

Official
Rules \& Word Lists
SPELLING BEE 2024 IN-SCHOOL PACK



1. These rules will be used for all county finals, provincial finals and for the All-Ireland final.
2. The Bee Master announces the word to be spelled. The Bee Master must speak slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word.
3. The speller listens carefully to the Bee Master and asks for the word to be repeated if necessary. It is the responsibility of the speller to ensure they have correctly understood the word. The Bee Master will grant the request(s) until the independent adjudicator is of the opinion that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller.
4. Before the speller begins to spell they may ask the Bee Master to use the word in a sentence and for a word in the HARD category may also ask for the dictionary definition. As per below, the dictionary we will use at the Eason Spelling Bee is the Collins English Dictionary 13th edition.
5. When the speller is sure that they understand the word, they must say the word themselves to confirm the pronunciation and then they spell it. They must say it loudly enough for the 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 th 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.
9. Any speller found to be in breach of these rules will be eliminated automatically
10. If the correct spelling was given the speller remains in the competition. If the spelling was incorrect, that speller is eliminated from the competition. The Bee Master/Adjudicato then gives the correct spelling of the word. The eliminated speller sits down in their seat, and re-joins the audience at the end of the round.
11. The Bee Master reads a new word to the next student.
12. A speller is allowed to stop at any point during the spelling process and begin again from the start of the word. However he/she is not allowed to change any letters that they began with before the point at which he/she stopped. If every letter in the process is not the same as it was before he/she stopped, the speller will be eliminated.
13. Spellings will get harder as the competition progresses. It is a knockout competition. Spellers will continue to be knocked out until one remains. If there is only one speller left at the end of a round, then he/she will be named the Eason Spelling 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.

## To prepare for the county competition we recommend you

 run your in-school competition in the following way:The Spelling Bee is open to pupils of $5^{\text {th }}$ and $6^{\text {th }}$ class.

Spellers are seated facing the pronouncer. Starting with the first peller, each child is called in turn and the pronouncer (a teacher) reads out the word they are to spell.

For any word on the EASY or MEDIUM category list, the speller may ask for the word to be used in a sentence; for any word on the HARD category list, the speller may ask for both the definition of the word and for the word to be used in a sentence (see examples below). In all cases, the speller can ask the pronouncer or teacher to say the word again. The speller must say the word and then spell it. Examples are as follows:

## EASY

Famous
Usage: I want to be famous when I grow up

## MEDIUM

Mistake
Usage: I made a mistake in the test.

## HARD

## Temporary

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.

Once all spellers have had a chance, the round is over and the next round begins with the remaining spellers. This continues in rounds until one or two spellers remain at the end of a round If there is only one speller at the end of the round, he/she is declared the outright winner.
f there are two spellers remaining at the end of the round, the competition will continue on a knockout basis. Each speller will hen be given a separate and different word from the HARD category list. These words will be assigned to spellers as per the order in which they appear in this official in-school pack.

As with any word from the HARD category list, each speller can ask the pronouncer or teacher for both a definition of the word and for the word to be used in a sentence - see example given. Spellers can also ask the pronouncer or teacher to say the word again.

## amboozle

Usage: The cheat's aim was to bamboozle the card dealer
Definition: To cheat; mislead.
If both spellers correctly spell (or misspell) their assigned word, he 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.

Chapter<br>Clamber Confess Correct Cuddle Danger Dollar Dollar Dribble Event erry Forest Fridge Fridge Funnel Gailon Gender Giant Gleam Impact Jade Knife Larch Marble Mother Oven Plumber Rabbit Return Shelter Simple Swear Upsize<br>e would go to sleep once he finished another chapter of his book. They managed to clamber over the rocks to get to the top of the hill. The police hoped that the criminal would confess.<br>My homework is correct.<br>Every mum loves to give their child a cuddle.<br>There was no danger that he would miss the train.<br>In America they use the dollar as their unit of currency<br>The mother wiped the dribble from her baby's chin<br>The high jump is an Olympicevent<br>You can take a ferry from Ireland to Wales.<br>She saw the light flicker before the bulb went out.<br>The whole family went for a lovely walk in the forest.<br>He put the milk in the fridge.<br>You can use afunnel to pour liquid i<br>fhe cor measured the milk by the gallon<br>The rugby player looked like a giant.<br>There was a gleam from the polished glasses.<br>The impact knocked her back<br>Her necklace was made ofjade.<br>He used a knife to slice the bread.<br>The forest was full oflarch trees.<br>The marble was filled with different colours.<br>Mary loved to go shopping with her mother<br>Don't forget to put the cake in the oven to bake.<br>Zoe couldn't wait for her birthday party.<br>The plumber came to fix the toilet.<br>The rabbit hopped across the field<br>No matter how far she wandered, the dog would always return home before dark. They took shelterf from the rain.<br>The puzzle was simple to complete.<br>In America students swear allegiance to the flag.<br>she took a vitamin c tablet every morning with her breakfast.<br>With the continued demand for its product, the company decided now<br>was the right time to upsize.<br>Bill dressed up as a vampire for Halloween.<br>She wore a lovely velvet suit to the wedding.<br>She loved to tell people how young she was.

