

Arabic Spelling Bee Rules (Grades 3-8)

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:

شتاء	sheen taa alif hamza ala satter شين - تاء - الف - همزة على السطر
وسائل	waw - seen – alif- hamza ala an-nabira (or Hamzah ala Kursie)- lam واو – سين – الف – همزة على النبرة او همزة على الكرسي- لام
على	ain- lam - alif maqsoora عين - لام- الف مقصورة
رأس	ra'a- hamzat ala alif or hamzat Kati3 –seen راء- همزة على ألف أو همزة قطع – سين
آدم	Alif Mad or Alif Madiyah – dal – meem الف مد (او الف مديّة) – دال – ميم
أحمد	hamzat Katie- ha'a – Meem – Dal همزة قطع- حاء – ميم – دال
هذه هؤلاء هذا ذلك اللهم	These are a few examples that have (Alif Sagheera) Even if it is not written, it is pronounced. Example هؤلاء هاء-ألف صغيرة -همزة على واو - لام-الف - همزة على السطر Haa- Alif Sagheera – hamza ala waw - lam - alif- hamza ala satir
الولد	hamzat wasil – lam – waw- lam – dal همزة وصل -لام – واو – لام – دال
بيضة	Baa- ya'a – Da'd- Taa Marbotah باء – ياء – ضاد – تاء مربوطة
بينات	Baa- Yaa- Noon- alif – Ta'a Maftooha باء – ياء – نون – الف – تاء مفتوحة

شاطئ	Sheen- alif- t'aa- hamza ala yaa or hamza ala alif maqsora شين -ألف - طاء- همزة على ياء أو همزة على ألف مقصورة
السؤال	hamzat wasil - lam - seen- hamza ala wao- alif- lam همزة وصل- لام - سين - همزة على واو - ألف- لام
السلام	hamzat wasil - lam- seen - lam- alif-meem همزة وصل - لام- سين - لام - ألف - ميم
إبراهيم	Hamzati kati - baa- raa-alif- haa-yaa- meem همزة قطع - باء- راء- ألف- هاء - ياء- ميم
استراحة	Hamzat wassil- seen- taa-raa-alif-haa-taa marbota همزة وصل- سين- تاء- راء- ألف - حاء - تاء مربوطة
الاستراحة	Hamzat wassil - lam - Hamzat wassil - seen- taa-raa-alif-haa-taa marbota همزة وصل - لام - همزة وصل - سين - تاء- راء- ألف - حاء - تاء مربوطة
الألوان	hamzat wassil - lam - hamzat Katie -lam -wao-alif- noon همزة وصل - لام - همزة قطع- لام -واو -ألف- نون
الإتسان	hamzat wassil - lam - hamzat Katie -noon -seen-alif- noon همزة وصل - لام - همزة قطع نون - سين - ألف - نون