

National French Week

French Spelling Bee Competition

Rules

1. Run the contest November 4-10 after school or during class.
2. Teachers provide their own prizes.
3. Participating teachers wanting to post their results on the AATF-WI website can contact Kara Torkelson at aatfwipresidentelect@gmail.com.
4. Each school is NOT limited to the number of contestants.
5. Each contestant may write the word in a blackboard if he or she wants to. This would be done with the only purpose to allow the contestant to see the word before spelling it orally.
6. Participants will have 20 seconds to spell the word correctly.
7. Having started to spell a word, the speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing they cannot change the letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
8. **Levels 1 and 2 may spell in English, Levels 3, 4 and 5 must use the French alphabet.**
9. Each contestant may ask the pronouncer to repeat each word and sentence one time.
10. Students will be required to say the word before beginning to spell.
11. Necessary accents must be included and students are to finish by saying the word once more together with the article.

It will work something like this:

Judge: "Chien. Un chien est plus gentil qu'un chat. Chien. "

Contestant: *Chien C-H-I-E-N. Un chien.*

An example of a word with an accent:

Dîner.

D-I Circonflexe-N-E-R.

Le dîner.

When spelling, the contestant must use the following guidelines: é : «e» accent aigu è : «e» accent grave ê : «e» accent circonflexe ë : «e» tré ma â : «a» accent circonflexe à : «a» accent grave î : «i» accent circonflexe î : «i» tré ma ô : «o» accent circonflexe û : «u» accent circonflexe ù : «u» accent grave ü : «u» tré ma ç : «c» cé dille œ : «e» dans l' «o» æ : «e» dans l' «a» ff: deux «f» (same process with all double letters) y: i grec

-: trait d'union ' : apostrophe

Vocabulary Used

1. Teachers may encourage students to study the practice list, but cannot give students access to the website being used for the contest.
2. Vocabulary used will be high frequency words appropriate to each level.
3. If all Level 1 words are used during the contest, Level 1 students may be asked to spell words asterisked on Level 2.

Levels for Contests

Level 1: One or Two years of Jr. High French or one year of Sr. High French

Level 2: Two or Three years of Jr. High French or two years of Sr. High French + any amount of Jr. High French

Level 3: Three years of Sr. High French

Level 4: Four years of Sr. High French (can register for level 4 or 5)

Use this link for practice list: <http://french.languagedaily.com/wordsandphrases/common-french-words>

Use this link for the contest: <http://frenital.byu.edu/langfair/vocabularylist.html>