



The National English Spelling Competition

NESC Spells Success Blog

Spelling Round Challenge

Materials:

25 words selected to spell from list; space to put students in a line

Directions:

In this game, students will stand in a line, shoulder to shoulder. You will give the whole line a word. Every student will help spell the word by saying a letter. For example, if the word is 'cow'. The first student will say, 'c'. The next student will say, 'o'. The next student will say, 'w'. The student after that will say 'cow'. As long as no one makes a mistake, you will say correct. The next student in line will start another word.

If a student says the wrong next letter, they are out. If a student forgets to say the word after the students in front of them spell the word, that student is also out. Students will spell words like this until there is one student left! This student can get a small candy as a prize.

You may repeat this game as many times as you like to help students learn to spell the 25 words correctly.

Example:

Cow, Chair, broom

| 1 st Student | 2 nd Student | 3 rd Student | 4 th Student | 5 th Student | 6 th Student | 7 th Student | 8 th Student |
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| C | O | W | Cow | C | H | A | I |
| R | Chair | B | R | O | O | M | Broom |