/-is (night spirit/ghost of the dead)*
- stelliform** <STEL.uh.fawrm>  
star-shaped  
*Ety/Note: NL-stelliformis fr L-stella/-ae (star) + forma/-ae (shape/form)*
- diglot** <DII.glaht>  
spoken or written in two languages; bilingual publication  
*Ety/Note: Gk-dis (2 times) + Gk-glossa (tongue/language)*
- literate** <LICH.uh.rayt> or <LICH.uh.rit>  
spotted  
*Ety/Note: LL fr L-litura/-ae (smear/erasure) fr linio/-ire/-ivi/-itus (smear)*
- Zionism (z)** <ZII.uh.niz.uhm>  
movement for reestablishing a Jewish nation in Palestine  
*Ety/Note: Heb geog name - Siyon (Zion/northeastern area of Jerusalem/sit of Solomon's Temple)*
- pugilist** <PYOO.juh.list>  
boxer, one who fights  
*Ety/Note: L-pugil/-ilis (boxer) fr pugno/-are/-avi/-atus (fight)*
- arborescent** <ahr.buh.RES.uhnt> or <AHR.buh.res.uhnt>  
like a tree especially having branches like a tree  
*Ety/Note: L-arboresco/-ere (grow into a tree) fr arbor/-oris (tree)*
- llanero** <lah.NEHR.oh> or <yah.NEHR.oh>  
cowboy of South America  
*Ety/Note: Sp-llano (plain) fr L-planus/-a/-um (flat)*
- pollinator** <PAH.luh.nay.duhr>  
plant that bears plant spores, agent that carries over plant spores  
*Ety/Note: NL fr L-pollen/-inis (fine flour/fine dust)*
- riparian** <ri.PEHR.ee.uhn> or <rii.PEHR.ee.uhn>  
<RII.pehr.ee.uhn>  
relating to the banks of a body of water  
*Ety/Note: L-riparius/-i (riparian) fr ripa/-ae (bank of a river)*
- purulence** <PYUR.uh.luhns> or <PYUR.yuh.luhnts>  
<PYUR.yuh.luhns> <PYUR.uh.luhnts>  
state of having or discharging fluid associated with infection  
*Ety/Note: ME fr OFr fr L-purulentus/-a/-um (discharging pus) fr pus/puris (pus)*
- duodenary** <doo.uh.DEN.uh.ree> or <dyoo.uh.DEN.uh.ree>  
<doo.uh.DEEN.uh.ree> <dyoo.uh.DEEN.uh.ree>  
pertaining to or containing twelve  
*Ety/Note: L-duodenarius/-a/-um (having 12) fr duodecim (12) fr duo (2) + decem (10)*
- veliger** <VEE.li.juhr> or <VEL.i.juhr>  
immature mollusk in the growth stage where it develops a curtain-like membrane  
*Ety/Note: NL fr L-velum/-i (covering/veil) +L-gero/-ere/gessi/gestus (bear/carry)*
- jowl** <JOWL> or <JOHL> <JOW.uhl>  
fleshy fat under the lower jaw  
*Ety/Note: ME-chavel/chauel/chawl fr OE-ceafl*
- arborist** <AHR.buh.rist>  
one who works in the field of trees  
*Ety/Note: L-arbor/-oris (tree)*
- agroecology** <ag.roh.ee.KAH.luh.jee> or <AG.roh.ee.kah.luh.jee>  
study of the interrelation of crops and their environment  
*Ety/Note: Fr fr Gk-agros (field) + Ger fr ME fr OFr L fr Gk-ek (outside) + Gk-logos (word)*
- Euromarket (e)** <YUR.oh.mahr.kit> or <YUR.oh.mahr.kuht>  
money-trading center of Britain, France, Germany and surrounding areas  
*Ety/Note: E fr L geog name-Europa/-ae (Europe) + ME fr ONFr fr L-mercator/-ari(trade)*
- unsentimental** <uhn.sen.tuh.MEN.tuhl> or <UHN.sen.tuh.men.tuhl>  
not disposed to showing emotions or feelings  
