



**Announcement of the 'Spelling Bee'**  
**Grade Three**  
**Academic Year 2016 - 2017**



Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear parents,

The English Department is excited to announce **Al Ansar International School's Spelling Bee Competition**, which will be held on the following dates during school hours:

1. **Round 1- Classroom Spelling Bee** will be conducted on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
(Top students will advance from each class to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round)  
These top students will be given new sets of words to practice and compete for entering to the Final round.
2. **Round 2- Semi Final Spelling Bee** will be conducted on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.  
( Top students will be given the last set of words to practice and compete against each other in the Final Campus Spelling Bee to win the title)
3. **Round 3 – Final Round Campus Spelling Bee** will be held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.  
Top 3 winners will be announced.

We encourage your child to study the words in preparation for the Spelling Bee Competition. This is a great opportunity for each student to improve their spelling and have fun!

- **Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the winners.**
- **Participants will receive certificate of participation.**

Those who wish to participate in the Spelling Bee Competition please register your child by filling in the information below and submitting the form to the respective English teachers by Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Please fill in the form below to register for the Spelling Bee Competition.**

I give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/ Section \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Spelling Bee Competition.

I do not give consent for my child to participate in the Spelling Bee Competition.

## Spelling Bee Rules

1. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. The judges may not disqualify a speller for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it.
2. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, and/or provide the part of speech. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller.
3. The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.
4. The role of the pronouncer is (1) to correctly pronounce the word and (2) to give a sentence, definition, and other information about the word at the speller's request. The role of the judges is to determine whether the contestant has spelled the word correctly. The role of the speller is (1) to gather as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly and (2) to spell the word correctly. The judges may not disqualify a speller for asking a question.
5. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. In retracing, however, there cannot be a change of letters of their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
  - a. **Please note that 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade spellers can correct his or her mistake before a judge indicates that the word is misspelled.**
6. The speller shall not be disqualified for failing to note that a word is capitalized.
7. If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer will indicate which word is to be spelled. If the listed word is not properly identified, either by defining it or distinguishing the homonyms, any correct spelling of any homonym of the word will be accepted.
8. The competition 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, except as provided in Rule 13.
9. Upon missing the spelling of a word, a speller immediately drops out of the competition, except as provided in Rule 13. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next speller.
10. If all spellers in one round misspell their word, all spellers shall remain in the competition.
11. If only one speller in a round spells a word correctly, a new round shall begin and the speller shall be given an opportunity to spell the next word on the list. If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the new word, the speller shall be declared the champion. Otherwise, if the speller does not succeed in correctly spelling the new word, all the spellers at the start of the previous round shall remain in the competition. A new round will begin and spellers will remain in their original spelling order.
12. The rules change once the round consists of two players:
  - a. When one of the two spellers misspells a word in one round, the speller who spelled the word correctly shall be given a new word to spell. If that speller spells that word correctly, then the speller shall be declared the champion.
  - b. If both spellers misspell their word, then both shall continue in the competition and a new round begins.
13. In the event that more than one speller is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a spell-off will be held to determine final place.
14. The pronouncer must give all spellers in each round a word from the same level of difficulty on the list being used (e.g. beginning, intermediate, advanced, challenge).
15. Spellers may be asked to spell words from a non-study list after successfully spelling words from the challenge list on their grade level. It is not required that the challenge list be exhausted before moving on to the non-study list. The pronouncer must announce that the words will come from a non-study list before that round begins.
16. Appeals won't be entertained during and after the competition.
17. The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decision shall be final on all questions and has to be followed.



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**List of Round 1**

**Beginning Words**

seven	forget	happy	honey	inside	power
pretty	express	feather	outside	cover	mother
remark	report	season	every	sister	alarm
brother	lesson	party	people	window	zebra
mouth	country	father	finish	garden	rubber
yellow	pocket	parent	wagon	morning	never

**Intermediate Words**

mountain	friendship	teammate	explain	kitchen	equipment
grateful	question	because	vacuum	mixture	afternoon
objection	earthquake	address	vacation	important	government
daughter	pinata	exercise	fatigue	special	justice
neighbour	machine	foreign	education	convention	evidence
balloon	parade	chicken	ignorant	attorney	scissors