

Valerie's

2018-19 Spelling Bee Supplement

COLLECTORS' EDITION - Topical List: Animal

Study for 2018-19!

- Vocabulary study has been inserted at all levels of bees for this year again
- The Scripps' 450 word Class and School List by grade level is new again this year
- Scripps has precluded posting or otherwise publishing the Class/School Lists
- Scripps' Spell It! is unchanged for the 10th year in a row

Changing alongside Scripps, this year's *Supplement* is again a *Collectors' Edition* with special focus on fun "extra" words to help you prepare for possible off-list words in your district, county, state, regional bees and/or the National Spelling Bee. In addition to words from Spell It!, this volume includes a topical list primarily comprised of **Animal Words** categorized by continents. Note, however, that Scripps has discontinued the printed Webster's Third New International Dictionary and has replaced this with their online subscription version of Merriam-Webster's Unabridged. About 30% of the words have some difference in pronunciation, part of speech, diacritical marks, and/or capitalization, and such. Coaching tips and suggestions for preparation for bees from classroom bees through all levels, and up to the pinnacle in Washington are included. This collection is ideal for preparing for the off-list words at higher level bees and can serve to enhance personal studies and/or school assignments. Previous years' Supplements have featured various themes including nautical, botanical, and food words, musical terms, and medical terminology, and all are worth studying!

Use this *Supplement* to help learn, re-learn, and master the words in Spell It!, which have remained the same since 2009. If you would like the Spell It! and/or the Animal Word list with audio and in a digital format to practice your spelling and to master words, Hexco's web-based *eMentor* versions of these products are highly recommended.

Each word in this book includes a simple, phonetic pronunciation, part(s) of speech, definition(s) and a simple designation for the general language of origin using the following abbreviations: Latin (L), Arabic (Ar), Asian languages (As), French (Fr), German (Ge), Slavic languages (Sl), Dutch (Du), English (E), New World languages (NW), Japanese (J), Greek (Gk), Italian (It), Spanish (Sp), Welsh (W), eponyms (Ep), unknown (Unk), and imitative (Imit). Our *eMentor* version of Spell It! also includes etymology and a sentence for each word, plus up to 3 alternate pronunciations. Our *Organizers* offer this expanded information in a printed format to use in conducting more competitive bees that use Spell It! words.

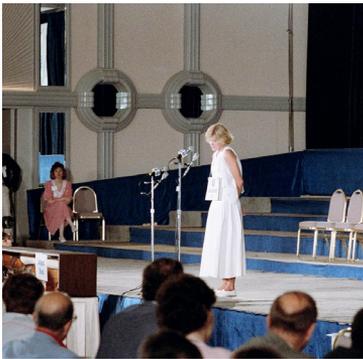
Spelling Bee Study Recommendations

- Learn all 450 words on the Scripps' 2018-19 Class and School Bee Word Lists
- Start with 1st grade words and work thru 8th grade words
- Center on the vocabulary along with the spelling of words
- Learn all the words in Spell It!
- Expand your studies to include etymology and other lists of words

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Valerie participated in the 1987 National Spelling Bee

Now in our 36th year, we have produced study materials for spellers at all levels of the National Spelling Bee, from the newest novice to the most advanced competitor. My two sisters and I were spellers like you, and we have all spelled at the National Bee.

Our products grew from the 1982 study notes that I compiled (with my parents' help). The variety of products and knowledge of your needs have expanded along the way.

In 2018, 88% of those who advanced to the finals on ESPN were Hexco customers and 78% of the semifinalists used Hexco products. The year 2018 also marked the 21st National Spelling Bee Champion in a row to use Hexco products. A total of 48 contestants at the National Spelling Bee had been in our Personal Coaching Program. The 2017 winner, Ananya Vinay had been in Hexco's coaching program as well as the 2015 winner, Gokul Venkatachalam. Gokul is now a spelling coach for Hexco!

