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DREADNOUGHT

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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 2013 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. A word like perimeter was pronounced either with a d or t, but it is only shown in the dictionary with a d. Currently, Scripps only uses the d-stop pronunciation which is the only pronunciation shown for perimeter. 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.

Our pronunciations follow those in Webster’s Third New International, unabridged. Providing up to 4 possibilities, we have omitted many strictly regional dialects. Also included for all words are part(s) of speech, a short definition, and expanded etymology. Simple abbreviations are used to compact this data, such as L=Latin, Fr=French, Gk=Greek, Ger=German, E=English, It=Italian, and others as used in Webster’s Third. Used in combination with these are the following: O=Old, M=Middle, L=Late, V=Vulgar, H=High, N=North. Connecting words abbreviated are fr=from, prob=probably, and unk=unknown, perch=perhaps, and more that will be self-evident.

Our unique pronunciation scheme provides a simple, keyless scheme. Several dictionaries use a similar system. Much easier to utilize than the diacritical system in Webster’s Third which is used in the School Pronouncer Guide, our system recognizes 14 primary vowel sounds below: (only one or two should require your referencing our key at the bottom of each page)

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\text{ii}=\text{sign} & \text{eh}=\text{care} & \text{uh}=\text{ago} & \text{ay}=\text{wade} & \text{ah}=\text{calm} & \text{aw}=\text{paw} & \text{a}=\text{cap} \\
\text{oh}=\text{home} & \text{oo}=\text{too} & \text{ow}=\text{how} & \text{i}=\text{hit} & \text{ee}=\text{heat} & \text{u}=\text{put} & \text{e}=\text{pet}
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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 in this book or a form of a word in Notes that obviates the spelling. Over the past 15 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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periorificial  <pehr.ee.awr.uh.FISH.uhl> or  
<pehr.ee.awr.uh.FISH.uhl> & <EPHR.ee.awr.uh.fish.uhl>  
adj / surrounding or locating around an opening  
Ety/Note: Gk-peri (around/near) / ME fr MFr fr L-os/oris (mouth)  
sporicidal  <spohr.uh.SIID.uhl> or <SPOHR.uh.siod.uhl>  
adj / relating to agent to kill reproductive bodies of  
fungi, algae and some plants  
Ety/Note: NL fr Gk-spora/sporos (act of sowing)  
Keynesian (k)  <KAYN.zee.uhn>  
adj, n / relating to economic theory of a 20th century  
Englishman  
Ety/Note: Ep.fr E - named for John M. Keynes (economist)  
stanzaic  <stan.ZAY.ik> or <STAN.zay.ik> or <stan.ZAY.eek>  
<STAN.zay.eek>  
adj / consisting of a group of poetic lines  
Ety/Note: It fr VL-stantia (act of standing or staying)  
eryngo  <.RING.goh>  
n / candied sea-holly root  
Ety/Note: L-eryngion/-gni (sea holly) fr Gk  
kittel  <KID.uhl>  
n / cotton or linen robe worn for certain Jewish  
celebrations  
Ety/Note: Yid - kittel fr MHG - kittel/kietel (cotton or hempen garment)  
prob fr Arab - qitn (cotton) / Hom: kiddle  
hake  <HAYK>  
n, v / fish related to a cod  
Ety/Note: ME  
Havasupai (h)  <hah.vuh.SOO.pi>  
