



Santa Barbara County Spelling Bee

STUDY RESOURCE GUIDE

Study ideas to prepare for the competition:

Students participating in regional, county, and state spelling competitions should become familiar with a broad range of words. **Words used in the competition are chosen randomly from sources deemed appropriate by the Spell Master and Judges.**

A **word study list is provided for junior high** students and can be downloaded at the following location: <http://sbceo.org/s/SPBEE>

No elementary word study list is provided by the state, but all students may find the following resources helpful:

- Word glossaries from English-language arts, science, math, and social science books.
- School word study lists and teacher-provided word lists.
- General fiction and non-fiction books.
- Newspapers, magazines, and other media.
- Word games (Scrabble, anagrams, crosswords).
- Print and online dictionaries.

In addition, students may want to learn and study:

- Word patterns (decide, inside, reside).
- Homonyms (beat, beet...guise, guys).
- Rhyming words.
- Root words, prefixes, and suffixes.
- Greek, Latin, and Anglo-Saxon roots and affixes.
- Word definitions.
- Word usage, including how usage may provide spelling hints.