Spelling Bee Rules for Spellers

Read these together before the bee.

1. Listen to the word. You may ask the pronouncer to say it again.
2. You may ask for the **definition**, the **part of speech**, a **sentence** or the **language of origin**.
3. Say the word, spell it letter by letter, then say the word again.
4. Speak clearly. Take your time: you have about 30 seconds.
5. Once you say a letter, you cannot change it. You may start over, but the letters you have already said cannot change.
6. If your spelling is incorrect, the judge will tell you the right spelling. Sit down with a smile: you were brave!
7. Be a good audience: stay quiet while others spell, and clap for everyone.

Tip: picture the word before you start. Spell it on your hand with your finger, or on the back of your number card, as long as your teacher says it is OK.