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**SPELLING BEE 2024** IN-SCHOOL PACK



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adjudicator to hear. This is an oral competition, spellers are not permitted to use any type of writing or typing device.

6. Please note the Eason Spelling Bee uses the **Collins Dictionary 13th edition** as their authoritative source for spellings, definitions and etymologies.
7. An independent adjudicator determines whether or not the word has been spelled correctly.
8. The independent adjudicator will be the arbiter of the competition. Any questions or protests about the spelling and pronunciation of a word or the running of the competition must be referred to the independent adjudicator immediately (before the beginning of the next round). The independent adjudicator's decision will be final and no question or protest will be entertained once the competition has been completed.

bee champion.

14. On occasions when there are two spellers remaining at the end of the round, the 'Knockout Rule' will come into effect. In this situation, the adjudicator will only adjudicate after both spellers have spelled their assigned word. If both spellers correctly spell (or misspell) their assigned words, the competition continues until one speller misspells a word. The speller deemed to be the only one to correctly spell his/her assigned word will be declared the winner.

#### **Mistake**

Usage: *I made a mistake in the test.*

#### **HARD**

##### **Temporary**

Usage: *The caravan was their temporary home until the roof of their house was repaired.*

Definition: *Not permanent; provisional.*

Once the speller has started to spell the word, he/she may stop and start over from the beginning. **HOWEVER**, there can be no changes of the letters already spelled or the order in which they were first spelled.

The pronouncer advises the speller if the spelling is correct or incorrect. They can confer with an adjudicator if necessary.

If the speller spells the word correctly they return to their seat. If they spell the word incorrectly, the speller is then eliminated and the pronouncer gives the correct spelling of the word. The pronouncer reads a new word to the next student.

the competition continues. The pronouncer or teacher may only adjudicate **after both** spellers have spelled their assigned word. The speller deemed to be the **only one** to correctly spell his/her assigned word will be declared the winner.

The winning speller will then go on to represent their school at the County Spelling Bee Final.



**Marble**  
**Mother**  
**Oven**  
**Party**  
**Plumber**  
**Rabbit**  
**Return**  
**Shelter**  
**Simple**  
**Swear**  
**Tablet**  
**Upsize**

*The marble was filled with different colours.  
Mary loved to go shopping with her mother.  
Don't forget to put the cake in the oven to bake.  
Zoe couldn't wait for her birthday party.  
The plumber came to fix the toilet.  
The rabbit hopped across the field.  
No matter how far she wandered, the dog would always return home before dark.  
They took shelter from the rain.  
The puzzle was simple to complete.  
In America students swear allegiance to the flag.  
She took a vitamin c tablet every morning with her breakfast.  
With the continued demand for its product, the company decided now was the right time to upsize.*

**Vampire**  
**Velvet**  
**Young**

*Bill dressed up as a vampire for Halloween.  
She wore a lovely velvet suit to the wedding.  
She loved to tell people how young she was.*

**Library**  
**Luscious**  
**Minus**  
**Museum**  
**Nonsense**  
**Occasion**  
**Ornament**  
**Oxygen**  
**Panorama**  
**Particular**  
**Pedestal**  
**Perimeter**  
**Periodic**  
**Permanent**  
**Permission**  
**Personality**  
**Pharmacy**  
**Plague**  
**Plausible**  
**Politician**  
**Preclude**  
**Premature**

*She borrowed a book from the library.  
With plenty of melted chocolate and cream, the dessert was luscious.  
Ten minus two equals eight.  
The artist frequently went to the museum to see the public reaction to his work.  
The film was just silly, it was utter nonsense.  
The christening was a joyous occasion for all the family.  
The precious ornament adorned the mantle piece.  
We all breathe oxygen.  
They stood on the hilltop to admire the panorama.  
There are some particular tastes that I don't like.  
It is a bad idea to put someone on a pedestal.  
There was a fence around the perimeter of the field.  
The class would learn to use a periodic table in Chemistry.  
The vandal had used permanent marker on the table.  
He asked his parents for permission to go to the disco.  
Getting to know someone means learning about their personality.  
Rory brought Granny's prescription to the pharmacy.  
The black plague devastated Europe during the Middle Ages.  
It was a good film but the storyline was just not plausible.  
The politician gave an impressive speech.  
Modesty did not preclude him from accepting the prize.  
He was premature with his question as the topic would be covered later.*

**Proclaim**  
**Professor**  
**Pronounce**  
**Prosecute**  
**Purchase**

*They waited for the King to proclaim that taxes would be lowered.  
The professor of history was old and grumpy.  
Some words are more difficult to pronounce than others  
The police decided not to prosecute as it had been her first offence.  
I would like to purchase some sweets.*

