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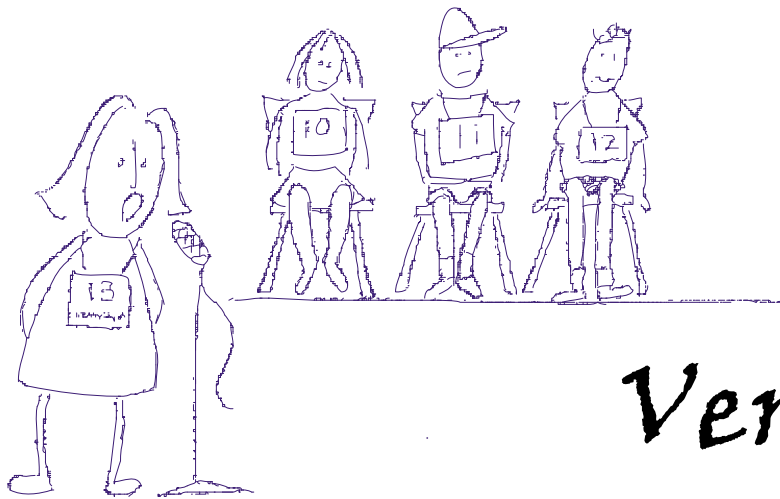
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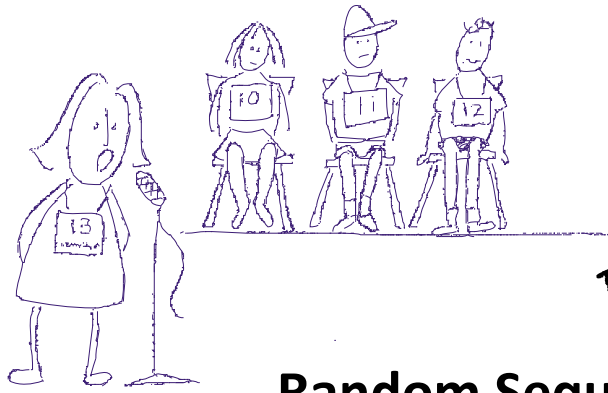
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<vuhr.boh.MAY.nee.uh> n / an obsession with words

Congratulations! This tome is a direct route for learning a large number of vocabulary enriching words that are typical of those used in various levels of spelling competition of the National Bee. This same type of word is found on SAT and PSAT tests. Studying these words will expand your spelling word foundation, and studying their definitions will greatly enrich your vocabulary along the way.

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, perh=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)

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

This 2013 volume incorporates all the updates made in the past few years to the pronunciations and etymology of the prior *Verbomania – Alpha Sequence*. 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*. We reedited every pronunciation in *Verbomania* and corrected minor glitches. In *Webster's Third*, the *d-stop* pronunciation is usually first, but it is often shown as an alternate in this work.

This updates the 2004 *Verbomania* with its 13,000+ words. Historically, many words at regional bees are found in this collection as well as 30-40% of the words on the written round at the National Bee.

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. *Verbomania* 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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redoubtable <ri.DOWT.uh.buhl> or <ree.DOWT.uh.buhl>
<ri.DOWD.uh.buhl>

adj / able to be feared or dreaded

Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

zany <ZAY.nee>

adj, n, v / clownish, outlandish, crazy

Ety/Note: It

démarche <day.MAHRSH> or <DAY.mahrsh>

n / maneuver or countermovement for diplomatic reasons

Ety/Note: Note: acute accent required on

incorporate <in.KAWR.puh.rayt> or <in.KAWR.prit>

<in.KAWR.puh.rit>

v, adj / blend together; unite to form a whole

Ety/Note: E fr L

freeing <FREE.ing>

v / releasing

Ety/Note: E

amuck <uh.MUHK> or <uh.MAHK>

n, adj, adv / frenzy; being in a frenzy; in a frenzied manner

Ety/Note: Malay

aloof <uh.LOOF>

adj, adv, prep / removed from by choice, apart; at a distance

Ety/Note: E fr Norse

culpable <KUHL.puh.buhl>

adj / blameworthy, deserving punishment or censure

Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

blasphemous <BLAS.fuh.muhs>

adj / irreverent or disgracing to God

Ety/Note: L fr Gk

laughter <LAF.tuhr> or <LAHF.tuhr>

n / audible expression of mirth or joy

Ety/Note: E

appendages <uh.PEN.dij.iz> or <a.PEN.dij.iz>

n / things attached or growing out as less important parts

Ety/Note: Fr fr L

exalt <ig.ZAWLT> or <eg.ZAWLT>

v / intensify; elevate; glorify

Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

behemoth (B) <bi.HEE.muht> or <bee.HEE.muht>

<BEE.uh.mawth>

n, adj / something of enormous size or power; huge animal identified in Old Testament

