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Written for spellers trying to anticipate the abstruse words that might come up at the National Bee or a regional bee, the *Blitz List* is our collection of words that have not been used before. All words in this collection have not been seen in any regional bee, National Bee, the Consolidated Word List, *New Nat's Notes*, *Verbomania*, or annual study booklets from Words of the Champions through Paideia and into Spell It. At least, they haven't appeared in any of these up through the 2011 bees! This volume contains 3,000 of these words.

Having worked with spellers in the national arena for 30 years, we've collected words from a large number of sources, including our Weird Word of the Week, various specialized lists swapped and traded with spellers over the years, and words we've ferreted out of *Webster's Third* that are esoteric. Finally, we've started editing these words, adding phonetic pronunciations and definitions and putting them in a format for publication. (*BlitzMentor* software and *BlitzFlips* are scheduled to become available by mid-summer for computerized study of these words.)

In 2011, 35% of the words at the National Bee were of this ilk. Not counting the 25-word written round, the 2011 Champion Sukanya Roy spelled a total of 17 words that were not on a provided list, and 7 had never been used in a bee prior to 2011 National Bee. For runner-up Laura Newcombe, 6 of her 16 words had never been used before 2011.

This collection is ideal for those students who have conquered *Verbomania* and *New Nat's Notes* and have probably spent quality time with the *Spelling Rules Book* and learned an enormous amount about Latin and Greek etymology. This is the obvious next step in expanding your spelling foundation. Still, around 60+% of all Regional and National Bee words are from *Verbomania*+ and *New Nat's*, but recent years have shown that 30+% are from nowhere, and these are the types of words we're including in our *Blitz List* collections.

Our pronunciations follow those in *Webster's Third New International*, unabridged, and its addenda. Providing up to 4 possibilities, we have omitted many strictly regional dialects. Also included are the part(s) of speech and short definitions. The following abbreviations are used: *E=English, Fr=French, Du=Dutch, Ep=Eponym, Ger=German, Gk=Greek, Imit=imitative, It=Italian, J=Japanese, L=Latin, Unk=unknown origin*, etc. Simple abbreviations are used to compact this data, such as *fr=from, prob=probably, perh=perhaps*, etc. These should all become self-evident. Learn the following vowel translations, which should give little trouble. The *ii* for the long *i* sound can be confusing, and the vowel sound in *boy*, which is a combination of *aw* and *i* may be difficult. *Boy* would be shown as <BAWI>.

ii=sign eh=care uh=ago ay=wade ah=calm aw=paw a=cap oh=home oo=too ow=how i=hit ee=heat u=put e=pet

We've edited and reedited, but we know that glitches can slip past us. If you find any errors, please let us know so that we can correct it and let others know who have this volume. We added homonyms along the way, but we didn't begin to catch all the possible homonyms.

We wish you good luck and good spelling.



Blitz List - Group 1

- norimon** <NAHR.uh.mahn>
n / Japanese vehicle consisting of a covered couch that is moved by men
Ety/Note: Jap
- labium** <LAY.bee.uhm>
n / fold of the vulva; bottom lip of insects; crustacean metastoma
Ety/Note: L
- emagram** <EM.uh.grahm>
n / chart showing temperature on a linear scale and pressure on a logarithmic scale
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L + Gk
- Zanzibari** <zanz.uh.BAHR.ee> or <ZANZ.uh.bahr.ee>
n / Arabic dialect
Ety/Note: Arab
- sphenodon (S)** <SFEE.nuh.dahn> or <SFEN.uh.dahn>
n / reptile genus making up the tuatara or an animal from the same
Ety/Note: L fr Gk + L fr Gk Capitalized for genus only
- aptychus** <APT.i.kuhs>
n / shell-like plate in ammonites
Ety/Note: L fr Gk + Gk
- cirio** <SIR.ee.oh>
n / Mexican resinous tree
Ety/Note: Sp fr L
- phanerite** <FAN.uh.riit>
n / rock with grains big enough to be seen by the human eye
Ety/Note: ISV fr Gk
- alcatras (A)** <AL.kuh.tras> or <AL.kuh.traz>
n / water bird of large size
Ety/Note: Port or Sp
- allotype** <AL.uh.tiip>
n / holotype specimen of a different sex than one chosen by the author
Ety/Note: Gk
- lepidotrichia** <lep.uh.doh.TRIK.ee.uh>
n / rays that are long and jointed on the fins of some fish
Ety/Note: L fr Gk
- toston** <toh.stohn>
n / silver coin previously used in Latin American countries
Ety/Note: Sp fr Port fr It
- azulejo** <ah.soo.LAY.hoh> or <ah.zoo.LAY.hoh> <ah.thoo.LAY.hoh>
n / Spanish or Portuguese tile that is made of glazed ceramic and brightly colored
Ety/Note: Port or Sp
- eudaemonia** <yoo.dee.MOHN.ee.uh>
n / happiness
Ety/Note: Gk
- diphygenic** <dif.ee.JEN.ik> or <dif.i.JEN.ik> <DIF.ee.jen.ik> <DIF.i.jen.ik>
adj / following one or the other of two embryonic developments
Ety/Note: L fr Gk + ISV fr Fr fr L
- borecole** <BOHR.kohl> or <BAWR.kohl>
n / cabbage of the Brassica genus
Ety/Note: Du
- rhinogenous** <rii.NAH.juh.nuhs> or <RII.nah.juh.nuhs>
adj / transmitted through or starting in the nose - of diseases
Ety/Note: L fr Gk + Fr fr Gk
- bikaner (B)** <bik.uh.NEHR> or <BIK.uh.nehr> <bee.kuh.NEHR> <bee.kuh.NIR>
adj / of or from the Indian city of the same name
Ety/Note: India geog name
- reizianum** <riit.see.AN.uhm> or <riit.see.AHN.uhm> <riit.see.AYN.uhm>
n / pherecratic lacking the first metrical foot; metrical combination of anapest and bacchius
Ety/Note: L fr Ger name
- ragga** <RAG.uh> or <RAH.guh>
n / Hindu musical pattern of old or a variant of the same
Ety/Note: Skt Hom: raga
- soshed** <SAHSHT>
adj / intoxicated
Ety/Note: E
- mottle** <MAHD.uhl> or <MAHT.uhl>
n, adj, v / spot, blotch or stain; stained or spotted
Ety/Note: E
- cashel** <KASH.uhl>
n / ancient wall surrounding church buildings found in Scotland and Ireland
Ety/Note: Gael
- millieme** <mee.YEM> or <meel.YEM> <MEE.yem> <MEEL.yem>
n / monetary unit worth one thousandth of the basic unit
Ety/Note: Fr fr L

