



# TIPS AND TRICKS TO ACE











# **Hey Young Speller!**



# Are you preparing for the spelling bee competition and worrying about where to start?

Don't worry! This booklet will prepare you for the Spell Bee Contests

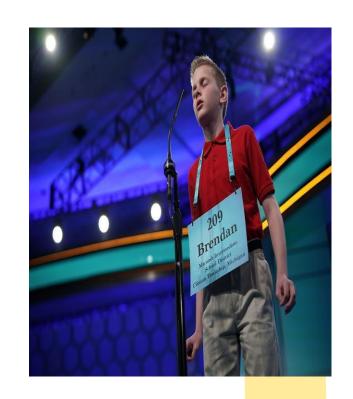
Let us spell-out the secrets! You can surely ace the competition with your hard work, perseverance and these tips and tricks.



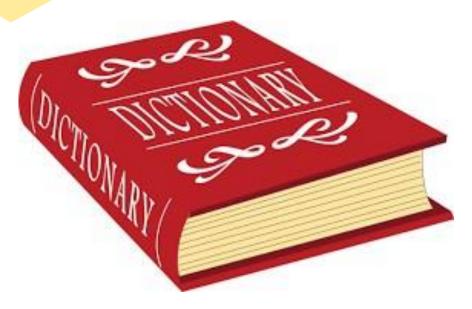
## **Get Familiar With The Contest**

Are you new to the spelling bee competition and don't know how it works?

You can watch videos of spelling bees held before on the internet. It will give you an idea of how the spelling bee competition takes place. If you are participating in the local bee competition, get to know their rules and talk to previous winners.



# **Let A Dictionary Be Your Go-to Source**



Make a habit of reading new words from the dictionary. You can start off with 15-20 words. Gradually increase the number of words you learn.

You can make a list of words that you find difficult and work on it until you master those words.

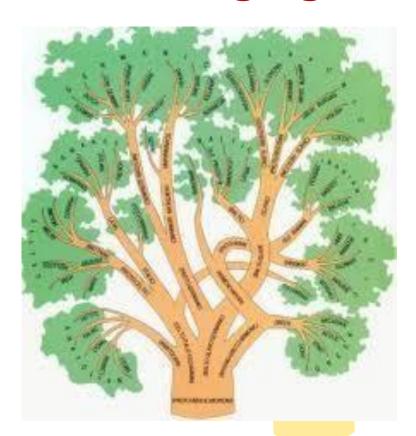
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## Make a Word-list Based on Root Language

All the English words have its origin from Latin, Greek or some other languages.

Be familiar with the root language to understand the word pattern.

For instance, anti is a Greek word which means against. Many English words start with anti, such as antibody, anti-inflammatory. This way it is much easier to remember the words.



# Use Online Dictionaries to Understand the Pronunciation



Hearing the words helps to understand the phonology. Phonology is the branch of linguistics that studies how language or dialects organize their sounds.

#### dictionary noun



#### Definition of dictionary

1 : a reference source in print or electronic form containing words usually alphabetically arranged along with information about their forms, pronunciations, functions, etymologies, meanings, and syntactic and idiomatic uses Most of the words are spelled differently and pronounced altogether differently. Some words have a few letters silent in them.

For example, psychology. In this case, learning words while hearing the pronunciation can prove really helpful.



# Make Learning New Words Fun and Playful

Spelling bees are all about learning new words with fun.
Play crosswords, online spelling games and the good-old classic board game Scrabble!

Reading books can also increase your vocabulary.
While reading books, mark new words and look up for their root words, spellings, pronunciation from the dictionary.



# **Learn Basic Spelling Strategies**





**Spellers use one or more** strategies among these fourphonetic, rule-based, morphemic, and visual.

Learn and master spellings using these strategies. They can come really handy in the long term.

As one becomes more competent, these four strategies can be used together in combination with each other.



### **Create Flashcards of Newly Learned Words**

Flashcards are strategically designed to enhance memory. It helps in active recall and retaining the information you learn.

When you are studying, make flashcards of words that you find difficult. You can use these flashcards later while revising or practicing.



Use different colored flashcards for words originating from different roots.



Lastly, we would say practice, practice and some more practice will help you ace the spelling bees! So, keep on practicing young speller.