Ety/Note: E fr L fr Heb

classicist <KLAS.uh.sist>

n / advocate of cultural style or works with recognized or enduring value

Ety/Note: L

pasteboard <PAYST.bohrd>

adj, n / flimsy, made of heavy paper, unsubstantial; playing card; ticket

Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L fr Gk + E

butte <BYOOT>

n / steep, isolated mountain smaller than a mesa

Ety/Note: Fr

severance <SEV.ruhns> or <SEV.uh.ruhnts> <SEV.ruhnts>

<SEV.uh.ruhns>

n / process of parting

Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

rumen <ROO.min>

n / first part of a cow's stomach; paunch

Ety/Note: NL fr L

misanthrope <MIS.uhn.throhp> or <MIZ.an.throhp>

n / one who hates or distrusts humans

Ety/Note: Gk

inefficiency <in.i.FISH.uhn.see> or <in.eh.FISH.uhnt.see>

<in.ee.FISH.uhn.see> <in.i.FISH.uhnt.see>

n / ineptitude; carelessness; incompetence

Ety/Note: L

negligee, negligé, negligée, negligé <neg.luh.ZHAY> or

<NEG.luh.zhay>

n / lady's sheer, flowing dressing gown; careless attire

Ety/Note: Fr fr L / Acute accent opt on 2nd 'e'