I earned my MBA in 2001 from the University of Texas Red McCombs School of Business, married in 2003, and am living and working in Houston. My two children are son Taylor (7 years old) and daughter Claire (10 years old). Middle sister Natalie graduated from Baylor Medical School in Houston and has been a pediatrician in Austin for ten+ years. She has one daughter, Cora (8 years old). Huntley graduated from Rice, earned her MBA from Harvard Business School in 2006, and works in Austin.

We all still participate in many ways in Hexco Academic, and we appreciate your continued support. We wish you good spelling and good luck, with the latter often the determining factor!

~ Valerie Tarrant Browning

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These allow students to match words to definitions to reinforce word meanings that students "should" know, but could have been overlooked due to the massive quantity of information that spellers typically study.

While etymology has always been an integral part of our coaching program, our coaches began centering more on learning the meanings of Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Knowing that the Greek suffix, *-itis*, means *disease, inflammation, or an obsession or fondness for something*, can help in a multiple-choice question by assuming that the word with that ending is related to a medical condition or disease. Knowing a large number of Latin and Greek elements aids with words from all the Romance languages: Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese and Romanian. These elements won't help in German, African languages, Native American languages, Welsh, Hebrew, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and on and on, but 60% of words in the English language are Latin and/or Greek based.

Again, this *Supplement* does not contain the Scripps class and school list. Registration to participate in bees requires each registrant to sign a contract that precludes reproducing, distributing, posting to websites, or using material from Scripps' website for any commercial purposes. We recommend that students study the 2018-19 Classroom and School Study List (which your bee coordinator can download). Or, subscribe to their Word Club which allows Internet-based study for practicing spelling and vocabulary. The Spell It! list has been available since 2009 and has remained unchanged.



ANIMAL WORDS FROM VARIOUS LANGUAGES

For the sixth year in row, we are including a topical list of words in *Valerie's Supplement*. This year's Collectors' Edition features "Animal Words." Studying sets of words with a similar theme is an excellent tool for learning large groupings of words, and our coaching staff uses this approach with many of their lists. The study of topical word lists can open doors for students to later become experts in specific fields of study. After studying this collection, encourage your student to use the online searchable Merriam Webster Unabridged Dictionary. Search for all the words that have *sheep, horse, antelope, primate, rhinoceros, wolf, bird, dog, etc.*

As you peruse these lists that are related to animals, compare them to the rules in *Hexco's Spelling Rules Book* and look for patterns that will help you remember and figure out even more animal words. Clearly, not all possible animal words are included, but we hand-picked words from various languages to present in this fun, abbreviated collection.

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED ONLINE

In 2017, Scripps' announced that the *Merriam Webster's Unabridged* online dictionary would be the final authority for class and school bees. The key differences between the online dictionary and the prior printed dictionary include the following. (1) The stopped "d" has been eliminated. This was used in the pronunciation of words spelled with a "t" and pronounced with a "d," such as in *petal* and *totem*. Previously, these would have been <PED.uhl> and <TOH.duhm> as their first pronunciation, and now these are pronounced <PET.uhl> and <TOH.tuhm> and there is no pronunciation with the "d" sound. (2) Many words that had a "ə" are now *pronounced* with a schwa, which is "ah" in our phonetic scheme. The "ə" is converted to the "i" sound in our phonetic scheme, and now they are going back to pronouncing it with a schwa. There are a large number of these words, such as *rabbit* <RAB.uht> which in 2016 was <RAB.it>, and *pundit* <PUHN.duht> which in 2016 was <PUHN.dit>, and there are many more. A large number of words show no pronunciation, some have an audio recording. However, many words in the online dictionary show no pronunciation and have no audio. Many geographic words were shown in the printed dictionary as adjectives only. Most of these are now nouns only, with some nouns or adjectives.

