



A+ Spelling

- (1) *Inform contestants and coaches of the time and place of the verification period. Spectators and coaches not assigned specific duties in administering the contest should be dismissed from the contest room before the contest starts.*
- (2) *A contest official will now, **Say: This is the UIL Spelling test. Write your contestant number in the upper right-hand corner of your answer document and circle your grade level.***
- (3) *The pronouncer and verifier will now conduct the contest including the tiebreaker (students who do not take the tiebreaker test shall be disqualified) keeping these points of clarification in mind:*
 - (A) *Homonyms.* The pronouncer should be careful to distinguish between words that sound alike but have different meanings. When pronouncing the word “bass,” be careful to give an example phrase “bass drum,” or “bass voice,” to distinguish it from “base.”
 - (B) *Clarification.* The pronouncer may provide a sentence and/or definition for clarification, if needed.
 - (C) *Verifiers.* Verifiers should be given a copy of the test list and should mark any words for which they question the pronunciation or definition as the test is being dictated.
 - (D) *Verifying Pronunciation.* After each test, when all words have been pronounced, the pronouncer, with the assistance of the verifier, shall verify and clarify any words in question. These words should be repronounced by the pronouncer.
- (4) *After the test and tiebreaker have been given, the pronouncer will either repronounce any word deemed necessary by the verifier or will conclude the contest and collect all answer sheets. After that is complete, the contest official will **Say: “Please put your pen or pencil down. I will now collect your answer sheet.”***

**** The contest official may ad lib as necessary while conducting the contest. ****