contrived <kuhn.TRIIVD>

v, adj / plotted; devised; invented; framed; concocted; schemed

Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

chauffeur <SHOH.fuhr> or <shoh.FUHR>

n, v / employed driver

Ety/Note: Fr

eugenic <yoo.JEN.ik> or <YOO.jen.ik>

adj / study of the improvement of hereditary characteristics

Ety/Note: Gk

validate <VAL.uh.dayt>

v / confirm, ratify, substantiate

Ety/Note: L

mythical <MITH.i.kuhl> or <MITH.ee.kuhl>

adj / based on imaginary ideas, fictitious

Ety/Note: L fr Gk

sincerely <sin.SIR.lee> or <SIN.sir.lee> <suhn.SIR.lee>

adv / wholeheartedly

Ety/Note: Fr fr L

accompanist <uh.KUHMP.nist> or <uh.KUHMP.uh.nist>

n / one who plays or sings a part to complement a voice or instrument

Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

summa cum laude <sum.uh.kum.LOW.duh> or

<soo.muuh.koom.LOW.duh> <suh.muuh.kuhm.LAW.dee>

adv, adj / with highest recognition

Ety/Note: L

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- physiognomy** <fiz.ee.AHG.nuh.mee> or <fiz.ee.AH.nuh.mee>
n / facial features that show the qualities of mind or character by expression
Ety/Note: E fr Fr L fr Gk
- chronic** <KRAHN.ik>
adj, n / of long duration, recurrent; sufferer of recurring or long-lasting disease
Ety/Note: Fr fr Gk
- bonne bouche** <bawn.BOOSH> or <buhn.BOOSH>
n / delicacy, treat
Ety/Note: Fr
- essay** <ES.ay> or <i.SAY>
n, v / literary composition
Ety/Note: Fr
- illusory** <i.LOOS.uh.ree> or <i.LOOZ.uh.ree>
adj / based on deception; unreal
Ety/Note: L / Hom: elusory
- flighty** <FLIIT.ee> or <FLIID.ee>
adj / swift; volatile; skittish; capricious; silly; transient; fleeting
Ety/Note: E
- gestate** <JES.tayt>
v / bear or contain a fetus in the uterus during pregnancy
Ety/Note: L
- encode** <in.KOHD> or <en.KOHD>
v / transmute something into a cipher or cryptogram
Ety/Note: E fr Fr L
- economize** <i.KAH.nuh.miiz> or <ee.KAH.nuh.miiz>
v / save; conserve; trim
Ety/Note: Fr fr L fr Gk
- menacing** <MEN.uhs.ing> or <MEN.is.ing>
adj, v / threatening, showing an intention to inflict harm
Ety/Note: E fr Fr
- lackey, lacquey** <LAK.ee>
n, v / footman, toady
Ety/Note: Fr fr Catalan
- microcosm** <MII.kruh.kahz.uhm>
n / world or universe in miniature; man or nature believed to epitomize the world
Ety/Note: E fr L fr Gk
- illegible** <il.EJ.uh.buhl> or <il.LEJ.uh.buhl>
adj / incapable of being read
Ety/Note: E + E fr L
- schizophrenia** <skit.suh.FREE.nee.uh>
n / psychotic disorder involving a distortion of logical thinking
Ety/Note: Gk
- modification** <mahd.uh.fi.KAY.shuhn>
n / alteration
Ety/Note: Fr fr L
- classicistic** <klas.uh.SIS.tik> or <KLAS.uh.sis.tik>
adj / influenced by a style having qualities of ancient Greece or Rome
Ety/Note: L
- primordial** <prii.MAWRD.dee.uhl> or <PRII.mawrd.dee.uhl>
adj, n / earliest; fundamental
Ety/Note: E fr L
- undeniable** <uhn.di.NII.uh.buhl> or <uhn.dee.NII.uh.buhl>
<uhn.duh.NII.uh.buhl> <UHN.di.nii.uh.buhl>
adj / incontestable; clearly true
Ety/Note: E fr Fr L
- immoral** <im.MOHR.uhl> or <im.MAWR.uhl>
<i.MAWR.uhl> <IM.mawr.uhl>
adj / contrary to one's ethical standards or conscience; wicked
Ety/Note: L
- travail** <truh.VAYL> or <TRAV.ayl>
n, v / hard work, either physical or mental
Ety/Note: E fr Fr
- rogue** <ROHG>
n, v, adj / dishonest person, scoundrel; wander; destructive
Ety/Note: orig unk
- carnivore** <KAHR.nuh.vohr> or <KAHR.nuh.vawr>
n / meat-eating animal
Ety/Note: NL fr L
- hastily** <HAYS.ti.lee>
adv / hurriedly, in a rapid manner paying little attention to detail
Ety/Note: E fr Fr
- ruefulness** <ROO.fuhl.nis>
n / state of feeling regretful
Ety/Note: E
- malarkey, malarky** <muh.LAHR.kee>
n / nonsense, foolish talk
Ety/Note: orig unk
- seminary** <SEM.uh.nehr.ee>
n, adj / institution where candidates are trained for the priesthood
Ety/Note: E fr L
- compilation** <kahm.pi.LAY.shuhn>
n / collection from different sources
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L
- dictatorial** <dik.tuh.TAWR.ee.uhl> or <dik.tuh.TOHR.ee.uhl>
<DIK.tuh.tohr.ee.uhl> <DIK.tuh.tawr.ee.uhl>
adj / despotic, autocratic
Ety/Note: L
- irreverence** <i.REV.ruhnts> or <i.REV.uh.ruhnts>
<i.REV.uhrnts> <ir.REV.uhr.uhnts>
n / disrespect; impiety; sacrilege
Ety/Note: L
- quiescence** <kwii.ES.uhns> or <kwii.ES.uhnts>
<kwee.ES.uhns> <kwee.ES.uhnts>
n / state of being inactive, quality of being motionless
Ety/Note: L

