**SPELLING BEE**

**On-Site Version:**

**Prerequisites for Participation:**

● Open to students in German 1 and 2 only ● No heritage speakers

● Up to 5 students per school.

**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:

<http://www.nc.aatg.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/germday-spelling.pdf>

**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 paper. The judges should pronounce each word twice in German. If multiple judges are available, they will alternate, so that students hear different speakers.

**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 in the same way as Round 1 was. Those students who score in the top 50% of Round 2 will continue on to the 3rd round.

**Round 3** Words will be randomly selected from the Round 3 list. Students will spell the words aloud, not on paper. For words including umlauts, the student must say ‘a-umlaut’ (or similar) or ‘a’ 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.