

SPELLING BEE

Prerequisites for Participation:

- Open to students in German 1 and 2 only
- No heritage speakers
- Up to 5 students per school.
- Access to Kahoot! (kahoot.it)
- Minimum: 1 computer/Chromebook/device that can log into both the Zoom link & Kahoot game
- Preferable: 1 computer or device for the Zoom link + an additional device (computer, tablet or smartphone) for the Kahoot game (Kahoot app may be used)

Rules

The words have been selected from the current editions of *Deutsch aktuell 1 & 2* and *Komm mit! 1 & 2*. The complete list of words for the spelling bee can be found here:

[PDF Spelling Bee List](#)

Students must be visible on Zoom (from top of head to shoulders) at all times, and remain muted. Their first and last name and the name of their school should be displayed as their Zoom name (example: Jane Smith - Providence or Jane Smith - PHS).

When entering their Kahoot game name, due to character limitations, students should enter their last name and school initials (example: Hablutzel - PHS). If more than one student from the same school shares the same last name, they should add the first letter of the first name and enter as much as possible while still including the school initials. (example: DHablutz - PHS) Students may not receive any outside help of any type. Students are responsible for testing their internet connections prior to the competition, as we will unfortunately be able to replay or restart a game should a student have connectivity issues.

Format for Rounds 1, 2, and 3

Spelling Bee is played over three rounds, corresponding to the three levels of difficulty. The first two rounds will be on Kahoot (kahoot.it). Before the students see the four different possible spellings for the word, the judges should pronounce each word twice

in German. If multiple judges are available, they will alternate, so that students hear different speakers.

On Kahoot, students will first hear the judge speak a German word twice.

Students will then see FOUR choices of what the answer could be. Students will have 10 seconds to select the one with the correct spelling.

For example:

Choice 1: hießen

Choice 2: heißen

Choice 3: hisen

Choice 4: hißen

Kahoot automatically awards points both for accuracy and speed. The faster that the students respond with the correct answer, the higher the point total awarded.

Round 1 will consist of 20 spelling words from the Round 1 list

Those students whose score places them among the top 20 finishers will continue to the second round (unless there are 20 or less total participants, in which the top 75% will continue to the next round). The second round will follow the same rules as the first round

Round 2 will consist of 20 spelling words from the Round 2 list

Round 2 will be run on Kahoot in the same way as Round 1 was. Students who have not qualified for Round 2 will be asked to leave the Zoom meeting prior to beginning Round 2.

Those students who score in the top 50% of Round 2 will continue on to the 3rd round. Those students who have not made it on to Round 3 will be asked to leave the Zoom meet.

Round 3 will not be held on Kahoot. All remaining competitors must remain visible on Zoom, with their hands also visible, to ensure that looking up the spelling of any of the words is not possible. Words will be randomly selected from the Round 3 list.

Students will spell out the words in German. For words including umlauts, the student must say 'a-umlaut' (or similar) or 'ä' but make finger quotes to indicate that they intend to use an umlaut.

During this last round, if a student misspells a word, that student will be out and that same word will be passed on to the next student. If that student also misses the word, that student is also out, and the word will go to a 3rd (and final) student. If that student also misses the word, that student will also be out and the next (4th) student will receive a new word. When the number of students remaining is reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when Student A misses a word, Student B will be given an opportunity to spell the same word. If Student B spells that word correctly, plus the next word from the list, then Student B will be declared the champion. If Student A misses a word and Student B, after correcting the error, misses the new word, then the missed new word shall be referred to Student A. If Student A then succeeds in correcting the error and gets the next word right, then Student A will be declared the champion. If both students miss the same word, both shall continue in the competition, and the one who first missed the word shall be given a new one. This procedure continues until one of the students is able to correct the other student and also spell the next word correctly. That student will be declared the champion.
