

Fifth National Spelling Bee 2018

The rules of the competition

- 1.** The pronouncer announces the word to be spelled. She/he speaks slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word.
- 2.** The speller listens carefully to the pronouncer and asks for the word to be repeated if necessary.
- 3.** When the speller is sure she/he understands the word, she/he says it, spells it and then says the word again. She/he must say it loud enough for the judge(s) to hear it.
- 4.** The speller is not allowed to repeat the spelling of the word once she/ he says it the second time.
- 5.** If the speller is not satisfied with their performance, she / he has the right to respell the word numerous times as- long- as it is within the time allowed.
- 6.** The spell checker should write the word as spelled by the contestant, as many times as she/he spells it.
- 7.** Only judge(s) have the right to decide whether the word was spelled correctly or not.
- 8.** If the correct spelling is given, the speller remains in the game
- 9.** If the spelling is incorrect, that the speller is eliminated from the game. The judge gives the correct spelling of that word. Then the pronouncer reads a new word to the next student.
- 10.** When there are only two spellers left, if one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant must spell that word correctly to be declared the winner of that round.

- 11.** Students have the right to ask the judges to give them the definition of any word.
- 12.** In the case of homophones, the judges have to mention the definition of the word whether or not the contestants ask for them.
- 13.** The time allowed to complete the word is 60 seconds **ONLY.**
- 14.** After the 3rd round the judges have the right to use the challenging words to determine
- 15.** the winners. The challenging words are usually the above group's word list.
- 16.** In the case of group 4, the challenging words are chosen from the dictionary by the participating schools prior to the competition day.