ANIMAL Words

AFRICA



- lourie** <LOO.ree>
n / bird of South Africa [Afrik fr Malay]
- minivet** <MIN.uh.veh>
n / Asian bird where the male is brightly colored and the female is not [Unk orig]
- etaac** <ay.TAHTS>
n / African antelope related to the sable antelope [Unk orig]
- bushbuck** <BUSH.buhk>
n / antelope of South Africa with a twisted spiral horn [Afrik]
- linsang (L)** <LIN.sang>
n / African mammal called a viverrid, mammal related to civets and genetis; genus [L fr Malay]
- ampongue** <AM.pawng>
n / little long-tailed woolly lemur [Afr fr Madagascar name]
- papion** <PAY.pee.ahn>
n / one of many West African baboons [E fr Fr fr L]
- erdvark** <EHRD.vahrk>
n / African night mammal that eats bugs [Afrik fr Du]
- skaamoog** <SKAH.mohg>
n / type of shark of Africa called the cat shark [Afrik fr Du]
- Moeritherium** <mir.uh.THIR.ee.uhm>
n / African mammal genus of the Eocene and Oligocene similar to tapirs [Egypt geog name]
- reitbok, reitboc, rietbok, rietboc** <REET.bahk>
n / type of African antelope [Afrik fr Du]
- lioness** <LII.uh.nis>
n / large, female member of cat family found mostly in Africa [E fr Fr]
- kudu, koodoo, koudou** <KOO.doo>
n / type of large antelope of Africa [Afrik fr Xhosa]
- baobon** <ba.BOON>
n / large African or Asian primate [E fr Fr]
- springhare** <SPRING.hehr>
n / African sciuriform rodent similar to a kangaroo in looks [Afrik (trans)]
- klipbok** <KLIP.bahk>
n / small, African antelope [Afrik]
- jako** <JAK.oh>
n / African parrot that is grey with red feathers that is prone to talk and easy to teach [Unk orig]
- kaama** <KAHM.uh>
n / African antelope of the Alcelaphus genus [Hottentot]
- herola** <hi.ROH.luh>
n / large antelope of Africa with a tawny color [Unk orig]
- rhinoceros (R)** <rii.NAHS.ruhs>
n / large, plant-eating mammal having a single, large horn; genus of same [E fr L fr Gk]
- leopard** <LEP.uhrd>
n / large member of the cat family with a black or spotted, tawny coat [E fr Fr fr L fr Gk]
- kusimanse** <koo.suh.MAN.suh>
n / small mammal related to the mongoose [Afr name]
- tock** <TAHK>
n / African bird with a giant bill [Port]
- vaal** <VAHL>
n / African antelope of the south also called the rhebok [Afrik fr Du]
- grimme** <GRIM>
n / small antelope of West African antelope having a bay color [Fr fr Ger scientist]
- kirombo** <ki.RAHM.boh>
n / crested bird of Madagascar that is noticeable by its color [Malagasy]
- flamingo** <fluh.MING.goh>
n / aquatic bird with long legs and neck and rosy feathers [Port fr Sp fr Prov fr Gmc]
- grysbok** <GRAYS.bahk>
n / African, reddish antelope of small size [Afrik fr Du]
- aposoro** <ap.uh.SOHR.oh>
n / type of West African lemur [Akan language]
- ostrich** <AHS.trich>
n, adj, v / large, flightless bird [E fr L]
- aardwolves** <AHRD.wulvz>
n / hyena-like mammals [Afrik]
- kleeneboc** <KLIIN.bahk>
n / tiny, western African antelope that stands only 12 inches high [Afrik]
- dibatag** <DIB.uh.tag>
n / small antelope having a long neck and tail [Somali]
- blesbok** <BLES.bahk>
n / antelope of South Africa [Afrik fr Du]

