

# Classroom Spelling Bee

## Procedures and Rules

### Prior to the classroom spelling bee:

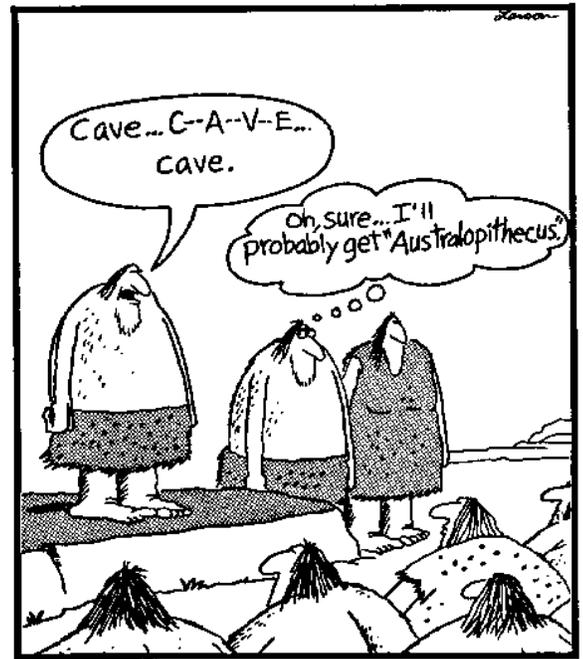
- Decide on a date for the classroom bee and announce to students.
- Distribute word list to students. You may distribute word lists to all students or, if you want to avoid making unnecessary photocopies, distribute lists ONLY to those students who indicate interest in studying.
- Students can study the lists independently or, if you want, students can use some class time to study word lists.

### On the day of the bee:

- Tell students the order they will be spelling in. Recommendation: students spell in alphabetical order.
- Share rules with students.
- Conduct a practice round using the practice round words. No student should be eliminated during the practice round, even if they misspell their word. Encourage students to practice the following strategies:
  - Say word, spell word, say word. Example, "Cat, C-A-T, Cat"
  - Ask pronouncer to repeat the word.
  - Ask pronouncer for additional information including part of speech, definition, and example sentence.
  - Speak loudly, slowly, and clearly.
- Conduct the bee. If possible, provide small prizes for the winner of each class period.
- Submit the name of the winner for each class period to spelling bee coordinator. Those students will participate in the school bee.

### Rules:

- Once a student begins spelling a word, he or she cannot change his or her answer. For instance, if the student is spelling "Daisy" and says, "D-I-A-S, wait, no, D-A-I-S-Y." that student is eliminated.
- Students must spell the word independently, without help from others. All bee participants and audience members should be careful not to mouth, whisper, or say the letters.
- The teacher determines if the word was spelled correctly.
- If the correct spelling was given, the speller remains in the game.
- If the spelling was incorrect, that speller is eliminated from the game. The teacher can state the correct spelling of the word or may choose not to.
- When there are only two spellers left, if one player misspells a word, the other player must spell his/her word correctly plus one more word to be declared the winner of the spelling bee. If they cannot spell his or her word correctly plus an additional word, the other student gets a new word.



Primitive spelling bees