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August 2012 Spell Gurucool Newsletter

The August newsletter and lessons from Spell Gurucool introduce you to a new set of words.

Here is what we will learn this month:

- 1) Senior division (Grades 4 to 8) will learn words from Arabic and Asian languages
- 2) Junior division (Grades 1 to 3) will learn Eponyms

The study packet for August contains the following:

- 1) The word lists contain study words and challenge words for the language(s) you will be learning this month. Each word in the document has a link to the online Merriam-Webster dictionary to help you learn information about the word. It is essential that you learn the correct pronunciation of each and every word. Also look for alternate pronunciations, if any.
- 2) The August lessons introduce you to the new words and give you learning tips for each language of origin.

Quiz: What is the etymology of the word yahoo?

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News from The South Asian Spelling Bee: The South Asian Spelling Bee regional contests at all locations have been completed. Champions and Runners-up have been determined. The top 2 spellers from each location have qualified to the South Asian Spelling Bee national finals. Congratulations to all spellers who participated in the regional bee. We hope the South Asian Spelling Bee was a good learning experience.

The South Asian Spelling Bee finals is scheduled to be held on August 17, 2012.

You can visit the SASB website at

<http://www.southasianspellingbee.com/>

About Eponyms:

Eponyms are words based on a real or fictional name. Sometimes the person's name and the word are exactly the same and the word simply takes on a new meaning. In other cases the person's name is slightly changed.

Did you know that Dahlia was named after Anders Dahl, a Swedish botanist?

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Coaching and guidance by
Narahari Bharadwaj in math and spelling

Word of the month: Ampere**Definition of AMPERE**

* the practical meter-kilogram-second unit of electric current that is equivalent to a flow of one coulomb per second or to the steady current produced by one volt applied across a resistance of one ohm

* the base unit of electric current in the International System of Units that is equal to a constant current which when maintained in two straight parallel conductors of infinite length and negligible circular sections one meter apart in a vacuum produces between the conductors a force equal to 2×10^{-7} newton per meter of length

Example of AMPERE : a current of 15 *amperes*

Origin of AMPERE : André-Marie *Ampère*

First Known Use: 1881

Study tip: It is always good to know if a word has alternate pronunciations. Sometimes, alternate pronunciations will lead you to the correct spelling of the word.

Thanks,

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