

Arabic Spelling Bee Rules (Grades 1-2)

1. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, and/or use it in a sentence. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant.
2. Pronouncer's Responsibility In competition: after the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. The judge may not disqualify a speller for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it. But the judges will know that the speller is done if he or she pronounces the word after spelling it and the pronouncer will be assured that the speller has heard the word correctly if he or she pronounces it before beginning to spell it.
3. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be NO change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated. In other words, a speller can't correct himself, even while it is still his or her turn.
4. The contest shall be conducted in rounds. All contestants start in round one. Each speller is given a word when their turn comes. If the speller spells correctly, they stay for the next round. If the speller misspells the word, they do not qualify for the next round.
5. If only one speller spells correctly in a round, he/she does not automatically win. A new one-word round begins and the speller is given an opportunity to spell the next word on the list (anticipated winning word). If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the anticipated winning word in this one-word round, the speller is declared the champion.
6. If a speller misspells the anticipated winning word in a one-word round, a new round begins with all the spellers who spelled (correctly and incorrectly) in the previous round. These spellers spell in their original order.
7. Judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions are final.
8. This is the most important rule of all: Please have fun and relax, learning is the real win regardless of the contest results.
9. • Disqualifications for reasons other than error: o The judges will disqualify a speller (1) who refuses a request to start spelling. (2) who does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive the word or question; (3) who does not comply with the eligibility requirements; (4) who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct; (5) who, in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; (6) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

10. Here are some special letters the students need to be aware of.

وجه	Wao – jeem – ha'a واو - جيم - هاء
حديقة	Ha'a – dal – ya'a – qaf- taa marbotah حاء - دال - ياء - قاف - تاء مربوطة
ليلى	Lam – ya'a – lam – alif maqsoora لام - ياء - لام - ألف مقصورة
بيت	Ba'a – ya'a – ta'aa or ta'aa maftoha باء - ياء - تاء أو تاء مفتوحة
أسرة	Hamza ala alif – seen – ra'a – ta'a marbota همزة على ألف - سين - راء - تاء مربوطة
رأس	Ra'a – hamza ala alif - seen راء - همزة على ألف - سين
هذا هذه	These are some words in the packet that have (Alif Sagheera) even if it is not written, but it's pronounced. Example هذه هاء-ألف صغيرة - ذال - هاء Ha- alif sagheera -Thal – Ha'a هذا هاء - ألف صغيرة - ذال - ألف Ha'a – Alif sagheera – Thal - alif
ماء	Mem- alif – hamza ala satter (hamza on the line) ميم - ألف - همزة على السطر

خائف	Khaa – alif – hamza ala nabira – fa'a خاء – الف – همزة على نبرة أو همزة على كرسي - فاء
سؤال	Seen- hamza ala wao- alif- lam سين - همزة على واو - ألف - لام
شاطئ	Sheen- alif- t'aa- hamza ala yaa or hamza ala alif maqsora شيين - ألف - طاء - همزة على ياء أو همزة على ألف مقصورة
صلاة	Sad- lam- alif – ta'a marbota صاد – لام – ألف – تاء مربوطة
الثالث	Alif - lam - thaa- alif-lam- thaa ألف - لام - ثاء - ألف - لام - ثاء
الأحد	Alif - lam - hamza ala alif - h'aa- dal ألف - لام - همزة على ألف - حاء - دال
إلى	Hamza or hamza tahit alif - lam - alif maqsoora همزة تحت الألف أو همزة - لام - ألف مقصورة
السّلام	Alif - lam- seen or seen with shadah- lam- alif-meem ألف - لام - سين - لام - ألف - ميم