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## *Spell Bee Competition*



A spelling bee, also known as spell bee, is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell broad selection of words, correctly usually with a varying degree of difficulty. To compete, contestants must memorise the spelling of words. 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 the self confidence and thrives under pressure.
- Language based knowledge: It is not about memorising 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 one the participants will be intimated/communicated about the schedule via e-mail or text.
- The student must 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 at four levels.
- 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.
- Dates for level I will be notified separately through WhatsApp group by the concerned grade coordinators.
- The top 10 participants from each grade who qualify level I would be entitled to appear in Level II of Spell Bee Competition.

### **Kindly find below the Level I Spell Bee Words (50 Words)**

#### **Grade 1 Spelling Word List**

mat	noon	spin	flow	dig	now	fill	down	snow	stop
baby	hand	round	plant	tall	hill	pull	keep	train	rug
lot	wing	will	mad	seed	what	wet	rub	jet	pup
pond	next	crop	pin	sit	man	cool	did	name	sheep
shark	set	up	fort	ran	rob	trap	wet	sad	wipe

### Grade 2 Spelling Word List

loud	craft	brother	path	dinner	slept	wrong	none	life	knew
friend	treat	might	high	string	library	heard	past	threw	lose
even	trick	stamp	crawl	together	until	piece	stop	kick	young
twelve	family	ego	touch	prize	balloon	guess	said	zoom	funny
yard	count	stone	slum	noise	merry	crayon	suit	cloak	build

### Grade 3 Spelling Word List

cherry	knee	forgot	across	mouse	lost	became	gone	awake	travel
sewing	match	behind	clown	skinned	ride	creep	grown	fling	between
quickly	penny	stare	bright	freeze	leap	drove	lead	left	found
scream	afraid	early	raise	hung	breed	prove	burnt	ridden	country
lived	thought	cheese	lamb	knit	burst	undo	broke	grind	several

### Grade 4 Spelling Word List

alert	amount	dawn	beggar	elated	dusk	whistle	heard	window
couch	beautiful	cottage	surprise	roof	sneeze	chicken	chief	energy
giant	vacation	remind	discover	usual	library	bought	chance	instead
active	world	continue	equal	grace	crumb	cardboard	curtain	suddenly
doubt	sink	vulture	guitar	midday	sharp	calf	careful	powerful
glossy	pattern	distant	flooring	system				

### Grade 5 Spelling Word List

present	plead	phrase	grade	rare	galaxy
gasp	admire	experience	badge	pigeon	pilot
calmly	stubborn	charcoal	ancient	thieves	rescue
squeak	efficient	although	retire	unique	measure
cardinal	firmly	subtle	instruct	marble	oxygen
grandmother	dessert	dentist	kangaroo	culture	shout
length	micro	rural	multiply	charity	tough
swam	fraction	explain	clause	religion	violin
luxurious	pandemic				

## Grade 6 Spelling Word List

accept	ceiling	entrance	concern	halves	ratio	swords
curious	capable	dangerous	depart	meant	scarcely	sought
choir	appearance	creature	echoes	mention	refer	strive
autumn	bough	element	audience	myth	studio	vacuum
altogether	acquire	cooperate	grateful	partial	wrinkle	yield
variety	knowledge	guidance	scientist	hyphen	crave	museum
replace	grief	champion	policy	faucet	contagious	equator
contributing						

## Grade 7 Spelling Word List

abandon	adequate	horrify	nurture	foreign	bureau	culminate
brilliant	dreadful	diameter	judge	expense	baggage	enclose
analysis	confetti	compressor	idle	commotion	alternative	democracy
bizarre	fabricate	inhibit	humid	conduct	amuse	graffiti
competent	heroic	fatigue	irresistible	cemetery	cringe	imagery
musician	laboratory	incredible	humility	miniature	hygiene	individual
frequently	executive	economics	documentary	copyright	experiment	patriarch
junction						

## Grade 8 Spelling Word List

associate	colleague	chimp	rumour	ceremony	cease	irrigate
acknowledge	activism	solitude	partial	gaze	acre	tsunami
column	millionaire	orchid	auction	spatula	shrugged	durable
studious	jealous	nausea	vault	apostle	conifer	physics
wrestle	spaghetti	aerospace	persuade	fortune	disappear	fracture
literal	innovate	cautious	flicker	believe	beneath	braid
chaos	disease	convenient	specify	harvest	ancient	poisonous
appropriate						

## Grade 9 Spelling Word List

authentic	panorama	humour	perseverance	respite	forfeit
cerebral	brook	versatile	martyr	fantasies	senator
benevolent	sabotage	exhaustion	dormitory	narrative	playwright
etiquette	precede	laborious	apparatus	parallel	municipal
fictious	mansion	tyrant	adolescent	interpret	ambient
lustrous	charisma	phylum	edible	dichotomy	warrant
palatable	efficiency	debris	facsimile	primitive	deceive
gruesome	olfactory	tenacious	superintendent	cocoon	fusion
restoration	deceptive				

## Grade 10 Spelling Word List

colloquial	neurosis	manoeuvre	indispensable	narcissus	historical
autonomous	opacity	presumptions	ignorance	gazetteer	rhythmic
carcinogen	neophyte	siege	iguana	beguiling	serviceable
eclectic	sergeant	raspberry	corollary	auspicious	license
emigrant	preferable	miscellaneous	cumbrous	canoeing	ozone
maternal	epidemic	infer	cumulative	generosity	annoying
ecology	rampage	ingredients	disguise	endangered	vaccinate
contentment	occipital	zealous	brachial	emboss	forgery
oxymoron	amorphous				

*Helping students to get prepared. . .*

- Let children get creative
- Encourage reading
- 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.