

SPELLING BEE 2019 for year 5 students of Harju County



1. Contestants gather at Aruküla Põhikool on 18th January, registration is open from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m.
2. Contestants are divided into three different groups. Every group is sent to a different classroom with 2 to 3 judges.
3. In every classroom the three best spellers move on to compete once again in the finale in front of the other students and teachers. Two best finalists compete in the grand-finale.
4. During the competition, after the pronouncer/judge says the word:
 - 4.1. The speller **may ask** the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, and/or use it in a sentence.
 - 4.2. The speller **must repeat the word**
 - 4.3. The speller **must spell the word**
 - 4.4. The speller **must repeat the word again** to notify the judge that he/she has finished spelling.
5. Judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.
6. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, BUT in retracing **there can be NO change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced**. If any letters or their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated. In other words, a speller can't correct himself/herself even while it is still his or her turn.
7. The contest shall be conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in the round.
8. Misspelling: Upon spelling a word incorrectly, the speller immediately drops out of the competition. If all of the members of a round misspell their words, a new round begins, with everyone participating in the same order as before.
9. **In the finale,**
 - 9.1. The 9 finalists start competing in rounds as before to find out the best two contestants who will compete in the grand-finale.
10. **In the grand-finale:**
 - 10.1. When there are only two spellers left, the pronouncer refers to the final word list of 10 words, 5 words for both contestants.
 - 10.2. Both contestants spell all 5 words in turns as before. The contestant who spells more words out of the 5 correctly is declared the winner.
 - 10.3. If both contestants spell the same number of words correctly, two winners will be declared.
 - 10.4. If both contestants spell all their 5 words incorrectly, they both start another round of 5 words per contestant.
11. Judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions are final. Spelling bees are like sporting events in which referees call the plays as they see them.



Disqualifications for reasons other than clear misspelling:

The judges will disqualify a speller

- (1) who fails to repeat the word before and after spelling the word
- (2) who refuses a request to start spelling;
- (3) who repeatedly takes too much time to spell each word after being reminded not to.
- (4) who engages in cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct;
- (5) who, in the process of retracing a spelling, changes the letters or sequence of letters from those first originally said;
- (6) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.



During the competition,

- there must be complete silence. Students failing to be silent could be eliminated from the competition rooms.
- Phones must be turned off.
- Teachers are not allowed to stay in the competition rooms.
- Year 9 students will be used as judges.
- Maximum number of participants is 75 students. Registration will be closed on 13th January or upon reaching the maximum number of participants.
- We expect 1-2 students from every class.
- Please, do bring indoor shoes. Snacks will be offered to students and teachers for free.
- If you happen to have any further questions, feel free to ask from ivika.jegis@arukyla.edu.ee

See You on 18th January at 12:15 p.m.!