Wyandotte (w) <WII.uhn.daht>
n / breed of American fowl or a bird from same [Huron]

pinto <PIN.toh>
n / horse or pony having spots [AmSp fr Sp fr L]

poorwill <POOR.wil>
n / North American bird [Imit]

meadowlark <MEH.doh.lahrk>
n / songbird living mostly in fields and open areas [E]

chipmunk, chipmonk <CHIP.muhnk>
n / type of ground squirrel [Algonquian]

oriole <AWR.ee.ohl>
n / variety of brightly colored American bird [Fr fr L]

murrelet <MUHR.lit>
n / bird located on northern Pacific islands [Unk orig]

whippoorwill <WIP.uhr.wil>
n / nocturnal bird [Imit]

ichneumon <ik.NOO.muhn>
n / mongoose; small black and brown mammal the size of a ferret; insect [L fr Gk]

quail <KWAYL>
n, v / small, American game bird; cower [E fr Fr fr L fr imit]

hookumpake <HUK.uhm.payk>
n / small, American bird valued as a game bird [Imit]

Beefalo (b) <BEE.fuh.loh>
n / hybrid animal that is 3/8 American bison and 5/8 bovine or the breed [E fr Fr fr L + It fr Sp fr L]

skunk <SKUHNK>
n, v / small, black and white mammal noted for emitting a pungent odor when startled [Algonquian]

iiwi <ee.EE.wee>
n / bird whose plumage is used for feather cloaks [Haw]

razorback <RAY.zuhr.bak>
n / half-wild hog of southeast U.S. with a ridged back [E fr Fr fr L + E]

romeldale (R) <RAHM.uhl.day>
n / American sheep or a sheep of this breed [E geog name + Fr geog name + New Zealand geog name]

Anglo-Arabian <ang.gloh.uh.RAY.bee.uhn>
n / thoroughbred horse produced by particular breeding [L race + Asia geog name]

kinkajou <KING.kuh.joo>
n / nocturnal mammal ranging from Mexico to South America [CanFr fr Algonquian]

bobolink <BAHB.uh.lingk>
n / common American bird noted for its musical song [Imit]

Targhee (t) <TAHR.gee>
n / type of sheep; breed of American sheep [US geog name]

chinchilla (C) <chin.CHIL.uh>
n / small rodent with very soft fur; breed of rabbit or cat [AmSp fr Aimara or Quechua]

ANIMAL Words SOUTH AMERICA

cacique <kuh.SEEK>
n / bird of South America; leader of a tribe in South and Central America [Sp fr Arawakan]

leoncito <lay.uhn.SEE.toh>
n / kind of monkey resembling a lion [Sp fr L]

coati <kuh.WAH.tee>
n / mammal of tropical Americas related to the raccoon [Port fr Tupi]

anhima (A) <an.HII.mu>
n / bird known as a horned screamer or its genus [L fr Port]

crabier <krab.YAY>
n / any of a variety of Caribbean birds that eat crustaceans [Fr fr Du]

pongo (P) <PAHNG.goh>
n / orangutan; genus of same; gorge in South America [1 & 2-L fr Kongo; 3-AmSp fr Quechua]

quezal, quesal <kay.SAHL>
n / Central American bird with bright feathers; kind of Guatemalan money [Sp fr Nahuatl]

ocelot <OH.suh.laht>
n / nocturnal member of the cat family [Fr fr Nahuatl]

chaja <chuh.HAH>
n / crested bird of Argentina and Brazil [Sp fr Guarani]

Midas <MII.duhs>
n / South American marmoset genus of tamarins; king of legend whose touch turned everything to gold [Phrygian legend name fr L fr Gk]