<b>Scoundrel</b>	She was a scoundrel who cheated her way to success.
<b>Scripture</b>	Jesus' apostles wrote much of the scripture that is read today.
<b>Seminar</b>	Everyone was invited to attend a public speaking seminar.
<b>Serene</b>	Due to her calm nature, the lady always appeared so serene.
<b>Stingy</b>	Ebenezer Scrooge was known to be a stingy man.
<b>Stringent</b>	The Principal made it clear she would be stringent about uniform rules.
<b>Sympathy</b>	It was hard not to feel sympathy when Orla hurt her foot.
<b>Tedious</b>	The long film became tedious after a while.
<b>Therapy</b>	Sean had therapy on his knee after his rugby incident.
<b>Tournament</b>	Every year there is a tennis tournament in the local club.
<b>Utility</b>	The electricity network is a public utility.
<b>Wedge</b>	They placed a piece of timber as a wedge to stop the door closing.
<b>Whimper</b>	The puppy began to whimper when he was left on his own.
<b>Yipper</b>	Fans were intrigued to watch the golfer yipper before taking his shot.
<b>Yump</b>	It was a sight to see the rally car yump over the ridge.

<b>Ampulla</b>	A person's bearing or demeanour. The ampulla was put on display in the Roman museum.
<b>Anonymous</b>	A Roman two-handled bottle for oil, wine or perfume. Christianity - A vessel for containing the wine and water used at the Eucharist. Rory was intrigued when he received an anonymous letter.
<b>Antiseptic</b>	From or by a person, author etc, whose name is unknown or withheld. Mum applied antiseptic to his cut.
<b>Argonaut</b>	Of, relating to, or effecting antiseptis. An antiseptic agent or substance. Jason along with each and every argonaut set sail in the quest for the Golden Fleece.
<b>Articulate</b>	Greek myth: One of the heroes who sailed with Jason in quest of the Golden Fleece. A lawyer must be able to articulate his arguments.
<b>Banjax</b>	Able to express oneself fluently and coherently. He made a complete banjax of putting the train set together.
<b>Bassoon</b>	To ruin or destroy, often as a result of incompetence. A bassoon is a great example of a woodwind instrument in an orchestra.
<b>Beverage</b>	A woodwind instrument, the tenor of the oboe family. Range: about three and a half octaves upwards from the B flat below the bass staff. As the day was so warm, they ordered a beverage to help quench their thirst.
<b>Boisterous</b>	Any drink, usually other than water. The class were in boisterous form and difficult to control.
<b>Boutique</b>	Noisy and lively; unrestrained or unruly. Karen bought her dress in a designer boutique.
<b>Brachiosaurus</b>	A shop, esp a small one selling fashionable clothes and other items. The children saw a skeleton of a brachiosaurus in the natural history museum.
<b>Campaign</b>	A dinosaur of the genus Brachiosaurus, up to 30 metres long: the largest land animal ever known. The politician launched his campaign for re-election.
	A series of coordinated activities, such as public speaking and demonstrating, designed to achieve a social, political, or commercial goal.



<b>Energumen</b>	He was acting so strangely that they thought he was an energumen. "A person thought to be possessed by an evil spirit A fanatic or zealot"
<b>Entelechy</b>	They had not yet realised the entelechy of the situation. 1. (In the philosophy of Aristotle) Actuality as opposed to potentiality. 2. (In the system of Leibnitz) The soul or principle of perfection of an object or person; a monad or basic constituent. 3. Something that contains or realizes a final cause, esp the vital force thought to direct the life of an organism."
<b>Episematic</b>	The animal's colourings are episematic. (Zoology) (esp of coloration) Aiding recognition between animals of the same species.
<b>Equipollent</b>	Two directed line segments are equipollent when they have the same length and direction. Equal or equivalent in significance, power, or effect.
<b>Fiasco</b>	The match ended in a complete fiasco after a couple of players were sent off. A complete failure, espone that is ignominious or humiliating.
<b>Flabbergast</b>	She knew her decision to attempt to climb Mount Everest would flabbergast her family. To overcome with astonishment; amaze utterly; astound.
<b>Flammiferous</b>	The circus performer managed to put on a flammiferous display. Flame-producing.
<b>Galileo</b>	Italian scientist and scholar Galileo made pioneering observations that laid the foundation for modern physics and astronomy. Full name Galileo Galilei. 1564-1642, Italian mathematician, astronomer, and physicist. He discovered the isochronism of the pendulum and demonstrated that falling bodies of different weights descend at the same rate.
<b>Gastronomy</b>	This was the first age of gastronomy - when for the first time a chef became a celebrity. The art of good eating. The type of cookery of a particular region.

