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June 2012 Lesson (Senior Division)

Welcome to the June 2012 lesson from Spell Gurucool. This month we will learn the following languages.

- 1) New World languages: Hawaiian and Native American languages
- 2) Old English

The study words and challenge words are in a separate word document. Each of the words has a link to the online Merriam-Webster dictionary.

While studying each word, make an effort to learn the following:

1) Pronunciation of the word: This is very critical. It is important to know the correct pronunciation. If you study the word without the right pronunciation, you may misspell the word because you assumed the word was pronounced differently. This is especially true in the case where the word has silent letters. For example, if you have not heard the word 'knife' before, you may pronounce the word differently.

If you would like to participate in the South Asian Spelling Bee regionals, visit

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2) Definition of the word: Understanding what the word means is very important. This way, you will not just be memorizing letters of words. Instead, you will understand the meaning of each word. This way, you can make connections between similar words.

3) Language of origin: Every language has a certain pattern to it. Based on the language of origin, it will be easy for you to derive the spelling of the word even if you have never heard the word before and, for Greek and Latin, guess at the roots of the word. Language of origin is also called 'Etymology'.

4) Usage in a sentence: Sometimes, while learning a word, it may be easier to spell a word, after you form a sentence with the word. This is specifically true when the word is a plural word or a word of unknown origin. If you formulate mnemonics or memory devices, you may retain the word better.

Registration for South Asian Spelling Bee is open at 11 different locations.

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Expanding OPOSSUM**Definition of OPOSSUM**

1 : any of a family (Didelphidae) of American marsupials that usually have a pointed snout and prehensile tail; *especially* : a common omnivorous largely nocturnal mammal (*Didelphis virginiana*) of North America that has grayish to blackish fur with white on the cheeks and is an expert climber

2 : any of several Australian phalangers



Study tip: while learning each word, understand the definition, usage in a sentence and all other details about the word.

We will be doing practice oral rounds during our meetings.

Thanks,
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