n / Native American tribe southeast of Grand Canyon  
or a member of same or the language  
Ety/Note: Yuman lang of Havasupai people  
trenchantly  <TREN.chuhnt.lee> <TREN.chuhnt.li> 
adv / in a caustic or bitter manner; keenly  
Ety/Note: ME fr MFr - trenchier (cut)  
dolorifuge  <duh.LAWR.uh.fyoo>  
n / that which reduces or eliminates grief  
Ety/Note: ME/MFr/L-dolor-/is (sorrow) / fr doleo/-ere (hurt)+L-fugo/-are (put to flight) fr fuga/-ae(flight)  
vituperator  <vii.TOO.puh.rayd.uh> or  
<vii.TOO.puh.rayt.uh> or <vii.TOO.puh.rayd.uh>  
n / person who uses abusive language  
Ety/Note: L-vituperare/-are (blame/vituperate) fr vitium/-i  
(fault/dishame/vi) + para/-are (prepare/prepare/bu  
socratism (S)  <SAHK.ruh.tiz.uhm>  
n / conception of knowledge developed by a Greek  
philosopher  
Ety/Note: Ep.fr Gk - named for Socrates (philosopher)  
flummeries  <FLUHM.reez> or <FLUHM.uh.reez>  
n / empty compliments; molded desserts of cereal  
with nuts or fruit  
Ety/Note: Welsh - lilmru (soft jelly from sour oatmeal)  
detachability  <di.tach.uh.BIL.uh.dee> or  
<dee.tach.uh.BIL.uh.dee> & <di.tach.uh.BIL.uh.tee>  
<dee.tach.uh.BIL.uh.tee>  
n / state of allowing separation without loss or  
damage  
Ety/Note: Fr fr OFr  
bombardier  <bahn.buhr.Dir> or <BAHM.buhr.dir>  
n / crew member of plane whose duty it is to release  
explosive charges  
Ety/Note: MFr-bombardier (one in charge of a bombard) fr  
bombarde (bombard)  
propositus  <proh.PAHZ.uh.dehs>  
n / one immediately affected or concerned  
Ety/Note: L - propono/-ere (expose to view) fr pro (before) + pono/-ere/posui/postitus (place)  
platoon  <pluh.TOON> or <pla.TOON>  
n, v / small group of soldiers that are part of a larger  
unit  
Ety/Note: Fr - pelaton (platoon) fr OFr - pelote (ball)  
soleil  <soh.LAY>  
n, adj / finished with a high sheen; fabric with a high  
sheen  
Ety/Note: Fr-soleil (sun) fr VL dim of L-sol/-is (sun)  
Euxine (e)  <YOOK.sin> or <YOOK.sii>  
adj / relating to the Black sea and surrounding area  
Ety/Note: L(fr Gk-euxineinos (relating to Black sea) fr Pontos Euxineinos  
(Black sea) fr euxeinos (hospital))  
encroaching  <in.KROHCH.ing> or <en.KROHCH.ing>  
v / advancing past the usual limit  
Ety/Note: ME fr MFr fr OFr of Scand orig  
pahua  <puh.HOO.uh>  
n / very large clam  
Ety/Note: Marquesan  
chrysoberyl  <KRIS.uh.behr.uh> or <KRIS.uh.behr.il>  
<KRIS.ohe.behr.uh> or <KRIS.ohe.behr.il>  
n / mineral used for gemstones  
Ety/Note: Gk - chryso (gold) of Sem orig + ME fr OFr fr L fr Gk-beryllos (mineral of Indic orig  
sontag  <SAHN.tag>  
n / kind of cape with long ends  
Ety/Note: Ep Fr Ger - named for Henriette Sontag (vocalist/s.1854)  
idioglossia  <id.ee.uh.GLAWS.ee.uh> or  
<id.ee.uh.GLAWS.ee.uh>  
n / speech problem in which pronunciations are so  
poor as to seem a foreign language  
Ety/Note: Gk - idios (private) + Gk-glossa (tongue)  
caracal  <KEHR.uh.kal> or <kehr.uh.KAL>  
n / wild cat of Southern Asia and Africa with short hair  
and long ears  
Ety/Note: Fr fr Ottoman-Turk - qaraqulaq (wild cat) fr qara (black) +  
quoaq (ear)  
suivez  <swee.VAY> or <swyee.VAY> <SWEE.vay> or <SWYEE.vay>  
v / musical direction meaning to follow  
Ety/Note: Fr fr OFr
leucoryx  <LOOK.uh.riks>
  n / large, pale brownish antelope of North Africa
  Ety/Note: NL fr Gk - leukos (white) + NL fr L - oryx (gazelle) fr Gk - (pick/push as horns)

