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The Sistema de Educación Media Superior of the Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, with the desire of developing a friendly relationship among educational institutions at a high school level, and of increasing the motivation of students to learn a second language such as English, summons you to:

The Tenth Interscholastic Spelling Bee Contest

General Bases:

- I. Be a 15-18 years old **Mexican** student from a public high school.
For the contest:
- II. Up to 30 regularly enrolled students from different public schools may participate. Each school may register up to two participants.
- III. Registration: **Nov 14th – Nov21 th** It can be done by filling out the form located at the following link:



<https://forms.gle/MH1s4vwgtZvrQTWA8>

****When completing the form, the following documents must be attached: Birth certificate (PDF format) and Digital photo (ID style, wearing a white shirt and with a light background, JPG format). Files must not exceed 5 MB in size.**

- IV. The principal judges and assistant judges will be people who are known in this community for their knowledge, accomplishments and work in the English Language area.
- V. The contest will take place on **December 09, 2025, at 17:00 hrs** at the **Auditorium "Manuel Cepeda Peraza" – Centro Cultural Universitario - UADY**
- VI. The order in which each student will participate will be determined on the day of the contest. Participants must arrive one hour before the event to receive





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instructions and take part in the drawing to determine the order of participation.

- VII. Participants who are not present at the time of the drawing will be disqualified from the contest.
- VIII. First place will receive a diploma and an award.
- IX. Any unexpected situation that could arise during the contest that is not stated in the rules will be decided upon by the judges at that moment and will not be disputable.
- X. A virtual meeting will be held on November 25 at 1:30 p.m. to provide specific information about the contest and address any questions related to this call. The presence of each participant's advisor, teacher, or school authority is strongly recommended.

Rules for the contest

1. The contest is strictly an oral one, and any other form of assistance is forbidden. We emphasize this rule so contestants will not be disqualified from the contest.
2. A number will be assigned to each contestant. It will be the same number that each contestant will have in order of participation. This will be assigned by a drawing.
3. The words to be spelled will be the same ones which were given previously and will be drawn randomly. No contestant is permitted to have a spelling bee list at the moment of the contest.
4. Each contestant will go to the front when they hear their number. A word will be drawn and will be pronounced only once. The pronouncer will speak slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word.

Additionally, the contestant will be able to:

- Ask for a repetition of the word, an example, or for the meaning, whereas the pronouncer will read the word once more and/or give its meaning. Immediately after that, the contestant will spell out the word.
- SPELL THE WORD LOUDLY. To do this, the contestant will have to:
 - Mention the word aloud first.
 - Spell the word and
 - Repeat aloud once more to indicate the student has finished.





5. If the word is spelled out correctly, the contestant will go onto the next stage.
6. If the contestant makes a mistake, he or she will be disqualified and **WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY** to continue.
7. If the contestant is disqualified, the word will not be used in another round. Then the pronouncer reads a new word to the next contestant.

Stages of the contest

In order to have a fair competition, this time the contest will have four different stages. The first three stages will consist of two rounds each, while the final stage will continue until completion.

Stage 1: Easy words.

In this stage the contestants will be asked the words of the category marked as "easy" in the Spelling Bee list given.

The contestants may advance to the second stage once they successfully complete the words in round 2 of the first stage.

Stage 2: Difficult words.

In this stage the contestants will be asked the words of the category marked as "difficult" in the Spelling Bee list given.

The contestants may advance to the third stage once they successfully complete the words in round 2 of the second stage.

Stage 3: Hard words.

In this stage the contestants will be asked the words of the category marked as "hard" in the Spelling Bee list given.

The contestants may advance to the last stage once they successfully complete the words in round 2 of the third stage.

Stage 4: Unknown words.

In this stage the contestants will be asked the words which are not in the lists given and will compete until elimination.





When there are two contestants left, a word will be presented for spelling and in case one of the contestants misspells the word in the same round, the other contestant will have to spell the same word plus a new word to be declared the winner.

Spelling rules

1. If the contestant begins to spell the word and there is a doubt but has so far spelled it out correctly, he or she may either continue spelling where he or she left off or ask to the judges to start again and it will be conceded (this permission may be asked **ONLY ONCE**). The contestants cannot change any letter that has already been mentioned at that moment, otherwise they will be disqualified.
2. If the contestant makes a mistake, he or she cannot begin again.
3. All foreign words used in the English Language shall be spelled mentioning any kind of special punctuation.
4. All words with double letters should be mentioned individually.

If the word has a capital letter, it must be mentioned, as well as *hyphens*, *apostrophes*, *accents* and *spaces*.

Rules for the judges and contestants

- a. After the pronouncer says the word to the contestant, the student must repeat it before and after spelling it.
- b. The judges should not disqualify the contestant if he or she mispronounces it, either before or after it is spelled.
- c. The contestant may ask the pronouncer to repeat the word as well as giving its definition and how it is used.
- d. The judges may disqualify the contestants that do not follow the order of their instructions and the time when the word should be spelled.
- e. The judges may give the signal as "start, please" for the initiation.
- f. The obligation of the pronouncer is to pronounce the word correctly and give the definition of the word as well as give a sentence using that word.
- g. The obligation of the judges is to determine if the contestant has spelt the word correctly.
- h. The judges cannot disqualify any contestant who asks questions related to the word.

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