



Spelling Bee 2008 Rules

1. Each team will consist of three or four members.
2. Words used in the Spelling Bee rounds will be selected from the 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee Spell-It *. A copy of Spell-It is only available online at www.myspellit.com. This interactive Web site features definitions, pronunciations and printable study lists.

* All participants from each grade should expect to study all of the words in the book. Additionally, at the moderators discretion, words may be taken from the consolidated wordlist which can be downloaded free of charge on Scripps National Spelling Bee website, www.spellingbee.com. (The consolidated wordlist is a list of words used in previous Scripps Spelling Bees.)

3. The moderator will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence and pronounce the word once more. Be careful to listen closely, for the word provided may be used in its plural form or another verb tense.
4. The word will be repeated one additional time if requested by a team.
5. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of the word. Each team will print the word legibly on a white board that is provided. All teams will complete the writing of the words within 20 seconds and will be instructed to put down all markers at that time.
6. All teams will display their white boards at the same time as directed by the moderator.
7. Upon misspelling a word, the team will be eliminated. If all remaining teams spell the word incorrectly, no one will be eliminated and a new word will be given. All teams in a round remain on stage until the round is completed.
8. When only one team has not been eliminated, that team will be declared the winner of that round. The winning team of each round will then compete until there is one winning team for the grade level. (There will need to be a minimum of three teams for a grade to have a grade level winner determined.)
9. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Members of the winning team on each grade level will receive trophies.
10. Copies of Spell-it, wordlists and/or papers of any kind are not allowed on the stage during the competition.