<b>Juxtapose</b>	Originating or occurring naturally (in a country, region, etc); native. Innate (to); inherent (in). In some cities the juxtapose of extreme wealth and poverty is startling. To place close together or side by side.
<b>Latitude</b>	The horizontal lines on a map represent latitude. An angular distance in degrees north or south of the equator, equal to the angle subtended at the centre of the globe by the meridian between the equator and the point in question.
<b>Longevity</b>	The centenarian put her longevity down to going for a walk by the sea every day. Long life. Relatively long duration of employment, service, etc.
<b>Malapropism</b>	The comedian used a lot of malapropism in his act. "1. The unintentional misuse of a word by confusion with one of similar sound, esp when creating a ridiculous effect, as in "I am not under the affluence of alcohol." 2. The habit of misusing words in this manner."
<b>Neanderthal</b>	His ape like behaviour, led to people saying he was like a neanderthal man. Relating to or characteristic of Neanderthal man. Primitive; uncivilized.
<b>Onomasiology</b>	The linguist preferred the approach of onomasiology. "Another name for onomastics (1); The branch of semantics concerned with the meanings and meaning relations between individual words. The branch of semantics concerned with the meanings of and meaning relations between individual words."
<b>Panettone</b>	The smell of the freshly baked panettone filled the air. A kind of Italian spiced brioche containing sultanas: traditionally eaten at Christmas in Italy.
<b>Parsimony</b>	Her parsimony would annoy her friends whenever they went on holidays together. Extreme care or reluctance in spending; frugality; niggardliness.
<b>Phenomenon</b>	The huge thunderstorm was a weather phenomenon they had never witnessed before. Anything that can be perceived as an occurrence or fact by the senses.



<b>Ascetic</b>	<i>The monk followed an ascetic lifestyle. A person who practises great self-denial and austerities and abstains from worldly comforts and pleasures, esp for religious reasons.</i>
<b>Carapace</b>	<i>The turtle had a beautiful carapace. The thick hard shield, made of chitin or bone, that covers part of the body of crabs, lobsters, tortoises, etc.</i>
<b>Centrifuge</b>	<i>The lab technician explained that whole blood is put in a centrifuge to separate the red blood cells from the white blood cells. Any of various rotating machines that separate liquids from solids or dispersions of one liquid in another, by the action of centrifugal forces.</i>
<b>Chromosome</b>	<i>The chromosome contained a number of genes. Noun: any of the microscopic rod-shaped structures that appear in a cell nucleus during cell division, consisting of nucleoprotein arranged into units (genes) that are responsible for the transmission of hereditary characteristics.</i>
<b>Equiponderate</b>	<i>She had a tendency to equiponderate two courses of action. "To equal or balance in weight, power, force, etc; offset; counterbalance"</i>
<b>Escutcheon</b>	<i>The family coat of arms was displayed on an escutcheon. Def: A shield, esp a heraldic one that displays a coat of arms.</i>
<b>Exacerbate</b>	<i>Lack of sleep served to exacerbate the boy's bad mood. To make (pain, disease, emotion, etc) more intense; aggravate; to exasperate or irritate (a person).</i>
<b>Inegalitarian</b>	<i>There is a need to detect the hidden inegalitarian effects of certain measures. A person who holds that people are not equal; opposed to equality; characterized by inequality.</i>
<b>Psaligraphy</b>	<i>The woman enjoyed psaligraphy as her pastime. The art of cutting out silhouettes</i>

5. Entry into this Competition shall be deemed to be a full and unconditional acceptance of these terms and conditions.
6. Pupils who enter the Competition on behalf of their national school (ROI) must be a pupil in either 5th or 6th class in that national school during the 2023/2024 school year.
7. Prizes include:
  - All-Ireland winning school:  
**A book library to the value of €7,500**
  - All-Ireland finalists (non-winners) school:  
**A book library to the value of €3,000**
  - Overall winner  
**Books/Vouchers to the value of €500**
  - Finalists (non-winners)  
**Books/Vouchers to the value of €250**
  - County Heat winners  
**Books/Vouchers to the value of €50**
8. No cash alternative will be offered in lieu of any prize awarded.
9. The prize is non-transferable and non-refundable.

10. guardian's signature prior to the County Heat for approval to enter the Competition.
17. The allocation of the national/primary school prizes will be to individual national/primary schools only.
18. The Promoter reserves the right to alter the specifications of the prize should that specified be unavailable for reasons beyond their control. Any alternative prize will be of equal value.
19. Neither the Promoter nor its agents will have any liability or responsibility for any claim arising in connection with participation in the Competition or any of the prizes awarded.
20. These terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Irish law.
21. The entrants personal data will only be held for the purpose of selecting the winner and will not be used for any other purposes whatsoever without their prior permission. Any personal data relating to entrants will be used solely in accordance with current data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to a third party without the individual's prior permission.
22. All spellings will be judged correct or incorrect based on the spelling used in the Collins English Dictionary 13th edition.
23. All enquires relating to this competition should be made to Eason Spelling Bee, c/o Eason Ltd, Block 4, First Floor, Swords Business Park, Co. Dublin, K67 X903.



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