Blitz List – Group 1 - continued

- chrysophyll** <KRIS.uh.fil> or <KRIS.oh.fil>
n / yellow tinting substance in plants
Ety/Note: Gk + Fr fr Gk
- xerafin** <shehr.uh.FEEN> or <SHEHR.uh.feen>
n / Portuguese coin of India used prior to the 19th century
Ety/Note: Port fr Arab
- pennatularian** <puh.nach.uh.LEHR.ee.uhn> or <puh.NACH.uh.lehr.ee.uhn>
adj, n / order of sea animals including sea pens and sea pansies; of or relating to this order
Ety/Note: L
- kastura** <kuh.STUR.uh>
n / small heavy-limbed Asian deer
Ety/Note: Hindi fr Skt fr Gk
- secours** <suh.KUR> or <suh.KU.uhr>
n / help, aid or assistance
Ety/Note: Fr
- vivandier** <vee.vahnd.YAY> or <VEE.vahnd.yay>
n / provisioner or store keeper for a French or some other Continental army
Ety/Note: Fr fr L
- incus** <ING.kuus> or <ING.koos>
n / intermediate bone of three small bones found in the mammalian ear
Ety/Note: L
- kiwanian (K)** <ki.WAHN.ee.uhn>
n / member of a chapter of the service club of similar name
Ety/Note: Name
- eprom** <EE.prahm>
n / read-only memory that typically may be reprogrammed
Ety/Note: Acronym
- nitrile** <NII.tril> or <NII.treel> <NII.triil>
n / one of a class of trivalent nitrogen radical compounds
Ety/Note: ISV fr L fr Gk
- thalassotherapy** <thuh.las.oh.THEHR.uh.pee> or <thuh.las.oh.THEHR.uh.pi>
n / use of ocean water to help in healing, health, or beauty
Ety/Note: Gk + L fr Gk
- maecenas (M)** <mi.SEEN.uhs> or <mee.SEEN.uhs> <mii.SEEN.uhs>
n / generous patron of literature or art
Ety/Note: L fr Roman name
- caseolytic** <kay.see.uh.LID.ik> or <KAYS.ee.uh.lid.ik>
adj / able to break down or loose a certain phosphoprotein
Ety/Note: Fr fr L
- caatinga** <kah.TING.guh> or <kuh.TING.guh>
n / Brazilian forest that sees little rainfall and is not thickly grown
Ety/Note: Port fr Tupi
- slantwise** <SLANT.wiiz>
adv, adj / at an inclination; sloping
Ety/Note: E + E
- sphacelus** <SFAS.uh.luhs>
n / local death of soft tissue
Ety/Note: L fr Gk
- buckminsterfullerene**
<buhk.min.stuhr.ful.uh.REEN> or <BUHK.min.stuhr.ful.uh.reen>
n / highly stable spherical carbon compound thought to be a major component of soot
Ety/Note: Ep fr Amer name
- tucuma** <too.KOOM.uh>
n / Brazilian palm with leaves used for thatching
Ety/Note: Port fr Tupi
- sabbeka** <SAB.uh.kuh>
n / triangular harp of oriental origin used in ancient times
Ety/Note: Aram
- ulu** <OO.loo>
n / type of grass for pasturing in India
Ety/Note: Bengali

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