

Tips for Conducting Your Classroom Spelling Bee

Help your students prepare by:

- giving your students the grade-specific 100-word study list from the log-in section of spellingbee.com, *and*
- providing the full 2019 School Spelling Bee Study List to your students if they seek a challenge.

Familiarize yourself with the *2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide*, in which:

- words 1-225 were selected from the 2019 School Spelling Bee Study List,
- words 226-250 were selected from Merriam-Webster Unabridged, copyright 2018, Merriam-Webster.

If you are including vocabulary, familiarize yourself with the *2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide Vocabulary Supplement* (available when you log in to spellingbee.com), in which:

- pages 5-7 are Basic Level oral vocabulary rounds, and
- pages 8 and 9 are Intermediate Level oral vocabulary rounds.

Decide at what point in the *Classroom Pronouncer Guide* to begin your bee. We recommend that you:

- begin **Grade 1** classroom spelling bees with **word 1** (page 10),
- begin **Grade 2** classroom spelling bees with **word 26** (page 13),
- begin **Grade 3** classroom spelling bees with **word 51** (page 16),
- begin **Grade 4** classroom spelling bees with **word 76** (page 19),
- begin **Grade 5** classroom spelling bees with **word 101** (page 22),
- begin **Grade 6** classroom spelling bees with **word 126** (page 26),
- begin **Grade 7** classroom spelling bees with **word 151** (page 29), *and*
- begin **Grade 8** classroom spelling bees with **word 176** (page 32).

As pronouncer, be sure to:

- review the *2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide* prior to your bee, *and*
- refer to the Merriam-Webster Pronunciation Symbols on page 2 of the *2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide* if you need assistance interpreting diacritical markings.

As judge, keep in mind that:

- You may consult our *Rules for Local Spelling Bees* (on page 5 of the *2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide*) if you need rules (pay special attention to Rule 10 for instruction regarding end-of-bee procedure) *and*
- You may wish to have Merriam-Webster Unabridged, copyright 2018, Merriam-Webster (<http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com>) available for reference. If you do not have a subscription to Merriam-Webster Unabridged, the preferred alternative is *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, eleventh edition, copyright 2003, Merriam-Webster.