- shrew** <SHROO>
n, v / cantankerous woman; nocturnal animal similar to a mole [E]
- corinne** <kuh.RIN>
n / common gazelle [Unk orig]
- hawk** <HAWK>
n, v / bird of prey; sell merchandise in the street; utter a harsh sound [E]
- Fissipeda** <fi.SIP.uh.duh>
n / carnivorous suborder of land animals that includes dogs and cats [L]
- lepper** <LEP.uhr>
n / horse that is skilled in jumping [Unk orig]
- auk** <AWK>
n / oceangoing bird of the cold parts of the northern hemisphere [Norw or Icelandic fr Norse]
- hinny** <HIN.ee>
n / cross between a male horse and female donkey [L fr Gk fr non-Indo-Euro]
- callow** <KAL.oh>
n, adj / young bird without feathers; lacking maturity [E]
- tenuiroster** <ten.yuh.wee.RAHS.tuhr>
n / bird of an unnatural group of primarily passerine birds with narrow bills [L]
- gull** <GUL>
n, v / aquatic bird; ravine, grayish color; imbibe, swallow, deceive, erode [E fr Norse]
- camelid** <KAM.uh.lid>
n / family of mammals including the camel, alpaca, and llama [L]
- deer** <DIR>
n / type of wild animal that is often a source of meat in many cultures [E]
- pony, poney** <POH.nee>
n, v, adj / small horse; settle an account; small [Fr fr L]
- dobbin** <DAH.bin>
n / horse used by a family or on a farm [E nickname]
- wolf** <WULF>
n, v / mammal resembling a dog which at one time almost covered the northern hemisphere [E]
- badgers** <BAJ.uhrz>
n, v / sturdy, burrowing animals; persistently pesters [E]
- poultry** <POHL.tree>
n / domesticated birds which serve as a source of meat and eggs [E fr Fr]
- calves** <KAVZ>
n, v / young members of various animal species or gives birth to same [E]
- Cardinalis** <kahr.duh.NAL.uhs>
n / genus of birds including red, crested birds [E fr Fr fr L]
- venery** <VEN.uhr.ee>
n / animals that are hunted; practice of hunting as a craft [E fr Fr fr L]
- worm** <WUHRM>
n, v / small, elongated animal that lives in soil; tube twisted in a coil [E]
- bidly** <BID.ee>
n / grown female domestic chicken [Iimit]
- sparrow** <SPEHR.roh>
n / small, brown bird [E]
- sumpter** <SUHM.tuhr>
n / animal used for carrying things [E fr Fr fr L fr Gk]
- cygnet** <SIG.nuht>
n / young of a swan [E fr AngNor fr Fr fr L fr Gk]
- bagwyn** <BAG.win>
n / fabulous beast like an antelope but having a goat's horns and a horse's tail [Unk orig]
- whimbrel, wimbrel** <WIM.bruhl>
n / grey, wading bird with heavy streaking on its breast [Iimit]
- owl** <OWL>
n, v, adj / nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes [E]
- pelargomorph** <pi.LAHR.guh.mawrf>
n / bird of the division comprising the storks, herons and ibises [L fr Gk + L fr Gk]
- endotherm** <EN.duh.thuhrm>
n / type of animal that is warm blooded [Fr fr Gk + Gk]
- rabbit** <RAB.uht>
n, v / small mammal with soft fur; container for radioactive material [E fr Walloon fr Du]
- badger** <BAJ.uhr>
n, v / burrowing mammal; pester or bother another [E]
- yaud** <YAWD>
n / female horse [N of Finno-Ugric orig]

