

Lincoln School Foundation Spelling Bee

Summary of Rules



1. Each team consists of three members. One member is designated as the speaker. At the spelling bee, each team is assigned a table where pencils and paper are provided. The team name card is placed on the table.
2. Three to seven teams may play in a spelling bee round. During the round each team will be challenged with a different spelling word by the announcer who will clearly pronounce the assigned word and properly use it in a sentence.
3. When assigned a word, the team must discuss the word, choose a spelling, then write **and circle** the word on their paper within 20 seconds. Any team member may request that the word be repeated. Pencils must be put down when time is up.
4. The team speaker:
 - must clearly say and then spell aloud the word as written **and circled** on the paper
 - may restart and change the spelling of a word only if s/he has not completed a spelling. Remember, the respelling must match the written, circled word.
 - Must then clearly say the word again.
5. A correct spelling of the word gets recorded as one point for the team. An incorrect spelling results in no point for the team.
6. After three words are spelled by all teams in the round, any team with two or more correct spellings advances to the elimination phase. The other teams should turn down their name cards and remain seated.
7. In the elimination phase, after a team spells a word correctly, the next team is given a word.
8. An incorrect spelling of the word disqualifies that team from further play, and the team should turn down their name card and remain seated.
9. If all teams remaining misspell their words, the same teams repeat the cycle with a new word.
10. The one remaining team at the end of the round will be assigned a final spelling word. A correct spelling of the word will identify that team as the winner. An incorrect spelling of the word allows all teams participating in the previous cycle to rejoin the spelling bee. Play continues in the original spelling order. When two teams remain in the round, after two cycles of correct spelling by the two teams, the round will end in a tie. If after two cycles of incorrect spelling, the judges and the spelling bee co-chairs may need to declare a tie.