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Spelling Is FUN 40 min

Objective:

Help students build their vocabulary and understand word origins through spelling

Big Idea:

Competing in a Spelling Bee is a fun way to learn more about the world

1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 20 min

Read [Big Words for Little Geniuses](#) by Susan and James Patterson



2. Investigation and New Learning

Challenge students to spell the 26 words illustrated in Big Words for Little Geniuses:

- Arachibutyrophobia
- Bibliomania
- Catawapus
- Dulcifluous
- Empyreal
- Flibbertigibbet
- Goobledygook
- Horripilation
- Idioglossia

- Juxatposition
- Kerfuffle
- Lilliputian
- Magnanimous
- Nincompoop
- Onomatopoeia
- Pulchritudinous
- Quokka
- Rapsallion
- Stelliferous
- Tokus
- Undulating
- Volitant
- Whirligig
- Xanthochroism
- Yaffingale
- Zamboni

3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

Practice before competing in a real spelling bee:

<https://spellingbee.com/take-test>

Additional resources:

[Sparkle and Spin A Book About Words](#) by Ann & Paul Rand



Standards: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.1