repertoire	Fr	<REP.uhr.twahr> n set of skills or list of work available; stock-in-trade; one's bag of tricks
Maraschino	(m) It	<mehr.uh.SKEE.noh> n sweet liqueur made from cherry juice; large cherry
hartebeest	Du	<HAHRT.uh.beest> n large African antelope
vernacular	L	<vuhr.NAK.yuh.luhr> adj, n native or unique to a particular place, as a language
pernicious	L	<puhr.NISH.uhs> adj highly destructive, deadly, wicked
springerle	Ge	<SPRING.uhr.luh> n hard cookie with anise flavoring and an impressed design
pasteurize	Ep	<PAS.chuh.riiz> v partially sterilize fluid to destroy bacteria
gesundheit	Ge	<guh.ZUNT.hiit> interj word spoken to someone who sneezes to wish them good health
misogynist	Gk	<mi.SAHJ.uh.nist> n one who dislikes women; relating to hatred of women
Rottweiler	(r) Ge	<RAHT.wii.luhr> n German breed of dog with stocky build and black fur with brown marks
euthanasia	Gk	<yoo.thuh.NAY.zuh> n killing or allowing the death of the hopelessly sick or injured
mayonnaise	Fr	<MAY.uh.nayz> n mixture of oil and egg prepared as a dressing for food
mozzarella	It	<maht.suh.REL.uh> n white, rubbery, acidic cheese
anachronism	Gk	<uh.NAK.ruh.niz.uhm> n person or thing out of place in a time sequence
braggadocio	Ep	<brag.uh.DOH.see.oh> n boasting, cockiness
embarcadero	Sp	<em.bahr.kuh.DEHR.oh> n wharf, boat landing usually on an inland waterway
accommodate	L	<uh.KAHM.uh.dayt> v, adj adapt, adjust, supply something needed
pickelhaube	Ge	<PIK.uhl.how.buh> n hat worn by German men in battle
archipelago	It	<ahr.kuh.PEL.uh.goh> n scattered islands in a body of water
pfeffernuss	Ge	<FEF.uhr.noos> n small spicy Christmas cookie
prerogative	L	<pri.RAHG.uh.tiv> n, adj exclusive right or privilege; privileged
schottische	Ge	<SHAHT.ish> n, v round dance similar to a slow polka
belligerent	L	<bi.LIJ.uh.ruhnt> adj, n showing a readiness to fight or quarrel
hollandaise	Du	<hahl.uh.DAYZ> n type of dealing in the card game of bridge; type of butter and egg sauce
Renaissance	(r) Fr	<ren.uh.SAHNS> n, adj period distinguished by a revival of interest in art forms
hoomalimali	NW	<hoh.uh.mah.lee.MAH.lee> n something created to attract positive attention; soft soap
voortrekker	(V) Du	<FOHR.trek.uhr> n pioneer of South Africa; original Dutch emigrant in Transvaal
cappelletti	It	<kap.uh.LET.ee> n small pieces of dough filled with cheese or meat
apparatchik	Sl	<ahp.uh.RAH.chik> n person blindly devoted to his organization; secret agent
serendipity	Ar	<sehr.uhn.DIP.uh.tee> n natural talent for finding good things without effort; luck
perestroika	Sl	<pehr.uh.STRAWI.kuh> n economic or bureaucratic restructuring, usually referring to USSR
recalcitrant	L	<ri.KAL.suh.truhnt> adj, n difficult to handle, unmanageable; one defiant of authority
Weissnichtwo	Ge	<vii.snikk.VOH> n imaginary spot or place
Hemerocallis	Gk	<hem.uh.roh.KAL.uhs> n genus of herb that has blooms that close at night
commensurate	L	<kuh.MENS.ruht> adj tantamount, proportional, equal
conquistador	Sp	<kuhn.KIS.tuh.dawr> n conqueror, leader of the Spanish conquest of America
glockenspiel	Ge	<GLAHK.uhn.speel> n percussion instrument having a series of metal bars
hippopotamus	(H) Gk	<hip.uh.PAHT.uh.muhs> n water-dwelling mammal
narcissistic	Ep	<nahr.suh.SIS.tik> adj egoism, love or desire for oneself
sarsaparilla	Sp	<sas.puh.RIL.uh> n root beer-like drink; flavoring from dried greenbrier roots
surveillance	Fr	<suhr.VAY.luhns> n close observation over a person or thing, supervision
infinitesimal	L	<in.fin.uh.TES.muhl> adj, n extremely small
schadenfreude	Ge	<SHAHD.uhn.frawi.duh> n pleasure resulting from the tragedies of others
philhellenism	Gk	<fil.HEL.uhn.iz.uhm> n strong appreciation and interest in Greece and Greek things
metamorphosis	Gk	<met.uh.MAWR.fuh.sis> n physical change; changes of an insect from embryo to imago

77% of the words at the 2018 National Spelling Bee
could be found in *New Nat's Notes, Verbomania,* and the *Blitz Lists.*

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