quadruped <kwahd.ruh.PLEE.uh> or
  <kwahd.ruh.PLEE.see.uh>
  n / state of being paralyzed from the neck down
  Ety/Note: L-quadrum/-i(4) + Gk-plege (blow/stroke) fr plessin (stroke)

cnidarian  <nii.DEHR.ee.uhn> or <nii.dehr.ee.uhn>
  n, adj / branch of sea animals that don’t have a solidly formed body cavity, nematocyst
  Ety/Note: NL fr Gk-knide (nettle/sea nettle)

rupicolous  <roo.PIK.uh.luhs>
  adj / thriving or living in rocks
  Ety/Note: L-rupes/-is (rock) fr rumpo/-ere/rupit (break/tear) + colo/-ere/-ui/cultus (inhabit/cultivate)

malarial  <muh.LEHR.ee.uhl> or <muh.LAYR.ee.uhl>
  adj, n / relating to a disease carried by mosquitoes
  Ety/Note: It fr L-malus/-a/-um (bad)

literati  <lit.uh.RAH.dee.ee> or <lit.uh.RAH.dee.dee> <lit.uh.RAY.tii> <lit.uh.RAY.tii>
  n / educated class or group
  Ety/Note: Obs it fr L - litteratus/-a/-um (having letters) fr littera/-ae (letter/writing/group)

khedive  <ki.DEEV> or <keh.DEEV>
  n / Egyptian ruler governing as a viceroy of the sultan of Turkey
  Ety/Note: Fr - khedive (Egyptian ruler) fr Turk fr Pers-khidwi (prince)

hitherto  <HITHH.uhr.too> or <chith.huur.TOO>
  adj, adv / up until now; toward a particular place
  Ety/Note: ME

sastruga, zastruga  <SAS.truh.guh> or <sahs.TROO.guh> <ZAS.truh.guh> <SAHS.truh.gah>
  n / wavelike ridge of snow that is formed by the wind
  Ety/Note: Rus - zastruga (groove) fr za (beyond) + struga (deep place into which one may fall)

prolelegomenous  <proh.luh.GAHM.uh.uh.nuh.s> or <PROH.luh.gahm.uh.uh.nuh.s>
  adj / of or relating to an essay introducing a lengthy or complicated work
  Ety/Note: Gk - prolegein (say beforehand) fr pro (prior) + legein (say)

abrotine  <AB.rih.teen>
  n / chemical extracted from southwestern
  Ety/Note: ISV fr L-abrotomon/i (aromatic plant) fr Gk-abrotanon (warmwood/southernwood) + Gk suff

Ordovician (o)  <awr.duh.VISH.uhn> or <AWR.duh.vish.uhn>
  adj, n / relating to the geologic time or rocks of the period of the Paleozoic Era
  Ety/Note: Ep fr L - named for Ordovices (ancient people of north Wales) fr L-ordo (order)

keratinophilic  <kuh.rat.uh.noh.FIL.i.k> or
  <kuh.RAT.uh.noh.FIL.i.k>
  adj / growing on horny substances, as hair, skin, feathers, etc., used of fungi
  Ety/Note: ISV fr NL fr Gk - keras (horn) + philos (beloved)

blighter  <BLI.D.uh.r> or <BLII.tuh.r>
  n / person held in poor esteem
  Ety/Note: Unk orig

creance  <KREE.uhns> or <KREE.uhnts>
  n / fine cord used to restrain a hawk from flying during training
  Ety/Note: ME-creance (trust/leash for hawk) fr MR fr VL-credentia (trust/fr L-credere/-ere/-did(-ditus/trust)

electrosheek  <LEK.troh.shahk> or <ee.LEK.troh.shahk>
  n / treatment by use of current for some mental disorders, as depression
  Ety/Note: L-electrum/-i (amber) + ME

decongestant  <dee.kuhn.JEST.uhnt>
  n / medicine that helps to alleviate obstruction in the nose
  Ety/Note: L-de (down/away/from) + L-congero/-ere (bring together) fr cum (with) + gero/-ere/gestus (bear/carry)