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- actuality** <ak.chuh.WAL.uht.ee> or <ak.shuh.WAL.uht.ee>
n / reality; fact
Ety/Note: L
- liquid** <LIK.wid>
adj, n / fluid, having a watery form
Ety/Note: E fr L
- assimilate** <uh.SIM.uh.layt> or <uh.SIM.uh.lit>
v, n / absorb, meld together
Ety/Note: L
- indifference** <in.DIF.ruhns> or <in.DIF.uh.ruhns>
<in.DIF.uhrnts> <in.DIF.uh.ruhnts>
n / apathy; detachment; disinterest
Ety/Note: Fr fr L
- prosperous** <PRAHS.pruhs> or <PRAHS.puh.ruhs>
adj / successful; flourishing
Ety/Note: E fr Fr
- aldermen** <AWLD.uhr.muhn>
n / rulers of English shires that represent the Anglo-Saxon king
Ety/Note: E / Note: singular pronounced the same
- depth** <DEPTH>
n / intensesness, profoundness
Ety/Note: E
- nod** <NAHD>
v, n / move the head up and down, sway; slip, lapse
Ety/Note: E
- extremist** <ik.STREEM.ist> or <ek.STREEM.ist>
n / person advocating measures beyond the norm, particularly in the political arena
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L
- pantomime** <PANT.uh.miim> or <PANT.uh.meem>
<PANT.uh.miin>
n, v / use of gestures only, without words, to tell a story
Ety/Note: L fr Gk
- gutta-percha** <guht.uh.PUHR.chuh> or <guh.duh.PUHR.chuh>
<GUHT.uh.puhr.chuh>
n / rubbery material used in golf balls, waterproofing compounds and wire insulation
Ety/Note: Malay
- syntactics** <sin.TAK.tiks>
n / branch of semantics dealing with formal properties of language and its symbols
Ety/Note: Gk
- gravity** <GRAV.uht.ee> or <GRAV.uhd.ee>
n, adj / pull of the earth on anything close to its surface
Ety/Note: Fr fr L
- disrupt** <dis.RUHPT>
v, adj / throw into turmoil, break apart; causing disorder
Ety/Note: L
- jacamar** <JAK.uh.mahr>
n / bird with brilliant plumage of Central and South America
Ety/Note: Fr fr Tupi
- hoyle (H)** <HAWIL>
n / book of rules for games
Ety/Note: E name
- mohs' scale (M)** <MOHZ.skayl> or <MOHS.skayl>
<MOHS.iz.skayl>
n / system for classifying minerals based on hardness
Ety/Note: Ger name + E fr N
- lack** <LAK>
v, n / fail, need, require, want; deficiency, want, failure, type of resin
Ety/Note: E fr Du / Note: lac for resin def only
- narthex** <NAHR.theks>
n / side waiting area leading into a church foyer
Ety/Note: Gk
- cyclic** <SII.klik> or <SIK.lik> <SIK.leek> <SII.kleek>
adj, n / relating to a sequence of recurring events
Ety/Note: Fr fr L fr Gk
- don** <DAHN>
v, n / put on, as clothes; assume; prefix for a name meaning Sir;
Ety/Note: Sp fr L / Hom: dawn
- meliorate** <MEEL.yuh.rayt> or <MEE.lee.uh.rayt>
v / soften; make better or more tolerable
Ety/Note: L
- babbled** <BA.buhld>
v / talked idly or foolishly
Ety/Note: E of imit orig
- spiritual** <SPIR.ich.wuhl> or <SPIR.ich.uh.wuhl> <SPIR.i.chuhl>
adj, n / relating to sacred or religious matters; things of religious nature
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L
- fetters** <FET.uhrz> or <FED.uhrz>
n, v / shackles; bonds; restraints
Ety/Note: E
- evident** <EV.uhd.uhnt> or <EV.uh.dent>
adj / obvious, apparent
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L
- polynomial** <pahl.i.NOH.mee.uhl> or <pahl.ee.NOH.mee.uhl>
<PAHL.i.noh.mee.uhl> <PAHL.ee.noh.mee.uhl>
adj, n / relating to a mathematical expression with at least two terms
Ety/Note: E fr L fr Gk + L
- incredulous** <in.KREJ.uh.luhs> or <IN.krej.uh.luhs>
adj / skeptical
Ety/Note: L
- alloy** <AL.awi> or <uh.LAWI> <a.LAWI>
n, v / two or more base metals mixed together; act of mixing base metals together
Ety/Note: Fr
- pimento** <pi.MEN.toh>
n / flesh of a mild, sweet pepper that has turned red
Ety/Note: Sp fr L / Note: pimiento also <puhm.YEN.toh> <pim.ee..EN.toh>

