

Spelling Bee Games

Ready? Set... Spell!

How to play?

These games can be played in the classroom whenever you have extra time to practice for the Spelling Bee. Before playing, remind students of your classroom values. These games are good opportunities to practice good sportsmanship, such as treating others with respect and kindness whether winning or losing, cheering on teammates, and taking responsibility for roles in a group.

Level: Elementary

Age: Children (Primary)

Time needed: 10 minutes

Aim: Practice Spelling Bee skills while reviewing vocabulary related to a specific topic or lesson

Skills: Spelling, Vocabulary, Listening, Speaking

Materials needed: Set of charts, pen or pencil

- After rounds, ask students to swap charts and check their classmate's answers. Each correct word is a point. The student with more point wins!

Teaching Tips

For further practice, draw four columns on the board and write the most challenging letters on the top. Ask students to spell aloud as many words as they can with each letter. Write only those words that are spelled correctly. For incorrect spelling, help students with questions like *Are you sure? Could you help your classmate? What letter should come after (letter)?*

Try to make it fast and dynamic but fun!

Warm-up Tips

Before playing, select a set of challenging words and assign one to a pair of students. Whisper the word assigned to each student. Explain to students that they will walk around the classroom and spell the given word to their classmates so that they can find their pair. The students with the same word should sit and work together.

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- Give a set of charts (A and B) to each pair.
- Explain to students that you will say a letter aloud and they will challenge their classmate by giving them a word to spell, e. g., Letter K - kite
- Remind students they should take turns: Student A / Student B.
- To make it more challenging, set up time and let them know they have to complete the round before time ends.
- You can use the same letter for Student A and B or select a different letter for each student round.
- Give them five to six words to give them the opportunity to play several rounds.