ceder  <SEE.duhr>
  n / one who transfers or gives up by agreement
  Ety/Note: Fr-ceder (assign/transfer) fr L-cedo/-ere/cessus (go/proceed/withdraw/yield) / Hom: cedar/seed
ceder  <SEE.duhr>
  n / one who transfers or gives up by agreement
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decedence  <SEE.duhr>
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coleopresent  <KAWRS.prez.uhnt>
  n / gift containing goods of a deceased person given to a clergy at a funeral
  Ety/Note: ME-cors/corpus (corpse) + ME fr MFr

maledictory  <mal.uh.DIK.treee> or <mal.uh.DIK.tuh.ree>
  adj / accused; causing evil
  Ety/Note: LL fr L-maledicio/-ere/-dixi/-dictus (speak evil of/revile/slander/abuse)

mydriasis  <mi.DRII.uh.sis> or <mi.DRIII.uh.sis>
  n / dilating of the eye
  Ety/Note: L fr Gk

henry  <HEN.reee>
  n / unit of measure for inductance
  Ety/Note: Ep fr Am - named for Joseph Henry (physicist)

impetigos  <im.puh.TEE.gohz> or <im.puh.TII.gohz>
  n / contagious skin infections
  Ety/Note: L - impeto/-ere (attack/assail) fr in (in) + peto/-ere (rush toward)

Svengali (s)  <sfen.GAH.Llee> or <svn.GAH.Llee>
  <sfen.GAL.ee> or <svn.GAL.ee>
  n / one who tries to persuade another to do his usually evil bidding
  Ety/Note: Ep fr Fr - named for Svengali (villain in 1894 novel by du Maurier)

bedevilment  <bi.DEV.uh.muhnte> or <bee.DEV.uh.muhnte>
  n / confusion; disorder; bedlam; bewilderment; vexation; trouble
  Ety/Note: ME/OE/LGk-diaboulos (slanderer) fr diaballein (slander) fr dia (through/across) + ballein (throw)

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oxer  <AHK.suhr>
n / boundary with a guardrail along one side and a
ditch on the other
Ety/Note: ME fr OE

measurable  <MEZH.ruh.buhl> or <MEZH.uh.ruh.buhl>
<MAHY.zh.uh.ruh.buhl>  or <MAHY.zh.ruh.buhl>
adj / capable of having the size or length figured;
significant
Ety/Note: ME fr OFr fr L-mensura/-ae (measure) fr metier/-
in/mensur (measure)

sociogenesis  <soh.see.oh.JEN.uh.sis> or
<soh.shuh.oh.JEN.uh.sis> or <SOH.see.oh.jen.uh.sis>
n / changing of groups to a new type
Ety/Note: Fr fr L-socius/-i (associate/companion) + Gk-genes (born)
fr gignesthai (be born)

philharmonic (P)  <FIL.hahr.MAHN.i.k> or <FILuhr.mahn.i.k>
adj, n / relating to music as presented by a symphony
orchestra; orchestra
Ety/Note: Fr fr fr Gk-philhos(beloved)+L-harmonicus/-a/-um(harmonic) / Capitalized only for n

phthisical  <TIZ.i.kuhl> or <THIIS.i.kuhl> or <TIlS.i.kuhl>
adj / pertaining to pulmonary tuberculosis; having a
consumptive or wasting condition
Ety/Note: OFr fr L-phthisicus/-a/-um (consumptive) fr Gk-
phthisis(wasting away)

grosbeak, grossbeak  <GROHS.beek>
n / bird with a conical bill; hawfinch
Ety/Note: Fr-grosbec (kind of bird) fr gros (thick/rough) + bec (beak)

stigmatization  <stig.muh.dih.ZAY.shuhn> or
<stig.muh.ti.ZAY.shuhn> or <stig.muh.ti.ZAY.shuhn>
n / act of regarding as disgraceful
Ety/Note: ME-stigme (brand) fr L-stigma/-atis (mark of disgrace) fr
Gk (tattoo mark) fr stizein (prick)