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To lose weight the man needed to abstain from chocolate.
The magician managed to astonish and amaze his audience. The sorceror was able to bewitch the peasant girl.
Donald Duck is my favourite Disney character.
Gran's arthritis causes chronic pain in her elbou.
The passer-by watched the cars collide
A committee was formed to organise the Sports Day. A travelling companion is a good idea so that you don't get lonely. A long corridor lead to the library.
He put the sugar in the cupboard.
A can of baked beans is a cylinder shape.
Prince William is a member of the royal dynasty.
They chose a quick route that would be expedien
The woman looked familiar, Simon was sure they had met before.
want befamous when grow up.
It was agreed that the loser of the race would do a forfeit. She checked the timetable to see the frequency of the bus. The giant lived in a gigantic house.
It was important to be aware of the hierarchy at the office. The soccer player was delighted with his inclusion in the team. After the initial shock she really enjoyed the surprise party. He scraped his knuckle on the wall. 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 wasjust silly, it was utter nonsense.
The christening was ajoyous 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 afence 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 fim 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.
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.

In-School spelling
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| Quarter |
| Recession |
| Recommend |
| Recruit |
| Rectify |
| Redundant |
| Referendum |
| Reluctant |
| Remember |
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| Renovate |
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| Ritual |
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| Ruffian |
| Sacrament |
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| Saunter |
| Scorpion |
| Scoundrel |
| Scripture |
| Seminar |
| Serene |
| Stingy |
| Stringent |
| Sympathy |
| Tedious |
| Therapy |
| Tournament |
| Utility |
| Wedge |
| Whimper |
| Yipper |
| Yump |

## The security guard ran in pursuit of the thie

At a quarter to five the game will begin.
The news reports were full of stories about the recession.
He asked his friend to recommend a suitable candidate.
He received a uniform when he signed up as a recruit
They did their best to rectify the situation.
The landline telephone is redundant in many homes.
The decision would be made by way of a referendum.
He was reluctant to take the chance.
She would try and remember to bring the CD.
The renegade troops posed a serious danger
They hired an architect to help them renovate the old house The son began to resemble his father
One must be responsible in order to take care of a pet.
The witc
The witch performed a ritual to increase her powers.
The rosette was awarded to the best dog at the show.
The ruffian had robbed people all his life
Confession is a Catholic sacrament.
The public would not sanction the government cuts.
Conor used to saunter along to school and so was always late.
The scorpion stung her on the foot.
She was a scoundrel who cheated her way to success.
Jesus' apostles wrote much of the scripture that is read today.
Everyone was invited to attend a public speaking seminar.
Due to her calm nature, the lady always appeared so serene.
Ebenezer Scrooge was known to be a stingy man.
The Principal made it clear she would be stringent about uniform rules.
It was hard not to feel sympathy when Orla hurt her foot. The long film became tedious after a while.
Sean had therapy on his knee after his rugby incident.
Every year there is a tennis tournament in the local club.
The electricity network is a public utility.
They placed a piece of timber as a wedge to stop the door closing.
The puppy began to whimper when he was left on his own.
Fans were intrigued to watch the golfer yipper before taking his shot.
It was a sight to see the rally car yump over the ridge.

The one animal she wanted to see on safari was the aardvark. A nocturnal mammal, Orycteropus afer, the sole member of its family (Orycteropodidae) and order (Tubulidentata). It inhabits the grasslands of Africa, has long ears and snout, and feeds on termites. Also called: ant bear
The climber felt a sense of abodement prior to climbing Everest.
A sign that something good or bad is about to happen.
In order to protect their teeth, the children decided to pursue total abstinence fro sugary drinks.
The act or practice of refraining from some action or from the use of something, esp alcohol.
Inside the box was an old accordion.
A portable box-shaped instrument of the reed organ family, consisting of metallic reeds that are made to vibrate by airf rom a set of bellows controlled by the player's hands. They wrap these freshly caught snacks in another silk, called silk. Shaped like bunch of grapes.
The repeated use of the business acronym confused many listeners. A pronounceable name made up of a series of initial letters or parts of words. He was an acrophobe, so he wouldn't go up to the to the top of the skyscraper. A person who is abnormally afraid of heights.
An adjective phrase is a group of words that describe a noun or pronoun in a sentence. A word imputing a characteristic to a noun or pronoun.
Her amenaunce made it clear she was not in a good mood. A person's bearing or demeanour.
The ampulla was put on display in the Roman museum. 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.
From or by a person, author etc, whose name is unknown or withheld. Mum applied antiseptic to his cut.
Of, relating to, or effecting antisepsis. An antiseptic agent or substance. Jason along with each and every argonaut set sail in the quest for the Golden Fleece. 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.
Able to express oneselffluently and coherently. He made a complete banjax of putting the train set together. To ruin or destroy, often as a result of incompetence.
A bassoon is a great example of a woodwind instrument in an orchestra. A woodwind instrument, the tenor of the oboe family. Range: about three and a half octaves upwards from the Bflat below the bass staff. As the day was so warm, they ordered a beverage to help quench their thirst. Any drink, usually other than water.
The class were in boisterous form and difficult to control. Noisy and lively; unrestrained or unruly. Noisy and lively; unrestrained or unruly. Karenbought small pe selling feshion ique A shop, esp a small one seling fashionable clothes and other items. The children saw a skeleton of a brachiosaurus in the natural history museum. 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.

