



SUN CITY 2024

SENIOR COMPETITION LIST

Championship Round



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In the Championship Round, **any word can be given!**

Examples of Championship level words are given at the end of the manual.

But note that none of these words will be given in Championship round.

They are given as examples of what can be expected.

Spellers should therefore prepare widely if they expect to be in the Championship round.

1. **Misanthrope:** (noun) A person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society. "The misanthrope preferred the company of his books to that of other people."
2. **Grandiloquent:** (adjective) Pompous or extravagant in language, style, or manner. "His grandiloquent speech was full of impressive vocabulary but lacked substance."
3. **Sycophant:** (noun) A person who acts obsequiously toward someone important in order to gain advantage. "The sycophant constantly praised his boss, hoping for a promotion."
4. **Anachronistic:** (adjective) Belonging to a period other than that being portrayed; out of date or out of place. "The film was criticized for its anachronistic depiction of medieval life with modern technology."
5. **Heterogeneous:** (adjective) Composed of different kinds or types; diverse. "The population of the city is heterogeneous, with people from many cultural backgrounds."
6. **Indefatigable:** (adjective) Persisting tirelessly; incapable of being tired out. "Her indefatigable spirit motivated her teammates throughout the long season."
7. **Sanguine:** (adjective) Optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation. "Despite the challenges, she remained sanguine about the future."
8. **Ubiquitous:** (adjective) Present, appearing, or found everywhere. "Smartphones have become ubiquitous in modern society."
9. **Perfunctory:** (adjective) Carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection. "His perfunctory response suggested he wasn't truly engaged in the conversation."

10. **Vicissitude:** (noun) A change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant. "The vicissitudes of life often test our resilience and character."
11. **Serendipity:** (noun) The occurrence of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way. "Finding that old photograph was a delightful moment of serendipity."
12. **Recalcitrant:** (adjective) Having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline. "The recalcitrant student refused to follow the teacher's instructions."
13. **Flabbergasted:** (adjective) Extremely surprised or shocked. "He was flabbergasted to learn that he had won the prestigious award."
14. **Bucolic:** (adjective) Relating to the pleasant aspects of the countryside and country life. "The artist painted a bucolic scene of rolling hills and grazing sheep."
15. **Lugubrious:** (adjective) Looking or sounding sad and dismal. "His lugubrious demeanor at the party was puzzling to his friends."
16. **Machiavellian:** (adjective) Cunning, scheming, and unscrupulous, especially in politics. "His machiavellian tactics ensured his rise to power, but at a great ethical cost."
17. **Kleptomania:** (noun) An obsessive desire to steal, typically without regard for need or profit. "Her kleptomania led her to take items she didn't need from stores."
18. **Heuristic:** (adjective) Enabling a person to discover or learn something for themselves. "The heuristic approach to teaching encourages students to explore and find solutions independently."
19. **Vitriolic:** (adjective) Filled with bitter criticism or malice. "The vitriolic remarks in the debate escalated tensions between the candidates."
20. **Sagacious:** (adjective) Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment; wise. "His sagacious advice was sought by many in the community."