

ESL Spell

The 2008 Adult ESL Spelling Competition Instructions

The Run-off Competitions!

October 21 and 23 (Levels 2 to 4) and October 28 and 30 (Levels 5 to 7)
6:30—9:00 PM

Competition Instructions

1. Listen carefully. Close your eyes if you like. If you are not sure of the word that the examiner is saying, you may ask to have it repeated twice.
2. If you still need additional help, you may ask to have a definition of that word or ask to have the word used in a sentence.
3. You may not write out a word (do not spell it out in your hand!), but you have 30 seconds to review it in your mind. Take your time!
4. If a contestant fails to spell a word correctly, he/she must wait a turn before trying another word. If he/she fails to spell the second word correctly, he/she must wait a turn before trying another word. If he/she fails to spell the third word correctly, the contestant must then drop out.
5. If a contestant is taking too long, the timekeeper will give a warning. Once the 30 seconds are up, the contestant has either to wait a turn or drop out.
6. If there are ties at the end of the competition, those who are still left will have to spell words from a special Challenge Word List. Contestants will not have been shown these words beforehand. Again, Contestants will continue spelling until only three contestants are left.
7. At this point, the first person who cannot spell a Challenge Word will be the Third Prize Winner. Spelling will then continue. The last two spellers will continue spelling until there is a clear decision who the Second Prize Winner and the First Prize Winner are. This means that the First Prize Winner must be able to spell the last Challenge Word correctly.
8. The Prize Winners, all the other contestants, their coaches, and friends and family and all ESL/LINC classes are invited to the Awards Night, Friday, November 21 for the presentation of awards and certificates.
9. Also, please invite your coaches and friends and relatives, and other classes at your centre or school to the competitions, especially the Final Competitions. They will support you as you try to win one of the prizes.

Many thanks for participating. We all hope you enjoy the Competition.

And—Good Luck!!