



The National English Spelling Competition

NESC Spells Success Blog

Spelling Word Scramble: Local Round

Materials:

15 words selected to spell from list; chalkboard, chalk, list of scrambled words from this document

Directions:

In this game, students will work in pairs or in teams. They are going to try to unscramble a word that you write on the board. On the board, write letters in a mixed-up order that spell one of the words from the list. Give students 1 minute to unscramble. If a pair or group can get the word in one minute, they get 5 points. If no one guesses the word in 1 minute, write down the first letter. Give them another minute. If a pair or group can guess the word now, they get 2 points. If no one guesses the word, write the next letter. Give them another minute. If someone guesses the word, give them 1 point. Repeat until someone guesses the word.

Repeat for as many words as you want to practice. You can scramble your own words, you use the list below. The list below uses the words from the Junior NESC and Senior NESC local word lists.

Scrambled Words:

Junior NESC: Local Words		Senior NESC: Local Words	
Word	Scramble	Word	Scramble
lacquer	qaleru	maintain	tnaimian
physicists	cstiphsiys	obsolete	sobelote
atrium	muairt	pertinent	inpertten
blouse	lbseou	sacrifice	esaccirfi
dialogue	aildgoue	tangerine	tenaniger
hygiene	yeneigh	uncle	clnue
meager	eamgre	vampire	pvmarei
oblige	geolbi	waffle	ffwale
plateau	tealpua	zephyr	phzyre
myth	tmyh	alliance	llcniaae
squirrel	rrqsielu	bacteria	tbaacrei
sequins	uisqens	dungeon	gndueon
unicorn	nuciron	grandiose	gersaonid
fatigue	tfagieu	identical	ildaecniti
laundry	yluandr	partridge	peagrdtir