



Lexington Universal Academy  
Arabic Spelling Bee Rules

1. Arabic Spelling Bee will be on April after Spring break, during our class time. Two teachers will conduct the competition. We will inform you all with the exact date.
2. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. The judge may not disqualify a speller for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it. But the judge will know that the speller is done if he or she pronounces the word after spelling it and the pronouncer will be assured that the speller has heard the word correctly if he or she pronounces it before beginning to spell it.
3. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, and/or use it in a sentence.
4. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be NO change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated. In other words, a speller can't correct himself/herself, even while it is still his or her turn.

5. Here are some special letters the children need to be aware of : ( except KG , 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students

شْتَاء	sheen ta alif hamza ala satter شين - تا - الف - همزة على سطر
وَسَائِل	waw - seen – alif- hamza ala an nabira (or Hamzah ala Kursie) lam واو - سين - الف - همزة على نبرة (او همزة على كرسي) لام
عَلَى	ain- lam - alif maqsoora عين - لام - الف مقصورة
رَأْس	ra'a- hamzat Kati3 –seen را - همزة قطع - سين
آدَم	Alif Mad or Alif Madiyah – dal – meem الف مد ( او الف مدية ) - دال - ميم
أَحْمَد	Hamzat Katie _ ha'a – Meem – Dal همزة قطع - حا - ميم - دال

الولد	Hamzah wasil ( or Hamzaha or Alif ) – lam – waw- lam – dal (همزة وصل او همزة) لام – واو – لام – دال
بيضة	Baa- ya'a – Da'd- Taa Marbotah با – يا – ضاد – تا مربوطة
بينات	Baa- Yaa- Noon- alif – Ta'a Maftooha با – يا – نون – الف – تاء مفتوحة

6. The contest shall be conducted in rounds. If none of the spellers remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly during that round, all remain in the competition and a new round begins.
7. If only one speller spells correctly in a round, a new one-word round begins and the speller is given an opportunity to spell the next word on the list (anticipated winning word). If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the anticipated winning word in this one-word round, the speller is declared the champion.
8. If a speller misspells the anticipated winning word in a one-word round, a new round begins with all the spellers who spelled (correctly and incorrectly) in the previous round. These spellers spell in their original order.
9. Judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions are final.
10. Challenge words for each grade will be the next grade level to challenge them with.
11. We hope and pray that to the experience of this competition our students will gain along with Arabic vocabulary the spirit of love and brotherhood in Islam.