

ACES Learning Center Course Syllabus

Vocabulary 104B: National Spelling Bee Champs II

Course Description

ACES Vocabulary 104B: National Spelling Bee Champs II builds on the foundation developed in V104 by introducing new spelling rules. Emphasis is placed on rules that enable students to “build-up” new vocabulary words from prefixes and suffixes by clarifying how word bases are modified with the addition of various affixes. This course prepares students to gain the maximum benefit from V105 Vocabulary Foundations.

Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Students learn not only how to deduce meanings of new words based on an analysis of constituent morphemes, but also how to deduce the spelling of new words by analyzing and mastering rules for modification of base words.
- Students learn not only spellings of words but also meanings
- Students learn spelling rules to handle academic vocabulary- plurals of words from Latin and Greek.

Class Structure

Class begins with a short quiz over the previous week's words. The new spelling rule is introduced, and students have an opportunity to test their understanding and practice with the new concept. Finally, students practice pronunciation of the new word set for homework (1.5 - 2 hours per week).

Date	Topics	National Spelling Bee Words	Homework
Week 1	Overview of Spelling Rules	6 th Grade Nos. 21-40	Word List #1
Week 2	When to use “c” and “k” -”ant” to “-ance,” “-ent” to “-ence”	6 th Grade Nos. 41-60	Word List #2
Week 3	D before “ge” and T before “ch”	6 th Grade Nos. 61-80	Word List #3
Week 4	Review of Plurals- vowel changes, no singular/plural-only, and “f to v”	6 th Grade Nos. 81-100	Word List #4 Prepare for Mock Bee
Week 5	Rules for Borrow Words Forming Past Tenses Mock Bee #1	7 th Grade Nos. 1-20	Word List #5
Week 6	Suffixes: “ac or ic,” “icly or ally,” Double-vowel rules	7 th Grade Nos. 21-40	Word List #6
Week 7	Adding “All” and “full,” Doubling final consonants after short vowels + “ing”	7 th Grade Nos. 41-60	Word List #7
Week 8	Review of Countable Nouns Much vs. Many, Less vs. Fewer	7 th Grade Nos. 61-80	Word List #8
Week 9	Handling Final “e’s” with Suffixes Adding “ious” to words with “ce”	7 th Grade Nos. 81-100	Word List #9
Week 10	Apostrophes- Possessive vs. Contraction, “It’s” vs. “Its” Possessive with Final Letter “s”	8 th Grade Nos. 1-20	Word List #10 Prepare for 2 nd Mock Bee
Week 11	Final Mock Spelling Bee!		Course Evaluation