## Cardiomyopathy

Caterwaul

## Clandestine

## Constitution

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## Episematic

Equipollen

Fiasco

Flabbergast

Flammiferous

The patient was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy.
A disease of the heart muscle usually caused by a biochemical defect or a toxin such as alcohol.
I heard a caterwaul outside my house last night
A shriek; a high pitched wail or screech.
The spies were careful to keep the clandestine meeting asecret Secret and concealed, often for illicit reasons; furtive.
Every person has rights granted to them by the Constitution.
The act of constituting or state of being constituted.
When you learn sign language, you have to first memorize the dactylology. The method of using manual sign language, as in communicating with deaf people. At each of these spots the diamantiferous area was a roughly circular patch of considerable size.
(usually of geographical regions) producing or bearing diamonds. All the flowers were disepalous.
(offlowers or plants) Having two sepals.
Effleurage can help remove toxins from the body.
Noun. A light stroking technique used in massage 2. verb to massage using this movement.
The team had the right number of players to be eligible to take part in the tournament.
Fit, worthy, or qualified, as for an office or function.
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" 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.
2. Something that contains or realizes a final cause, esp the vital force thought to direct the life of an organism."
The animal's colourings are episematic.
(Zoology) (esp of coloration) Aiding recognition between animals of the same species. Two directed l i
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he match ended in a complete fiasco after a couple of players were sent off. A complete failure, espone that is ignominious or humiliating
She knew her decision to attempt to climb Mount Everest would flabbergast herfamily.
To overcome with astonishment; amaze utterly; astound.
The circus performer managed to put on a flammiferous display. Flame-producing.
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.
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.

The Chinese concept of guanxi may be familiar to the Irish. A Chinese social concept based on the exchange offavours, in which personal relationships are considered more important than laws and written agreements The gypsophila plant had lovely white flowers.
Any caryophyllaceous plant of the mainly Eurasian genus Gypsophila, such as baby's-breath, having small white or pink flowers.
It was obvious to everyone that Bob was trying his best to humiliate Dave. To lower or hurt the dignity or pride of
He planted a hyacinth in his garden to add a splash of colour Any liliaceous plant of the Mediterranean genus Hyacinthus, esp any cultivated variety of $H$. orientalis, having a thick flower stalk bearing white, blue, or pink fragrant flowers.
You can read about the newly discovered snake-eel in "The International Journal of Ichthyology".
The study of the physiology, history, economic importance, etc, of fishes. The impecunious performer sang at the street corner for money. Adj. without money; penniless
His statement was inadmissible in court. Not admissible or allowable.
The bird sat on her eggs in the nest to incubate them
(of birds) to supply (eggs) with heat for their development, esp by sitting on them. The most indigenous inhabitants were the American Indians. 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.
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.
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.
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."

His ape like behaviour, led to people saying he was like a neanderthal man Relating to or characteristic of Neanderthal man. Primitive uncivilized. 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.
meanings and meaning relations between individual words. The branch of semantics conce
The smell of the freshly baked panettone filled the
A kind of Italian spiced brioche containing sultanas: traditionally eaten at Christmas in Italy.
Her parsimony would annoy her friends whenever they went on holidays together. Extreme care or reluctance in spending; frugality; niggardliness.
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.

Quadrilingual Racahout

## 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.
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. one liquid in another, by the action of centrifugal forces. 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.

Escutcheon
Exacerbate

Inegalitarian
"To equal or balance in weight, power, force, etc; offset; counterbalance" The family coat of arms was diplayed on an escutcheon. Def: A shield, esp a heraldic one that displays a coat of arms. Def: A shield, esp a heraldic one that displays a coat of
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).
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 charateriz by inequality.
psaligraphy as her pastime.

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3. No purchase necessary
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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 $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} 7,500$
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A book library to the value of $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{3}, 000}$

## Overall winner

Books/Vouchers to the value of $£ 500$

- Finalists (non-winners)

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County Heat winners
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