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**RATIONALE**

The Spelling Bee will emphasize the need to be a competent speller. Not all writing is done via the computer; therefore, accuracy in spelling is an important part of an individual’s overall educational experience. It is a skill that will have lifelong repercussions and will empower students to be more competitive in the workplace as well as enrich the lives of productive citizens.

In addition, it will open another language-based venue to recognize success and achievement in those students who do not excel in math, science, or music. It will provide a friendly competitive environment and challenge students to do their personal best.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of having a Spelling Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them throughout their lives.

Knowing how to spell a word is of limited value if you are unable to incorporate it in the appropriate context of a sentence, understand it in a passage, or use it to articulate your thoughts. That is why we strongly encourage students and teachers to maximize the educational potential of the Spelling Bee by finding the definitions and pronunciations for the words, by using the school or local library to find books or magazines where the words are used in context, and, most importantly, make spelling study fun by creatively incorporating games and other group activities.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Every elementary school in the Central California Conference is welcome to participate. All students in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are encouraged to take part in the local rounds. Teachers are urged to make these local rounds fun, stress-free, and tools for learning. Winners from these rounds will represent their schools in the Conference Spelling Bee. There may be one student from each grade, 3-8, for a total of six students from each participating school. There may be an alternate from each grade at the local school level **if** the local grade representative is unable to attend the Spelling Bee. Every team must have a certificated teacher to coach and guide the team. This individual will accompany the team to the final phase of the competition.

**DATELINE**

The first semester and beginning of second semester should be the time when students prepare and learn the words in conjunction with the regular spelling class. Talented spellers should emerge from the individual classrooms as they progress through the school year. The classroom teacher will decide how to determine who the top spellers are through routine classroom competitions.

**Thursday, January 24, 2019** - Schools must notify the Office of Education of their participation.

**Thursday, January 31, 2019** - Final lists of student names must be submitted to the Office of Education (shirt sizes should be included). You may register on our website at http://cccedu.adventistfaith.org

**Thursday, March 7, 2019** - Conference-wide 2019 Spelling Bee

– Monterey Bay Academy

 • Registration begins at 8:30 A.M.

 • Devotion begins at 9:00 A.M.

**WORD BASE**

The words used during the Spelling Bee will be selected and reviewed by the CCC Spelling Bee Committee and also taken from Scripps National Spelling Bee®. [Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com/) will be the reference used by the judges.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Every school will receive a handbook containing the rules and regulations which will govern the final competition.

The competition procedure is being designed not only to encourage individual achievement but moreover to encourage teamwork and a team-building spirit.

**General** – Students will write out, in print (not cursive), the spelling words in the Individual Round and the spelling section of the Team Challenge.Words will be read by a judge at the front of the room. Questions may be asked at the end of the word list.

**Team Challenge** – Grade-level teams, comprised of 3-5 students will be randomly determined. The three sets of teams will be 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, and 7th & 8th graders. These teams will face off twice during the challenge. One part of the challenge will be 20 words from an unseen list that need to be spelled correctly, and the other part of the challenge will be the definitions of words chosen out of the handbook. The teams will be tested on approximately 40 words during the Team Challenge.

The scores from both the spelling and the vocabulary sections of the challenge will be combined into a composite score. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners which will be determined during the event for each grade-level group: 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, and 7th & 8th grades.

**Individual Round -** Each grade will participate separately. There will be 40 words in this round - 75% from the list and 25% from an unseen list. There will be 3 winners in each grade for a total of 18 winners from this round.

**Final Round -** The top 3 winners from each grade from the Individual Round will participate in this final round. This round will be oral with single elimination. The words will be read from a list that the students will not be able to study beforehand.

**PRIZES**

Each contestant will receive a certificate of participation. Additional prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Team Challenge, Individual Round, and the Final Round.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The Central California Conference Office of Education will assume financial responsibility for the public relations costs, and other miscellaneous expenses incurred in running the program. Individual schools will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the local school site to the site of the competition, Monterey Bay Academy.

