

Rules

'Epelle-moi Afrique du Sud'

(French Spelling Bee)
2020/2021



**AMBASSADE
DE FRANCE
EN AFRIQUE DU SUD**

*Liberté
Égalité
Fraternité*

General rules

- Contestants will receive the word in English and will have to translate it first in French and then spell it, using the French alphabet.
- **During the competition, contestants will be selected through 3 phases.** During the last phase, contestants have ONE MINUTE to correctly spell as many words as possible in French. **Contestants do NOT need to spell the article, JUST the noun.**

	Déroulé	Niveau	Critères de sélection
PHASE 1	Warm-up lap then each participant must spell a word drawn randomly.	MIDDLE	If the spelling is correct, the student is selected for the next phase.
PHASE 2	Each participant must spell a maximum number of words in one minute. Words drawn randomly.	SUPERIOR	The winners are the students who can spell as many words as possible in one minute.
PHASE 3	Each participant must spell a word. We keep going until we have a winner.	SUPERIOR/ DIFFICULT/ VERY DIFFICULT	The winner is the one who can spell as many words as possible correctly.

4 levels for the words' list

1. MEDIUM	3. DIFFICULT
2. SUPERIOR	4. VERY DIFFICULT

In the event of a tie-break, the number of passes that each contestant made will be counted. The contestant with the least number of passes will win.

*If contestants still have a tied score, a decider round will be played. Contestants will spell a word in turn, until one of them spells a word incorrectly. This continues until there is a winner (and a runner-up). Contestants are given equal number of words to spell. There is no time limit on a decider round.

Points' system:

- 1 point is rewarded for each word translated and spelt correctly.
Warning: NO point rewarded if translated correctly BUT wrong spelling.
- **Pronunciation must be clear and words spelt out properly.**
Clarity is of the utmost importance. If the judge is not able to understand a letter or word, a point will not be awarded.
- **The judge's decision is final on whether they heard a letter or spelling.**
- Accents and punctuation must be voiced during the spelling according to the rules regarding accents (see Accents/Terminology).
- If a Contestant runs out of time during the spelling of a word, they should be allowed to finish the word that they started.
- If a Contestant runs out of time before starting to spell the word, no point is awarded.
- Contestants can 'pass' a word anytime, BUT must say in French "**je passe**".



- Each school can send a total of 2 or 3 students to take part to the regional final.
- **Regional and National winners will be announced on the day of the final and a prize ceremony will take place.**

THE JURY

The jury is made of 4 main characters:

- the Jury Master
 - the Time Master
 - the Points Master
 - the Spell Master
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- The Jury Master asks each contestant 'Are you ready?' - "**êtes-vous prêt**". After the contestant agrees they are ready to begin, the clock is started. (1min challenge)
 - The Jury listens to each word and keeps score during each contestant's one-minute time slot / word spelt. Provided that all agree the correct spelling of that word, one point is awarded. Contestants are tested individually without prompts.
 - **The judge's decision is final on whether they heard a letter or spelling.**



PARTICIPANTS:



- Contestants face the jury.
- Contestants will hear the word, translate it into the target language then spell it using the French alphabet, following the formula **SAY IT, SPELL IT.**
- Contestants must translate the word with the correct article, but they only need to spell the noun.
- Accents and punctuation must be voiced during the spelling according to the rules set out below (see Accents/Terminology).
- Contestants must speak clearly with sufficient volume. If the judge cannot hear the Contestant, the judge will indicate and a re-spell takes place immediately. The clock is NOT stopped for this action.
- **Clarity is of the utmost importance.** If the judge is not able to understand a letter or word, a point will not be awarded. **The Jury Master decision is final on whether they heard a letter or spelling.**
- If Contestants are not sure that they have heard the word correctly, they are responsible for requesting that the word be repeated. The clock is NOT stopped for this action.
- **Contestants cannot alter the order of the letters once they have completed their spelling of the word but they can stop mid-word and start again from the beginning.**
- If a contestant runs out of time during the spelling of a word, they should be allowed to finish the word that they started.
- If a contestant If a contestant runs out of time before starting to spell the word, no point is awarded.
- Contestants must remain quiet when not spelling. Contestants causing disruption will be warned and if the disruption continues they may be disqualified.