

Spelling Bee Contest 2014 – 2015



As defined by references from the internet, "A spelling bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty. The concept is thought to have originated in the United States, and spelling bee events, along with variants, are now also held in some other countries around the world."

Such a contest is held based on the belief that it plays an important role in enhancing the students' learning process, positively affecting their educational progress, and taking them into higher levels of knowledge and accomplishments.

Accordingly, Spelling Bee Contest educational activity took place this year for the first time at our school, applying the competition among Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The main goals of applying Spelling Bee Contest are as follows:

- 1) Exposing students to a variety of new vocabulary words.
- 2) Enhancing their ability to spell different words correctly.
- 3) Enhancing students' representation skills within a good spirit of competition.

The contest was held in 3 successive rounds that vary in difficulty levels & number of words. According to the contest rules; students who succeed in passing round 1, are allowed to continue on to round 2, until we get the best spellers who succeed at passing round 3. The best spellers for this year contest were given "Certificates of Acknowledgement" for their great effort and academic success.

SJAS has the intention to continue applying the Spelling Bee Contest every year after it has proven a great success & achievement among students, not to mention their great excitement & eagerness for having this contest repeated annually.

GRADE 5 PARTICIPANTS

Grade 5A	Grade 5B	Grade 5C
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Hany Roshdy Fady Nabil Fouad Gomana Tamer Sobhy Joseph Bassem Refaat Karen Michael William Marize Osama Atta Mary Ashraf Ateyyaa Mirola Samy Saeed Sandy Rimon Nabil Sarah Saad Khalil Youssef Ayman Aziz 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Ramy Malak Jessy Wagih Youssef Karen Eshak Prince Karol Medhat Sedkey Marina Shenouda Shaker Mark Tamer George Matthew Tarek Luke Mohrabil Mosheer Mossaad Patrick Bishoy Lotfy Sandra Ayman Shoukry Tony Macarious Mourice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Antonious Samy Boulos Danial Maged Mounir Demiana Emad Boules Fam Awad Louis Jolie Maged Erian Joly Sameh Youssef Joseph Bassem Zakaria Mareez Hany Mouneer Mariam Tarek Helmy Marina Emad Nasralla Marina Medhat Aziz Mark Abdel Messih Fawzy Mark Basem Morad Marly Magdy Girgis Mary Mounir Wadie Moreen Amine William Narden Youssef Wakem Pathenia Maged Alfy Reem Medhat Guirguis Yasmine Ibrahim Fouad Youssef Ishak Waness Youssef Micheal Romany

GRADE 10 WINNER



For more details about the contest rules & regulations, have a look at the poster below of this year contest.

1 THE SPELLING BEE WILL BE AN ORAL COMPETITION AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ROUNDS.

2 PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WRITE THE WORD ON A PIECE OF PAPER OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL.

3 AFTER THE PRONOUNCER GIVES THE SPELLER A WORD, THE TOTAL TIME GIVEN TO EACH SPELLER WILL BE 60 SECONDS, THE SPELLER WILL HAVE 30 SECONDS TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORD AND 30 SECONDS TO SPELL THE WORD.

4 THE SPELLER WILL BE ALLOWED TO ASK QUESTIONS TO THE PRONOUNCER E.G. THE PRONUNCIATION, DEFINITION, PART OF SPEECH AND USAGE IN A SENTENCE OF THE WORD ASKED.

5 AFTER THE FIRST 30 SECONDS THE JUDGE WILL CALL "30 SECONDS".

6 THE SPELLER MUST START SPELLING THE WORD ONCE THE JUDGE HAS CALLED "30 SECONDS".

7 HAVING STARTED TO SPELL A WORD, THE SPELLER MAY STOP AND START AFTER TAKING PERMISSION FROM THE PRONOUNCER TO START OVER. HOWEVER, THE SPELLER MUST KEEP IN MIND THE GIVEN TIME AND NOT THE RESTART TIME WITHIN WHICH THE SPELLER HAS TO GIVE THE CORRECT SPELLING.

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1ST SPELLING BEE COMPETITION RULES

8 IN RETRACING THE SPELLER WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE THE SEQUENCE OF THE LETTERS. BUT THE SPELLER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETRACE IF:

- THE WORD ASKED HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SPELT.
- THE 60 SECONDS MARK HAS BEEN CROSSED.