**Spelling Word List**

**Third Grade**

aboard

absorb

adventure

axle

backwards

beautiful

billion

blessing

bought

bounce

brainstorm

broad

burrow

butterflies

cabinet

caper

castle

cement

collar

colorful

command

consider

crease

demanding

disgust

dismal

droll

dryness

easily

episode

except

explained

famous

faithful

fortune

fronds

froth

fruits

gentleness

glimpse

heavy

heroic

intense

island

jitterbug

jungle

kidney

laugh

leaped

leftovers

mallet

material

message

minutes

monitor

motion

mumble

murmur

mustard

nephew

obey

officer

pavement

perhaps

perky

plead

ponder

pretended

railing

reason

rejoice

relish

rugged

sailor

screenplay

several

shingle

skillet

sneer

sourly

stellar

stomach

submarine

supply

talons

thicket

treadmill

townsfolk

tripod

twinkly

upright

vegetable

vital

volcano

walrus

wardrobe

weight

welcome

wreck

yoke

**Fourth Grade**

additional

airborne

antelope

assignment

attention

beginning

beneath

blatant

blizzard

bristle

britches

calculator

cellar

cereal

challenge

churn

confection

couch

cough

curtain

crutches

cushion

delighted

denied

disqualify

earlier

echoed

eclipse

ecstatic

edible

editor

escaping

eyelet

expensive

fanzine

fetch

foreground

foul

fracture

fragrance

garage

generous

genius

gymnastics

hectic

humane

imitation

imperial

ingredient

intruder

integrate

launch

journal

kindergarten

lightning

marshmallow

miniscule

minus

mortar

munchkin

muskrat

mustang

neighborhood

obtuse

operator

opponent

participate

peruse

posture

prevail

principal

quarrel

quoted

racial

rafter

reconsider

recruit

recycle

refuse

sandwich

secure

seize

strangely

stumble

swerve

thawed

therapy

thermos

thinnest

tissue

ugliness

unicycle

unreadable

unusual

virtue

venison

weasel

widget

worried

wrestle

**Fifth Grade**

absence

acrobat

adequate

advisor

alchemy

appreciate

associate

attorney

audience

brochure

camouflage

carburetor

carnival

centigram

chandelier

chronicle

civilian

cleave

cologne

conscious

contrive

creditor

crouton

crystallize

damageable

debris

defiantly

defunct

deliberate

delved

departmental

descend

desecration

enormous

escapade

exotic

ecstatic

fajitas

ghetto

gnu

halo

honorary

hurriedly

hydrogen

illustration

imaginary

immigration

impatient

impel

inquire

interrupt

irresistible

jealousy

jubilant

knight

laborious

lacquer

larceny

larynx

manila

massive

medallion

mischief

naive

necessity

nocturnal

obedience

obligation

paradoxical

perturb

possibility

poultry

premonition

psalm

pungent

pyramid

quaint

quiver

replete

saucer

schooner

senility

sequel

silhouette

somersault

stratosphere

surgery

syllable

technical

testimonial

toilsome

tubular

valiant

vary

vault

vegetarian

venom

vicinity

waiver

wholesale

 **Sixth Grade**

accordance

accrued

acronym

aerosol

algebraic

allergenic

allocation

animation

arraignment

assassinate

azalea

buccaneer

carnage

chemotherapy

choleric

choreographer

chromosome

competently

conjure

coniferous

constituency

constrictor

controversy

correspondence

courageously

crevasse

crotchety

cryptanalysis

deceitful

demarcate

desperately

dilemma

detriment

disappearance

distillation

divergence

duress

ejector

elegance

emancipate

emboss

endorsement

enunciate

equinox

eradicate

eucalyptus

expedient

expeditionary

fanciness

fiscal

frivolous

gourmet

gloaming

guerillas

heliocentric

harmonious

hindrance

humerus

hyssop

illusion

impenetrable

inconvenience

inertia

irritability

intercept

intrigue

invertebrate

linguist

livelihood

loathe

lymph

lyrical

malevolent

manifestation

matrimony

metabolism

Methuselah

occipital

onslaught

palatial

parasite

pheromone

pristine

potassium

pursuit

recession

recoup

reimbursable

remorseful

rhizome

saltine

siege

simultaneous

submerge

syringe

technician

thoroughbred

tyrannical

ulterior

Zechariah

**Seventh Grade**

absorbent

adolescence

aerodynamic

amendment

amphibian

annotate

antiquity

armadillos

attorneys

boisterous

bureaucratic

cartilage

cellophane

chloasma

choreographer

cognition

complacency

conscientiously

convenience

dawdler

debris

decoupage

deficient

discernible

discrepancy

dramaturgy

eliminated

elusive

epilepsy

exacerbate

extrapolate

fastidiously

feign

frivolously

gargantuan

genesis

guerrilla

haphazardly

hideous

hodgepodge

homogenized

humongous

incognito

indulgent

interpretation

interrogative

intravenous

irreverent

jurisdiction

knowledgeability

lacrosse

luminous

luxurious

lyricist

magnanimous

mahogany

metronome

militant

miraculously

necessarily

newsstand

niche

nineteenth

odious

omission

opaque

optimism

outweigh

pantomime

philosophize

phylum

posthumous

precocious

preposterous

pseudonym

psychiatry

ptarmigan

quiche

quinquagenary

referendum

Renaissance

reservoir

resuscitate

rudiments

scythe

sequentially

solitary

spontaneity

subterranean

surrealist

systematic

tambourine

tentativeness

toxicity

translucent

tutorial

tyrannize

tyranny

whimsical

xanthan

**Eighth Grade**

aardvark

abolitionist

abstemious

accipiter

afghan

agnostic

akimbo

ambidextrous

anemochore

arduous

arenaceous

arfvedsonite

asphyxiate

astrophysicist

barothermograph

beatific

behemoth

boysenberries

brigadier

buffoonery

carbohydrates

cacophony

carnivorous

chauffer (not chauffeur)

chauvinist

cholera

circumlocution

comprehensive

contingencies

convalescence

dactylogram

decaffeinated

desiccate

diphthong

disseminate

echelon

ecocatastrophe

egocentricity

ensemble

exuberant

extraordinarily

extemporaneous

feasibility

formaldehyde

fouette

fritillary

gesticulate

gibberish

gluttonously

grandiloquence

hallucinogen

hemophiliac

hierarchy

hippopotamian

humoresque

hypothesis

ichthyologist

idiosyncratically

idyllic

impetuousness

inoculated

jambalaya

kohlrabi

laryngitis

liaison

lieutenancy

liquefy

litigiousness

magnanimity

medieval

momentousness

mozzarella

nasturtium

nauseous

paraphernalia

pincers

pique

polyglot

pugilist

poinsettia

psychedelic

rambunctious

rappelling

reminiscence

repertoire

roulette

salmonellas

sarcophagus

sarsaparilla

septuagenarian

simultaneously

spondulicks

substantiate

tableau

timorously

tutelage

trepidation

vehemence

viscous

zigzaggedness

**Notes:**