

1. The pronouncer announces the word to be spelled. He speaks slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word.

2. The speller listens carefully to the pronouncer and asks for the word to be repeated if necessary.

3. When the speller is sure s/he understands the word, s/he pronounces it, spells it and then says the word again. S/he must say it loudly enough for the judge to hear it.

4. The judge(s) determines whether the word was spelled correctly.

5. If the correct spelling was given, the speller remains in the game.

6. If the spelling was incorrect, that speller is eliminated from the game. The judge gives the correct spelling of that word. Then the pronouncer reads a new word to the next student.

7. When there are only two spellers left, if one player misspells a word, the other player must spell that word correctly, plus one more word to be declared the winner of the spelling bee.