enwomb  <in.WOOM> or <en.WOOM> or <EN.woom>
v / enclose in a protective place
Ety/Note: L-en (in) + ME fr OE

mickle  <MIK.uhl>
adj, adv, n / great; very much
Ety/Note: ME fr OE

crustaceology  <kruh.stay.shee.AH.luh.jee> or
<KRUH.stay.shee.AH.luh.jee>
n / study of lobster, shrimp and crabs
Ety/Note: NL-crustacea (crustacean) fr L-crusta/-ae (shell/crust) + Gk-
logos (word/speech/reason)

backhoe  <BAK.hoh>
n / machine with a hinged bucket on a boom that is
used to excavate dirt
Ety/Note: ME

coil, coiffe  <KAHFIW> or <KWAHF> or <KWAF>
n, v / head covering similar to a hood; cover with such
a covering
Ety/Note: ME fr MFr fr LL

delusterrant, delustrant  <dee.LUHS.truht> or
<di.LUHS.truht> or <DEE.luhs.tuhr.uhnt> or <di.LUHS.tuhr.uhnt>
n / chemical agent that served to reduce brightness of
yarn
Ety/Note: ME fr OE fr L-de (down/away)+lustrum/-i (5-year
purification period) / Note: delustrant only <truht>

gauzier  <GAWS.tuhr> or <GAH.tuhr>
v / swagger; bully; procrastinate by behaving
pompously
Ety/Note: ME

disseizin, disseizin  <dih.SEE.zuhn> or <dis.SEE.zuhn>
<DI.SEE.zuhn>
n / act of dispoothing
Ety/Note: ME fr ML&Ang-Fr fr OE-dessaine (dispossession) fr dis
(apart)+saine (seizin)

phillobiblist  <FIL.uh.BiBl.ist> or <fil.uh.BiBl.ist>
n / one who loves books, bibliophile
Ety/Note: Gk - philobiblos (one loving books) philos (beloved) +
biblos (book)

sortileger  <SAWRD.uhl.i.juhr> or <SAWRT.uhl.i.juhr>
<SAWRT.uhl.eh.juhr> or <SAWRT.uhl.eh.juhr>
n / fortune-teller, person practicing divination
Ety/Note: ME fr OFr fr ML fr L-sortilegus/-i (fortune-teller) fr sors/-
rtis/(lot)+lega/-ere/legis/luctus(read)

scissel  <SIS.uhl> or <SIZ.uhl>
n / metal remnants from mechanical operations
especially in making coins
Ety/Note: Fr fr VL fr L-coeds/-ere/-ci/di/-sus (cut/hew) / Hom: sissel/syssel/scissile/sisel/sissle

poppet  <PAHP.it>
n / valve operated by springs and cams; timber brace
of a ship about to be launched
Ety/Note: ME fr MFr-poupette (small doll) fr VL fr L-pupa/-ae
(doll/puppet)

affenpinscher  <AF.uhn.pin.chuhr> or <AF.fuhn.pin.chuhr>
n / monkey-like dog with pointed ears and bushy tufts
of hair
Ety/Note: Ger-affen (monkey) + pinscher (terrier/named for
crapping of ears and tail)

communist (C)  <KAHM.yuh.nist>
n, adj / adherent to a socialist governmental system
in which common ownership is key
Ety/Note: Fr -communiste (communist) fr L-communis/-is/e
(common)

nidorous  <NIH.duh.uhs>
adj / having a rank smell, smelling of decayed animal
matter
Ety/Note: LL - nidorous (steaming/reeking) fr l - nidor/nidaris
(vapor/smell)

mechanomorphic  <mek.uh.noh.MAWR.fik> or
<MEK.uh.noh.mawr.fik>
adj / containing machine-like characteristics
Ety/Note: MFr fr L fr Gk-mechane (machine) + Ger fr Gk-morphe
(form)

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