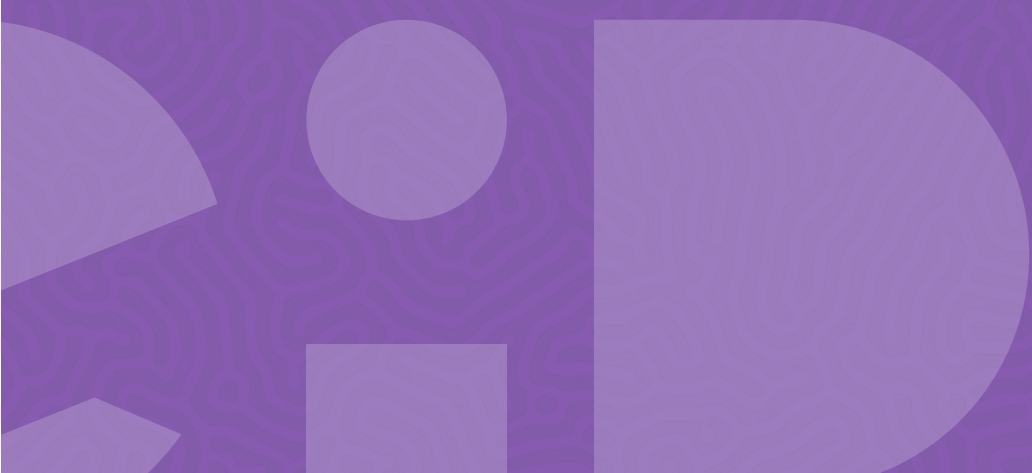


EPE IMPACT PROJECT

Epe Spells!



According to a UNESCO report, Nigeria has the highest number of out-of-school children in the world pegged at 12.5 Million.

Even more concerning is the fact that most children who are within schools do not have access to quality education.

EPE SPELLS

The EIP Spelling Bee tagged **Epe Spells!** is designed to boost the intelligence level of students in the Epe community by encouraging students to appreciate words, their meaning, usage, and how to spell them.



It aims at fostering reading amongst Students, boosting their confidence level such that they can articulate words correctly and speak confidently wherever they find themselves.

It further seeks to ignite their love for reading, studying and learning

STRUCTURE

- Contestants are required to spell words with varying degrees and difficulty.
- Each team will comprise two students accompanied by a teacher-mentor from each school.
- There are three rounds in the competition: - the preparatory round, semi-final and final round.
- Students are to study words from the letter M-R in the Oxford Dictionary (2019 Edition) for the preparatory and semi-final round.
- Words collated from the recommended book/movie will be used for the final stage.

Target Audience

Junior Secondary School Students in the Epe Community.

APPLICATION PROCESS

■ Preparatory Stage

Each participating student is to study the practice list of words available on the website or from the registration form. This round will not count as a competition round but will give each participant the opportunity to review the procedure, understand the flow of the contest, and relax a little. **There are no eliminations in the practice round.** Download practice words [here](#).

■ **Elimination Rounds**

The practice round would be followed by the elimination rounds which are in two stages, Round 1 and Round 2. In each round, each participant will have a chance to spell a word that is read to him or her by the pronouncer. If the participant spells the word incorrectly, he or she will be eliminated from further rounds in the event. Each participant who correctly spells a word will return to his or her seat and will continue in the next round.

Elimination Round 1

The practice round would be followed by round 1 of the elimination rounds. Each participating student is to study words from letters E-I from the Oxford Dictionary (2019 Edition). This stage will take place via a video conferencing platform

Elimination Round 2 - Live Event: October 30, 2021

Each participating student is to study words from the recommended movie as well as from letters M-V from the Oxford Dictionary (2019 Edition). The Grand finale is a Live event and will take place in a location that will be communicated to the general public.

■ **Grand-Finale**

Words collated from the recommendations provided in the previous rounds will be used for the final stage on a broader and difficult level. The Grand finale is a Live event and will take place in a location that will be communicated via email and on our social media platforms.

CONTEST RULES

- Participants are not allowed to have any writing implements or materials during the event.
- At the beginning of each participant's turn, the pronouncer will say the spelling word aloud. The participant must repeat the word back to the pronouncer. If the pronouncer feels the participant has not understood the word, the pronouncer may repeat the word, or ask the participant to repeat it until the pronouncer feels satisfied that the participant has understood the word.
- If a judge feels that the pronouncer has given an incorrect pronunciation of a word, the judges will confer to reach a decision. The judges have the authority to throw a mispronounced word out, if necessary and a new word will be used.
- The participant may ask the pronouncer to provide the following information for the word:
 - *A repetition of the word, or as many repetitions as necessary.*
 - *An alternate pronunciation, if any.*
 - *The first dictionary definition, including part of speech.*
 - *An example sentence.*

The judges will request that the speller attempt to spell the word after a reasonable time has passed.

Once the word has been spelled, the pronouncer will confer with the judges and inform the participant whether the spelling was correct or incorrect. If the judges do not feel they heard the

spelling correctly, they may ask the participant to repeat it. The participant may not, at this point, change his or her original spelling of the word. If the spelling was incorrect, a judge will ring the bell and the pronouncer will provide the correct spelling of the word.

- The main criteria for the judges will be whether or not the participant has correctly spelled the word. For example, though it is customary for a participant to pronounce the word before and after spelling it (that is, if the spelling word is "MELODY" the participant should say: "melody, m-e-l-o-d-y, melody"). Failure to say the complete word after spelling it would not be grounds for elimination; if the participant said, "melody, m-e-l-o-d-y," that would be judged correct, even though he or she did not repeat the word after giving the spelling.

The judges will eliminate a participant who starts spelling a word, pauses, then starts over and changes the original spelling given. However, the participant may retrace his or her spelling by starting over without changing the original spelling given. The following are examples of what is and is not allowed, using "**schizophrenia**" as the spelling word:

Not allowed: "s-c-k ... (pause)... s-c-h-i-z-o-p-h-r-e-n-i-a"

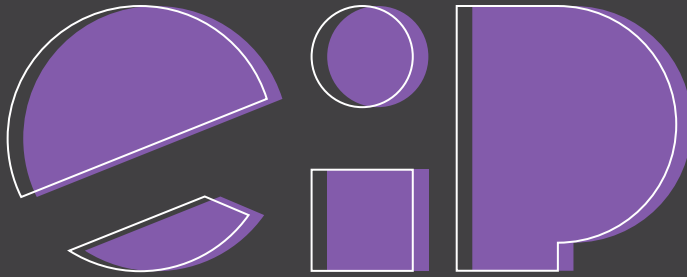
Allowed(retracing): "s-c-h... (pause)...
s-c-h-i-z-o-p-h-r-e-n-i-a"

- All decisions made by the judges are final.

PRIZES

- The winner of the Spelling Bee competition will go home with a cash prize of **N50,000** and **10 books**.
- The first runner-up will go home with the cash prize of **N30,000** and **6 books**.
- The second runner-up will go home with the cash prize of **N20,000** and **4 books**.

The 5 other participants who made it to the finals will get 2 books each.



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