Schools COMMUNICATION
DATE OF Competition: 21st of January 2026
Subject: BSME Spelling Bee

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite your school to join us at **Mamoura British Academy on 21st of January** for our **Arabic B Spelling Bee**, a competition for students learning Arabic as an additional language. We look forward to welcoming students and colleagues from fellow BSME schools for a day of friendly competition celebrating their achievements in Arabic.
As a British school, we value opportunities to bring our schools together and give students a wider audience for their learning. This event will offer young learners the chance to represent their school, meet students from other schools and enjoy putting their Arabic skills into practice.
The competition will include two age categories:

- **Years 3 and 4**
- **Years 5 and 6**

Registration opens this week and closes on 1st December. Participating schools are invited to organise an internal spelling bee to select the students who will represent them at the interschool finals on **21st of January**.
Schools should nominate **two students from each year group**: two from Year 3, two from Year 4, two from Year 5 and two from Year 6. The selected students will form a Years 3–4 team and a Years 5–6 team, with **four students in each team**.

The Arabic B Spelling Bee word lists are included below, with separate sections for Years 3–4 and Years 5–6. Each section is organised into three levels: **Easy, Medium and Advanced**. These lists will support classroom practice, internal school competitions and preparation for the interschool event. We hope the opportunity to represent their school will give students an extra reason to enjoy their Arabic learning. We want every participant to feel welcome, supported and proud of their contribution, whatever the final result.

Further information about participation and the competition format follows. We would be delighted to have your school join us and look forward to welcoming you to **Mamoura British Academy on 21st of January**.

Kind regards,
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REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION
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Key Dates

Stage	Date or timeframe	Action for participating schools
Registration opens	This week	Register your school for the Arabic B Spelling Bee.
Registration closes	**1st December**	Confirm your school's participation.
Word lists	Included below in this information pack	Share the relevant lists with teachers and students to begin preparation.
Internal school competitions	Before 21st of January	Select two students from each participating year group.
Final event information	Before the event	Review the confirmed timetable, arrival instructions and judging guidance.
Interschool finals	**21st of January**	Attend Mamoura British Academy with your nominated teams.

Schools should register by **1st December**, even if their internal selection competition has not yet taken place. Instructions for submitting student names will follow with registration confirmation.

Competition Categories
This event is for **Arabic B students learning Arabic as an additional language**.

Age category	Students nominated	Team size
Years 3–4	Two students from Year 3 and two from Year 4	Four students
Years 5–6	Two students from Year 5 and two from Year 6	Four students

Each school will nominate **eight students in total**, forming two teams. Each team should designate a captain to write and present its agreed answers.
Schools are encouraged to hold an internal spelling bee using the supplied word lists. Internal competitions may follow a format that suits the school, provided that final nominations follow the allocation above.

Registration Fee:

Entry	Coverage	Fee per school
Arabic B Spelling Bee	One Years 3–4 team and one Years 5–6 team: eight students in total	**750 AED**

Registration link:
Payment link will be sent to participating emails
Event enquiries: Nour Abdalla: Pre@mamourabritishacademy.ae

PROGRAMME FOR 21st of January
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Proposed timetable — final timings will be confirmed before the event.
Both age categories will use the main competition space at different times. While one category competes, the other will have a supervised break or watch the competition, as indicated below.

Time	Main competition space	Breaks and other arrangements
09:00–09:30	Registration and team briefing	Arrival, sign-in and seating
09:30–09:45	Opening welcome	Introductions, competition rules and format
09:45–10:15	Years 3–4 — Round 1	Years 5–6: snack break
10:15–10:45	Years 5–6 — Round 1	Years 3–4: snack break
10:45–11:15	Years 3–4 — Round 2	Years 5–6: supervised rest
11:15–11:45	Years 5–6 — Round 2	Years 3–4: supervised rest
11:45–12:00	Qualifying tiebreaks, if required	Scores checked and finalists announced
12:00–12:35	Lunch break	All students and accompanying staff
12:35–13:00	Years 3–4 — Final round	Years 5–6 spectate
13:00–13:10	Years 3–4 — Awards presentation	Medals and trophies or commemorative shields for the winning team
13:10–13:35	Years 5–6 — Final round	Years 3–4 spectate
13:35–13:45	Years 5–6 — Awards presentation	Medals and trophies or commemorative shields for the winning team
13:45–14:00	Closing and departure	Participation certificates and medals, appreciation for visiting schools and final thanks

Refreshment and lunch arrangements will be confirmed before the event. Kindly ensure that students bring a refillable water bottle.
Schools are kindly requested to arrive promptly so that teams have time to register and settle in before the opening welcome.