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lollygag, lallygag <LAHL.ee.gag>
v / dawdle, loiter, fool around
Ety/Note: orig unk

ineluctable <in.i.LUHK.tuh.buhl> or <IN.i.luhk.tuh.buhl>
adj / not to be changed, avoided or resisted; inevitable
Ety/Note: L

bipartisan, bipartizan <bii.PAHR.ti.zuhn> or
<bii.PAHR.di.suhn> <BII.pahr.ti.zuhn> <bii.PAHR.ti.zan>
adj / being made up of two political parties
Ety/Note: Fr fr It fr L

hardiness <HAHRD.ee.nis>
n / state of being capable of endurance of cold
temperatures
Ety/Note: E

illiterate <il.LIT.uh.rit> or <i.LIT.uh.rit> <i.LID.rit> <i.LIT.rit>
adj, n / unable to write or read, deficient in language
Ety/Note: L

ventilate <VENT.uhl.ayt>
v / open to allow air movement; utter or make public
Ety/Note: L

prior <PRII.uhr> or <PRIIR>
adj, n / preceding, earlier in time; superior of a
religious house
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

virility <vi.RIL.uht.ee> or <vi.RIL.uh.dee>
n / quality of having energy and drive often associated
with manhood
Ety/Note: L

financial <fi.NAN.chuhl> or <fii.NAN.chuhl> <FII.nan.chuhl>
adj / relating to money and investments
Ety/Note: E fr Fr

idiosyncrasy, idiosyncracy <id.ee.uh.SING.kruh.see> or
<id.ee.oh.SINK.ruh.see> <id.ee.oh.SING.kruh.see>
<id.ee.uh.SINK.ruh.see>
n / person's peculiar habit, mannerism or
characteristic, eccentricity
Ety/Note: Gk

thyme <TIIM> or <THIIM>
n, v / aromatic garden herb used for seasoning
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L fr Gk / Hom: time

disparagement <di.SPEHR.ij.muht>
n / expression of a poor opinion; disgrace; act of
reducing in rank or respect
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L + L

facetious <fuh.SEE.shuhs>
adj / given to crude jesting, characterized by levity
Ety/Note: Fr fr L

paradoxical <pehr.uh.DAHK.si.kuhl> or
<PEHR.uh.dahk.si.kuhl> <PEHR.uh.dahk.see.kuhl>
<pehr.uh.DAHK.see.kuhl>
adj / relating to a statement that seems contradictory
yet is perhaps true
Ety/Note: L fr Gk

complicity <kuhm.PLIS.uht.ee> or <kuhm.PLIS.uh.dee>
n / partnership in an evil or unlawful action
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

vexatious <vek.SAY.shuhs> or <VEK.say.shuhs>
adj / disturbing, distressing
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

bustle <BUHS.uhl>
v, n / move about energetically, hurry; padding in the
back of a women's skirt
Ety/Note: E

boisterously <BAWI.struhs.lee> or <BAWI.stuh.ruhs.lee>
adv / in a rowdy or clamorous manner
Ety/Note: E fr Fr

slick <SLIK>
adj, v, adv, n / smooth, slippery; skillful; glib, clever;
contrived; smoothly
Ety/Note: E

beefy <BEE.fee>
adj / substantial, thickset, having a brawny build
Ety/Note: E fr Fr fr L

compatriot <kuhm.PAY.tree.uht> or <kahm.PAY.tree.uht>
<kuhm.PAY.tree.aht> <kahm.PAY.tree.aht>
n / compeer; colleague; associate
Ety/Note: Fr fr L

doppio piu lento <dah.pee.oh.pyoo.LEN.toh> or
<doh.pee.oh.pee.oo.LEN.toh> <DAH.pee.oh.pyoo.len.toh>
<DOH.pee.oh.pee.oo.len.toh>
adv, adj / in a manner twice as slow as that which
preceded
Ety/Note: It

phosphate <FAHS.fayt>
n, v / salt from the acid of a nonmetallic substance that
emits light
Ety/Note: Fr fr NL fr Gk

nonexistent <nahn.ig.ZIZ.tuhnt> or <NAHN.ig.ziz.tuhnt>
adj, n / not having being
Ety/Note: L

nauseating <NAW.zhee.ayt.ing> or <NAW.shee.ayt.ing>
<NAW.zee.ayt.ing> <NAW.see.ayd.ing>
adj, v / disgusting, causing an urge to vomit
Ety/Note: L

paternal <puh.TUHRN.uhl>
adj / fatherly, pertaining to a father
Ety/Note: L

éclaircissement <ay.klehr.sees.mahn>
n / enlightenment or clarification
Ety/Note: Fr fr L

tornado <tawr.NAY.doh>
n / violent and destructive wind accompanied by a
funnel-shaped cloud
Ety/Note: Sp fr L

decision <di.SIZH.uhn> or <dee.SIZH.uhn>
n, v / act of settling something by giving a judgment;
form an opinion
Ety/Note: Fr fr L

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