



Oldham

Spelling Bee

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What is a Spelling Bee?

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.

Children are asked to stand up in front of an audience and spell a word that is given to them. They will be given the word and will hear the word used in a sentence. If they spell the word correctly, they move forward into the next round. The rounds continue until a final winner is found.

What is the Oldham School Spelling Bee?

St Hugh's was the first school in Oldham to hold the Spelling Bee. The competition was then extended to include schools in the West Oldham Collaborative. Now the competition has been opened out to all Oldham schools who would like to take part.

Each school will hold a Spelling Bee to find their 'top spellers' and the winners from each individual school will then compete together in the Oldham School Spelling Bee Final. It will be a very special event, held at the Council Chambers, with the Mayor attending to present the prizes to the winners.

The Oldham Spelling Bee Final, will be held at Oldham Council Chambers on 22nd June 2023 from 1.30 to 3.00pm.

What words will the children have to spell?

To ensure that the competition is fair for all children in all schools, everyone will be given a copy of this booklet. The booklet contains three sets of words. Children will need to learn the words in the booklet, but there will also be words that they might not have learnt before, but have the same spelling patterns when they take part in the competitions.

What can I do as a parent/carer?

Please help your child to learn these words at home. Practise spelling the words whilst you are walking to school, travelling in the car, or in the queue at the supermarket! Have your child write words with pencils or paint, with chalk on the garden path or on the computer! You could even play games such as 'hangman' using the spelling words.

Choose 4 or 5 words to focus on at a time, but remember to revisit the words you have already learned.

Keep a dictionary in your home and help your child look up unfamiliar words. Encouraging your child to

read and reading with them is a great way to improve spelling!

There are also some great free interactive websites such as www.spellingcity.com where children can practise their spelling skills. Children type in the words they are learning. The site recognises any misspellings and asks them to check and re-enter. The children can choose whether to be taught how to spell the word or can pick from several games all using their specific words. If they are unsure of the meanings of any words, please help them by checking in a dictionary or online.



Year 5 Spelling Patterns

In Year 5, the children will learn words with the following spelling patterns. As children become confident with each spelling pattern, they should be able to spell words that they may not have seen before, but are linked to the spelling pattern.

For example, children will learn the pattern 'ible' and the word 'horrible'. However, they may also be asked to spell other words with the 'ible' pattern like 'possible'.

In the Spelling Bee, children could be asked any of the Year 5 words **and** any of the National Curriculum words for Year5/6.

silent b	-ible	-able	-le
bomb	credible	adorable	hustle
crumb	horrible	bearable	castle
limb	responsible	changeable	nestle
thumb	reversible	knowledgeable	whistle
subtle	visible	noticeable	
-ly	-ent	-ence	ee sound spelt ie
adorably	ancient	confidence	caffeine
horribly	confident	violence	deceit
reasonably	frequent	evidence	protein
sensibly	intelligent	patience	seize
terribly	silent	innocence	receipt
understandably			
-ant, -ance and -ancy	shus spelt -cious	shus spelt -tious	shul spelt -cial or tial
elegant	atrocious	ambitious	confidential
distant	delicious	cautious	initial
assistance	malicious	scrumptious	partial
defiance	spacious	superstitious	special
pregnancy	vicious		financial
vacancy			official
super-	sub-		
superficial	submission		
supercede	substantial		
	subtract		



Year 5/6 National Curriculum Words

The National Curriculum word-list for years 5 and 6 is statutory. This means that all children must know how to spell them. The lists are a mixture of words pupils frequently use in their writing and those which they often misspell. Some of the listed words may be thought of as quite challenging.

The words in this list use the spelling patterns that the children are taught in Year 5 and Year 6. Children may be asked to spell any of these words in the Spelling Bee.

accommodate	correspond	identity	queue
accompany	criticise (critic + ise)	immediate(ly)	recognise
according	curiosity	individual	recommend
achieve	definite	interfere	relevant
aggressive	desperate	interrupt	restaurant
amateur	determined	language	rhyme
ancient	develop	leisure	rhythm
apparent	dictionary	lightning	sacrifice
appreciate	disastrous	marvellous	secretary
attached	embarrass	mischievous	shoulder
available	environment	muscle	signature
average	equip (-ped, -ment)	necessary	sincere(ly)
awkward	especially	neighbour	soldier
bargain	exaggerate	nuisance	stomach
bruise	excellent	occupy	sufficient
category	existence	occur	suggest
cemetery	explanation	opportunity	symbol
committee	familiar	parliament	system
communicate	foreign	persuade	temperature
community	forty	physical	thorough
competition	frequently	prejudice	twelfth
conscience	government	privilege	variety
conscious	guarantee	profession	vegetable
controversy	harass	programme	vehicle
convenience	hindrance	pronunciation	yacht



