

Mvskoke Spelling Bee

1. Eufaula Canadian will provide paper and pencils to each speller. The participants may write out the word and then spell it aloud to the judges.
2. Each speller will sign-in on a MLP roster. Whatever their sign-in number is, will be their place in the Spelling Bee. Example: The first person to sign-in will be the first speller. The second sign-in will be second and so on.
3. A pre-recorded audio of each Mvskoke word will be played twice. He/She may indicate its English meaning, definition (if needed) and pronounce it for the third time, if requested prior to the speller begins to spell.
4. The speller can start the word and restart if necessary once per word. Once the word has been spelled, there are **no repeats**. There is no time limit but spellers should not stall. The head judge has the right to ask the speller to begin immediately after a sufficient amount of time has passed.
5. Spellers should speak clearly and intelligibly enough to be understood by the judges. Spellers will pronounce the word aloud **before spelling** so the judges know that the spellers heard the word correctly.
6. Each speller will be given a word to spell. He/she will draw from List 1 or List 2. Elimination occurs when the speller misses three words. When a speller misspells a word, a bell will sound and the correct spelling be given. Once eliminated, the speller will leave the spelling area.
7. In case of a tie, Mvskoke words from List 1 or List 2 will be selected by the Head Judge. To decide a winner, the Head Judge will continue until one of the participants misspells a word. All judges' decisions are **FINAL**.

Note: *Most of the words on the lists have been taken out of the Green Dictionary published by Jack B. Martin and Margaret McKane Mauldin.*

DISCLAIMER

Realizing the different dialects in the Muscogee Language, the Mvskoke Language Program Committee determined which dialect to use for the language instruction. The selection for the pronunciation and spelling may or may not be your customary way of pronouncing the word. The chosen dialect does not diminish other dialects, nor does it mean there is a right or wrong way to pronounce those particular words. It does mean, however, that the program had to select one way to teach and say the word to enable consistency in teaching the language. Therefore it was a committee decision for the pronunciation in the Mvskoke Language Program curriculum.