*Ety/Note: ME fr OE + Fr fr ML fr L-sentio/-ire/sensi/sensus (feel/perceive)*
- codicology** <kohd.i.KAHL.uh.jee> or <kahd.uh.KAHL.uh.jee>  
<kohd.uh.KAHL.uh.jee> <kahd.i.KAHL.uh.jee>  
study of manuscripts as artifacts to learn the history of a culture  
*Ety/Note: ML-codex (bound manuscript) fr L-codex/-icis (tree trunk/book) + Gk-logos (reason/word/speech)*
- arcature** <AHR.kuh.chuhr>  
small arcade; decorative rather than structural archways  
*Ety/Note: Fr fr It-arcada (arcade) fr It-arco (arch/bow/arc) fr L-arcus/-us (arc/bow)*
- trottoir** <trah.TWAHR>  
footpath, sidewalk  
*Ety/Note: Fr*
- Anatolian (a)** <an.uh.TOH.lee.uhn> or <AN.uh.toh.lee.uhn>  
<AN.uh.tohl.yuhn> <an.uh.TOHL.yuhn>  
relating to Asia Minor, Armenian; inhabitant, language or carpet of that area  
*Ety/Note: Asian geog name-Anatolia (country east of Bosphorus)*
- polestar** <POHL.stahr>  
obvious star nearest to the north star; guide  
*Ety/Note: L fr Gk-polos (pivot/axis/pole) + ME fr OE*
- pendicle** <PEND.i.kuhl>  
ornament that hangs on a chain around one's neck; segment of a larger property  
*Ety/Note: ME fr ML fr LL fr L-pendo/-ere/pependi/pensus (weigh/pay out)*

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- pipable** <PIIP.uh.buhl>  
able to be equipped with tubes for water conveyance;  
playable by blowing reeds  
*Ety/Note: ME fr OE*
- jongleur** <zhoHN.GLUHR> or <ZHOHN.gluhr>  
<JAHNG.gluhr>  
traveling medieval entertainer  
*Ety/Note: Fr fr OFr fr L-joculator/-is (jester) fr jocular/-ari/-atus (jest)*
- escritoire** <ES.kruh.twahr> or <es.kruh.TWAHR>  
piece of furniture with conveniences for writing  
*Ety/Note: Obs Fr fr OFr-escritoire (study) fr ML fr L-scribo/-ere/-psi/-ptus (write)*
- dowitcher** <DOW.i.chuhr>  
wading bird related to sandpipers  
*Ety/Note: Iroquoian*
- bated** <BAY.did>  
restrained; decreased; diminished  
*Ety/Note: ME-baten short for abaten (abate) Hom: bailed*
- quemadero** <kay.muh.DEHR.oh>  
place set up for execution by burning  
*Ety/Note: Sp fr VL*
- Yemen (y)** <YEM.uhn> or <YAYM.uhn>  
of or from the country of southwest Arabia  
*Ety/Note: Middle East geog name-Yemen (country of SW Arabia)*
- tokenism** <TOH.kuh.niz.uhm>  
practice of making only a minimal effort  
*Ety/Note: ME fr OE*
- runic** <ROON.ik>  
related to an Orkhon alphabet  
*Ety/Note: ONorse and OE*
- pannier, panier** <PAN.yuhr> or <PAN.ee.uhr>  
basket for provisions; waiter on tables  
*Ety/Note: ME fr OFr fr L-panarium/-ii (breadbasket) fr panis/-is (bread) Note panier for basket def only*
- myrmecophilous** <muhr.muh.KAH.fuh.luhs>  
liking or aided by ants  
*Ety/Note: ISV fr Gk-myrmex (ant) + Gk-philos (loved)*
- stippled** <STIP.uhd>  
spotted, speckled, flecked  
*Ety/Note: DU-stippen/stippelen (speckle) fr stip (dot) fr MDu*
- helicline** <HEL.uh.kliin>  
ramp that ascends and curves bit by bit  
