

## Spell Bee Competition



A Spelling Bee, also known as Spell Bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, correctly usually with a varying degree of difficulty. To compete, contestants must memorize the spelling of word. This concept has originated in the United States and now adopted by many countries.

*The 'bee' in 'spelling bee' is an alteration of a word that meant 'voluntary help given by neighbours towards the accomplishment of a particular task,' and descends from the Middle English word 'bene'.*

### Why Spell Bee?

*The benefits of spell bee extend beyond language:*

- **Vocabulary:** It helps children improve their vocabulary by learning new words and their meaning. They also learn the usage of these words.
- **Spelling:** It helps children improve their spellings.
- **Self Confidence:** Since children participate in the competition it helps them in boosting their self-confidence and thrives under pressure.
- **Language based knowledge:** It is not about roteing words rather participants gain incredible literacy skills and language based skills as spelling is one of the sub-skills of writing.
- **Cognitive abilities and learning strategies:** Their knowledge helps them to become great readers and they can equip themselves with this tool to reach a higher writing level.

### Guidelines for Spell Bee Competition:-

- A specific number of students will appear in the competition on day to day basis for qualifying Level – I .
- The participants will be intimated / communicated about the schedule via. e-mail or text - message.
- The student needs to be ready with a Laptop/smart phone along with an access to the microphone/earphone connected to the Laptop/smart phone.
- The student has to actively by himself/herself listen and answer without seeking anybody's guidance.
- The teacher will announce the word slowly, loudly and clearly without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word.
- The speller needs to pronounce the word with correct pronunciation, spell the word and then pronounce the word again. The speller needs to be clear and loud enough for the

teacher to hear it. In case the speller is unable to spell the word correctly, the teacher will give the correct spelling of the word.

- The contest word list is set for each grade to be used in the competition.
- Top 10 ranking students will be selected from the first level. The winners of first level will compete with each other in the next level.
- In case of tie, a tie-breaker round will be taken amongst the students with equal score.

### GRADE 1 SPELLING WORD LIST

are	bike	find	hill	kite	me	pin	sand	when	you
as	can	first	it	kill	nose	queen	tag	will	yes
bag	did	girl	jug	little	or	run	up	X ray	zoom
ate	cone	green	ink	like	name	rule	test	what	zip
bed	drive	her	jump	make	pet	sad	were	yellow	zoo

### GRADE 2 SPELLING WORD LIST

always	blend	deep	family	goes	just	mess	night	read	very
another	clock	does	feed	happy	kind	might	only	second	which
around	could	don't	fast	high	kiss	must	our	these	would
because	count	each	give	here	lock	now	place	upon	yard
between	cold	even	great	its	line	new	path	use	zeal

### GRADE 3 SPELLING WORD LIST

abode	believe	champion	disappear	freezing	influenza	machine
academy	<b>blooming</b>	<b>chemist</b>	<b>earring</b>	<b>guess</b>	<b>injury</b>	<b>merchant</b>
afford	<b>calendar</b>	<b>definitely</b>	<b>emotion</b>	<b>height</b>	<b>jewelry</b>	<b>modern</b>
sausage	<b>voyage</b>	<b>wrap</b>	<b>umpire</b>	<b>wrist</b>	<b>orchestra</b>	<b>regular</b>
service	<b>wobble</b>	<b>occurred</b>	<b>unusual</b>	<b>zest</b>	<b>pleasant</b>	<b>revolve</b>
avenue	<b>cereal</b>	<b>delicious</b>	<b>emphasis</b>	<b>homonym</b>	<b>license</b>	<b>necessary</b>
beautiful	<b>challenge</b>	<b>design</b>	<b>foreign</b>	<b>iceberg</b>	<b>lucid</b>	<b>nephew</b>

### *Helping students to get prepared:*

- Let children get creative.
- Encourage reading.
- Spell out the word loudly.
- Keep words on display.
- Play games to practice.

### NOTE:

Parents can help children practice the given words in their spare time. Children can make flash cards to practice both reading and speaking skills.