

How We'll Play

The Moderator will pronounce each word, use it in a sentence, and repeat the word. After the Moderator says the word a second time, each team will have 60 seconds to discuss their answer and write it on the dry-erase board. After 30 seconds, each team will hold up their answers. The word will then be projected onto a screen for everyone to see.

If you have spelled the word incorrectly, you'll lower one of your flags and prepare for the next word. If you spell a word incorrectly and it is your THIRD incorrect spelling, your team is eliminated unless you wish to purchase a MULLIGAN. If not—you'll lower your third flag and remove your team name sign.

You may proceed with play if you purchase a Mulligan —Extra Chance (\$30). A Mulligan gives your team ONE flag back (you are back in the competition until you misspell another word. At this point your team is out...unless you purchase another Mulligan). Only THREE Mulligans are allowed per team, and a Mulligan can only be purchased during regular round play (NOT during the Championship Round). If you'd like to purchase a Mulligan, act quickly because teams must be ready to spell the next word called by the Moderator. When there are five remaining teams left, the Spelling Bee enters the Championship Round (no more mulligans).

Single Elimination Round: teams will be eliminated with the first word misspelled, until there is only one team left. If all remaining teams misspell the same word, only these teams will be allowed to try again and spell a new word. If there is a tie, the Moderator will continue to offer words until there is a clear winner.

Judges make the final decision on all questions. There will be no appeals.

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