



# The Honeycomb

Newsletter of the American Library Spelling Bee

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### Important Dates

Registration Deadline  
February 8, 2019

Written Rounds  
March 2 - 16, 2019

Announcement of  
Finalists  
March 23, 2019

Final Bee Contest  
April 6, 2019 at 2 p.m.

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Dear Friends of Spelling,

On Saturday, April 6th, the American Library in Karlsruhe hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> American Library Spelling Bee. Congratulations to the finalists and the winners — what a terrific group of great spellers! We hope to see you and your friends again next year.

Your Bee Hive

The Spelling Bee Organizing Committee

### E-Bee Winners



Dharini (1<sup>st</sup> place), Jeron Lysander (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Aaryan (3<sup>rd</sup> place),

### Bee Winners



Jakob (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Sihoon (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Tejaswi Nag (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

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## E- Bee Finalists



The E-Bee contest was more like a marathon - or a spell-a-thon - with the finalists spelling an unprecedented 176 words in 24 rounds! Just for comparison, the final contest in the last years averaged around 100 words in 11 rounds. For the first time ever in the history of the American Library Spelling Bee the judges had to make use of back-up word lists. The E-Bees kept the audience on the edge of their seats, out-spelling each other round after round. By round 16, the group had dwindled to three strong spellers going another five rounds together. Aaryan K. claimed third place by spelling out in round 21. After another three rounds, Dharini P. clinched first place with Jeron Lysander S. coming in formidably in second place.

### E-Bee Finalists

Adithya B. ....	European School Karlsruhe
Shriya B. ....	Internationale Schule Frankfurt
Syon B. ....	European School Karlsruhe
Ishani B. ....	Internationale Schule Frankfurt
Jean D. ....	École Européenne de Strasbourg
Aaryan K. ....	Internationale Schule Frankfurt
Sagrika K. ....	European School Karlsruhe
Shivansh M. ....	European School Karlsruhe
Dharini P. ....	Internationale Schule Frankfurt
Deborah R. ....	École Européenne de Strasbourg
Hannah S. ....	Internationale Schule Frankfurt
Dheekshithaa S. ....	Internationale Schule Frankfurt
Harshil S. ....	European School Karlsruhe
Jeron Lysander S. ....	Heisenberg Gymnasium
Zlata S. ....	École Européenne de Strasbourg
Paola S. ....	École Européenne de Strasbourg
Chinmay S. ....	Internationale Schule Frankfurt
Dalma Z. ....	European School Karlsruhe

Winning words E-Bees:      1. episode  
   2. erupt  
   3. vegetarian

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## Bee Finalists



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Emily B. ....	Goethe-Gymnasium Germersheim
Jason B. ....	Goethe-Gymnasium Germersheim
Sihoon C. ....	Otto Hahn Gymnasium
Chetana G. ....	Obermayr ISS
Tejaswi Nag G. ....	Obermayr ISS
Menel H. ....	École Européenne de Strasbourg
Selwa H. ....	École Européenne de Strasbourg
Jakob K. ....	Otto Hahn Gymnasium
Christine L. ....	Obermayr ISS
Tharun M. ....	European School Karlsruhe
Nishita N. ....	Schiller Gymnasium Pforzheim
Helena N. ....	Obermayr ISS
Eric O. ....	Heimschule Lender
Luc R. ....	École Européenne de Strasbourg
Sathvikkha S. ....	Thomas Mann Gymnasium
Swarit T. ....	Obermayr ISS
Nina T. ....	Obermayr ISS
Rishabh V. ....	Goethe-Gymnasium (KA)
Noah W. ....	Obermayr ISS

The second part of the American Library Spelling Bee did not go on as long, but it had a lot of heart and great sportsmanship. In two separate instances a Bee finalists misspelled, but before leaving the stage graciously wished the other contestants good luck. It was so unexpected that the audience reacted with fervent applause. Congratulations to first-place winner Sihoon C. and second-place winner Jakob K. Both are first time Spelling Bee participants and both attend Otto Hahn Gymnasium in Karlsruhe. Tejaswi Nag G. from Obermayr ISS was able to repeat his third place win from 2017.

Winning words:      1. necessary  
                             2. ideology  
                             3. adjacent

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## The Bee: How it Worked

Participating spellers were divided into two groups:

- **E-Bees** (students taught primarily in English)
- **Bees** (students taught primarily in a language other than English, e.g., students from German schools or in non-English sections of international schools).

This year **106** students from **15** different schools took part. The age range was 7 to 16 with a median age of 12.

Each group was provided with a 200-word list to study.

A written test was administered at the library and in some schools in March. Twenty words were chosen from the respective lists — plus ten bonus words not from the lists. We had one perfect score — all 30 words spelled correctly! 18 students spelled all 20 on-list words correctly!

The top **40** students were invited to participate in the oral final contest at the American Library. Well done!

## The Spelling Bee Final in Pictures



Special thanks to our volunteers, teachers and most importantly, you — our wonderful spellers! Keep up the good work and see you next year.

The woman who dresses up each year in the lovely Bee costume is the American Library librarian Julia Arnold. Bravo!