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STUDENT SPELLING LIST

SPELLING BEE

STUDENTS

All high school students in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area
Public, private and homeschooled are welcome
School uniforms are the accepted attire for contestants

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SO SPELLING BEE¹

1. All words given in the competition will be from the Webster's *Third New International Dictionary*. Although the words listed in this booklet are merely a guide, the bulk of the terms used in the competition come from this list.
2. Participants are high school students.
3. One point will be given for each word spelled correctly.
4. Each student must spell one word per round.
5. Words must be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's or an Internet audio pronunciation.
6. The pronouncer will give the speller a word; the speller should pronounce the word both before and after spelling it. **Spellers will not be penalized for failing to pronounce a word.**
7. The speller may ask for a pronunciation of the word and a definition. However, spellers are limited to three requests, including definitions, origins and all other information about the word. Root word questions will not be entertained.
8. If a speller starts to spell a word, he or she may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. However, the speller can only change the sequence of the letters once. If the sequence is changed in a second or third attempt at respelling, the action will be counted as a miss.
9. Some words have alternate spellings that are uncommon or obscure. Words will be considered correct only when spelled as they are presented on the official spelling lists, which are the preferred and common spellings as well as the spellings that all students have been given.
10. If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer shall indicate which word is to be spelled. However, any correct spelling of a homonym will be accepted if the pronouncer inadvertently forgets to define or distinguish the word.
11. **Spellers are given no more than 2-minute time periods on a word**, beginning when the pronouncer first pronounces the word. If the speller has begun to spell the word when a tone sounds to indicate the end of the 2 minutes, the judges will permit the speller to complete the spelling, provided that the spelling proceeds without delay.
12. There will be two time checks – at 1 minute and at 30 seconds.
13. **Spellers can miss one word.** When a speller misses the second word, he or she is immediately dropped from the competition. The next speller will be asked to spell that same word and so on until the end of that round. If spelled correctly, the pronouncer will give a new word to the next speller.
14. **If none of the contestants in the round spells the word correctly, then a new word will be given and all spellers will remain in the competition.**

¹ These guidelines are based on contest rules of the Scripps National Spelling Bee and from other sources.



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15. The pronouncer can move to the Championship words at the beginning of any round that has either two or three spellers remaining. In the course of using these words, if there is no champion, then the remaining spellers will be declared co-champions.
16. The champion speller is selected if he or she is the only speller remaining in the competition at the start of a round.
17. A judge's decision may be appealed by a parent or legal guardian who disputes the elimination of a speller. An appeal form must be filed with the judges and a decision will be made at the end of the contested round and before a new round begins.
18. The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions will be final on any question.

TO REPEAT CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES:

At the end of the spelling bee, when one speller misspells a word, the other speller will be given an opportunity to spell the same word. If the second speller spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second speller shall be declared the champion.

If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the competition, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The champion is not the champion until he or she corrects the misspelling of the other speller and then correctly spells the next work on the list. In summary, the champion must spell two words in a row correctly.

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