

Really Hard Spelling Words (for final rounds; when 10-25 contestants remain)

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Cynosure: [sahy-nuh-shoo r, sin-uh] *MF* - An object that serves as a focal point of attention and admiration.

- that company is the *cynosure* for anyone wishing to make it in the music business.

Graupel: [grou-puh l] *German* - A snow pellet.

- When snow falls in the form of a ball instead of soft flakes, it is called *graupel*.

Weimaraner: [vahy-muh-rah-ner, wahy-, wahy-muh-rey-] *German* - Any of a large breed of hunting dog that originated in Germany, having a smooth grayish coat.

- I often take my *weimaraner* hunting with me.

Langlauf: [lahng-louf] *German* - The sport of cross-country skiing.

- Jumping is their art form of skiing, as the *langlauf* is their endurance form

Ratafia: [rat-uh-fee-uh] *F* - A sweet cordial flavored with fruit kernels or almonds.

- If you would put *ratafia* in that drink, it would be delicious.

Sabot : [sab-oh; French sa-boh] *F* - 1. A: A wooden shoe worn in some European countries. *B* (1): a strap across the instep in a shoe especially of the sandal type; (2): a shoe having a sabot strap; 2: a thrust-transmitting carrier that positions a missile in a gun barrel or launching tube and that prevents the escape of gas ahead of the missile.

- I'm going to bring you home a souvenir *sabot* when I return from my trip to Europe.

Dowager: [dou-uh-jer] *MF* - A widow who holds a title or property derived from her deceased husband.

- The estate is owned by a wealthy *dowager*.

Pekoe: [pee-koh] *Chinese* - A grade of black tea consisting of the leaves around the buds.

- I love a good warm cup of orange *pekoe*.

Meiosis: [mahy-oh-sis] *NL/Greek* - *Genetics*. The process of cell division in sexually reproducing organisms that reduces the number of chromosomes in reproductive cells from diploid to haploid, leading to the production of gametes in animals and spores in plants.

- Core of corn emerges in this close-up of the nucleus of a plant cell undergoing *meiosis*, a form of cell division.

Botryoidal : [bo-tree-oid-l] *Greek*- Shaped like a bunch of grapes.

- Glauconite grains are typically dark green and have *botryoidal* shapes.

Dysbarism: [dis-bah-riz-uh m] *Medicine* - The complex of symptoms (as the bends, headache, or mental disturbance) that accompanies exposure to excessively low or rapidly changing environmental air pressure.

- *Dysbarism* comprises several types of illness.

Nubuck: [/'nju:, bʌk/] - Leather that has been rubbed on the flesh side of the skin to give it a fine velvet-like finish.

- *Nubuck* Leather Shoes should be wiped with a cloth dipped in slightly soapy warm water.

Fimbrillate: [fim-bril-it, -eyt] *NL* - Bordered with a minute fringe.

- Some petals are observed to be *fimbrillate*.

Ignimbrite: [ig-nim-brahyt] *Latin* - A volcanic rock formed by the welding together of tuff material from an explosive volcanic eruption.

- The welded tuffs clasts were probably derived from an *ignimbrite*-type ash flow.

Laureation: [\'lôr-ē-ət, \'lär-\] *ME* - The act of crowning with laurel; the act of conferring an academic degree, or honorary title

- Binning was not nineteen years of age at the date of his *laureation*.

Diplodocus: [dih-plod-uh-kuh s] *NL* - A very large herbivorous dinosaur of the genus *Diplodocus* that existed during the Jurassic Period.

- As you arrive, your first vision will be the giant cast of a *diplodocus* looming down above you.

Amimia: [ey-mim-ee-uh] *NL* - The loss of the ability to express ideas by gestures or to understand the significance of gestures.

- *Amimia* can be related to various diseases.

Calotte: [kuh-lot] *French* - A skullcap, especially one worn by Roman Catholic priests.

- The priest never went anywhere without his calotte.

Isopiestic: [ahy-soh-pahy-es-tik] *Greek* - Marked by or indicating equal pressure; isobaric.

- An *isopiestic* method can be used to measure water activity.

Olecranon: [oh-lek-ruh-non, oh-li-krey-non] - *GK*- The large process on the upper end of the ulna that projects behind the elbow joint and forms the point of the elbow.

- There are exercises you can do to heal *olecranon* bursitis.

Bourrée [boo-rey; French boo-rey]:- *F*- An old French dance resembling the gavotte, usually in quick duple time beginning with an upbeat.

- They danced the *bourrée* enthusiastically and gracefully.

Schipperke: [**skip**-er-kee, -kuh]- *Flemish*- any of a Belgian breed of small stocky black tailless dogs with foxy head and heavy coat.

- If I could have any dog in the world it would be a *schipperke*.