*Ety/Note: Gk-helix (spiral) + Gk-klinos (leaning) fr klinein (lean)*
- karst** <KAHRST>  
limestone region of sinks, ridges and rocky  
protuberances  
*Ety/Note: Ger*
- polarimeter** <poh.luh.RIM.uhd.uhr>  
instrument to find amount of division of opposing  
factions in light  
*Ety/Note: ISV/NL fr L-polaris/-is/-e (polar) fr polus/-i (pole) + ME fr OE fr L fr Gk-metron (measure)*
- sabreur** <suh.BRUHR> or <sa.BRUHR>  
one who carries a military sword  
*Ety/Note: Fr*
- recitative** <res.uh.tuh.TEEV> or <res.tuh.TEEV>  
<RES.tuh.teev> <RES.uh.tuh.teev>  
vocal part similar to an aria  
*Ety/Note: It fr L-recito/-are/-avi/-atus (read aloud/recite) fr re- (back/again) + cito/-are (cite/urge)*
- venereology** <ven.uhr.ee.AH.luh.jee>  
scientific branch that is dedicated to the study of  
venereal diseases  
*Ety/Note: Ep fr ISV fr ML fr L-named for Venus/-eris (goddess of love fr mythology)*
- lobectomy** <loh.BEK.tuh.mee>  
surgical removal of a lobe  
*Ety/Note: OFr fr LL-lobus(hull/pod) fr Gk-lobos(lobe/pod)+Gk-ex(out of)+tomos(cutting) fr temnein(cut)*
- supernatural** <soo.puhr.NACH.ruhl> or  
<soo.puhr.NACH.uhr.uhl>  
relating to that which is not observable or is outside  
the laws of nature  
*Ety/Note: L-super (over) + L-natura/-ae (nature)*
- thaumatology** <thaw.muh.TAHL.uh.jee>  
study of working of miracles  
*Ety/Note: ISV fr Gk-thauma (miracle) + logos (word/reason) fr legein (speak)*
- desiccation** <des.i.KAY.shuhn> or <des.ee.KAY.shuhn>  
process of drying up or dehydrating  
*Ety/Note: LL fr L-desicca/-are (dry up) fr de (away/from) + sicco/-are (dry) fr siccus/-a/-um (dry)*
- Sumatran (s)** <suh.MAH.truhn>  
inhabitant of a specific Indonesian island  
*Ety/Note: Indonesian geog name-Sumatra (Indonesian island)*
- impingement** <im.PINJ.muht>  
infringement, encroachment; act of coming into sharp  
contact with  
*Ety/Note: L-impingo/-ere/-pegi/-pactus (strike or push at or against) fr in (in)+pango/-ere/-pegi (fasten)*
- praseodymium** <pray.zee.oh.DIM.ee.uhm>  
metallic element belonging to the rare-earth group  
*Ety/Note: NL fr Gk-prasios/praseios (leek green) + Gk-didymos (twin) fr dyo (two)*
- mozo** <MOH.soh>  
assistant, porter  
*Ety/Note: Sp-mozo (boy) fr OSp Hom: moso*
- dilatation** <dil.uh.TAY.shuhn> or <dii.luh.TAY.shuhn>  
exaggeration or pomposity in speech; process of  
increasing  
*Ety/Note: ME fr MFr fr L-dilato/-are/-avi/-atus (enlarge/spread out) fr dis (apart) + latus/-a/-um (wide)*
- demulcent** <di.MUHL.suhnt> or <dee.MUHL.suhnt>  
protective, soothing  
*Ety/Note: L-demulceo/-ere (stroke caressingly) fr de(down/away from)+mulceo/-ere (soothe/stroke/caress)*
- fissiped** <FIS.uh.ped>  
mammal having separated toes, as cats and bears  
*Ety/Note: L-findo/-ere/fidi/fissus (split) + pes/pedis (foot)*

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