## Prologue

"Dictation and spelling is for kids" if this is what you say, then you have come to the right place because this is where you will be tested till you drop. Welcome to Spell craft, Ekarikthin's only word spelling competition, where you will be challenged in a field you considered easy. So pull your pants up and spell the word!

## Rules

- 1. Contestants of all age groups are allowed to compete in Spell craft.
- 2. The pronouncer will pronounce the words according the diacritical markings given in the **Webster's third New International dictionary**.
- 3. In case of homonym the pronouncer will indicate the word to be spelt by giving the meaning of the word.
- 4. The contestant can ask the meaning of the word or its application in a sentence. The request may be rejected if the judge feels that the demand was unnecessary.
- 5. The contest will be held in two rounds: audition and finals.
- 6. Audition round is a **written test** in which the contestants will be dictated with 30 words. A gap of 1 minute will be given between each word. From the audition, round 10 finalists will be selected.
- 7. The final round will be an **oral test**. Each contestant will be presented with one question at a time which they have to pronounce and spell correctly.
- 8. If the contestant spells a word incorrectly or doesn't know its spelling, then the question will be passed to the next contestant. If the next contestant answers correctly, then **half the maximum** marks allotted for the question will be given.
- 9. Rules for tie-breaking: the following are the rules in case two contestants have the same marks:
  - a. Each word is given a grade according to its difficulty level. The contestant that spells the maximum number of difficult words wins.
  - b. The second tie breaker will be resolved points will be given on the basis of letters matching the original word in the wrongly spelt words.
  - c. The third tie breaker will be resolved by asking the contestants pronunciation of words. Contestant pronouncing the words correctly wins.
- 10. The rules are subject to the number of contestants participating. Organizers have the liberty to change the rules before starting the competition.

## Organizers

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