Supervision and Practical Arrangements
Schools bringing both age groups should send a **minimum of two accompanying staff members** to supervise their students throughout the visit.
Accompanying staff remain responsible for their students during competition sessions, breaks and movement between rooms. Kindly notify the organising team in advance of any medical, dietary or access requirements.
Arrival instructions, room allocations and the confirmed programme will be shared before21st of January.

OPENING ROUNDS AND SCORING
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Competition Format
The following format applies separately to **Years 3–4** and **Years 5–6**. Every team will participate in both opening rounds.

Stage	Word level	Number of words	Format	Scoring
Round 1	Easy	Five per team	Same words for all teams in the category	1 point per correct answer
Round 2	Medium	Five per team	Same words for all teams in the category	2 points per correct answer
Final round	Advanced	Five per finalist	Different words given to teams in turn	3 points per correct answer
Tiebreak	Reserve words	As required	Equal attempts for tied teams	Determines qualification or the winner

Rounds 1 and 2
All teams in the same age category will receive **the same word at the same time**.

Step	Responsibility	Procedure
1. Pronunciation	Pronouncer	Reads the word twice clearly in Modern Standard Arabic. A meaning or example sentence may be provided if clarification is needed.
2. Team discussion	Students and timekeeper	Teams have **30 seconds** to confer quietly and agree on the spelling.
3. Written answer	Team captain	Writes the agreed answer on a mini whiteboard within the allotted time.
4. Show boards	MC and all teams	On the MC's signal, all teams raise their boards simultaneously. No further changes are permitted.
5. Judging	Judges	Check each answer against the official answer key.
6. Scoring	Scorekeeper	Records the points awarded. No partial credit is given.
7. Next word	MC and pronouncer	The correct spelling is announced before the next word is read.

Qualification for the Final Round
The **three highest-scoring teams in each age category** will progress to the final, based on their combined scores from Rounds 1 and 2.
The maximum combined score from the opening rounds is **15 points**:

- Round 1: five words × 1 point = **5 points**
- Round 2: five words × 2 points = **10 points**

If teams are tied for the final qualifying place, additional reserve words will be used. All tied teams will receive an equal number of attempts before a decision is made.

FINAL ROUND AND TIEBREAKS
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Final Round
The three qualifying teams in each age category will compete using **Advanced-level words**.
Each finalist will receive **five different words**, selected to provide a comparable level of difficulty across teams.
Teams will take turns in qualifying-score order, with the highest-scoring team going last. Where qualifying scores are equal, the order will be decided by a draw.

Step	Procedure
Pronunciation	The pronouncer reads the word twice clearly. A meaning or example sentence may be supplied if needed.
Team discussion	The team has **30 seconds** to agree on the spelling.
Answer	The captain writes and presents the team's answer when instructed.
Judging	Judges confirm whether the spelling is correct.
Scoring	Each correct answer earns **3 points**. No partial credit is awarded.
Next team	The MC moves to the next team. Each team receives one word per cycle until all finalists have attempted five words.

The maximum final-round score is **15 points**. The team with the highest score will win its age category.

Tiebreaks

If teams are tied for first place after the final round, a **sudden-death spell-off** will take place using reserve words not used earlier in the competition.

Each tied team will receive one word per cycle. All tied teams will have an equal number of turns before a decision is made.

Outcome after an equal number of turns	What happens next
All tied teams spell correctly	All continue to another cycle.
All tied teams spell incorrectly	All continue to another cycle.
Some teams spell correctly and others incorrectly	Only the teams with correct answers continue.
Only one team spells correctly	That team wins.

Where more than two teams are tied, the process continues until one winning team remains.

Awards and Recognition

Awards will be presented following the final round for each age category.

- **Winning teams:** medals and a trophy or school-logo commemorative shield.
- **All participating students:** participation certificates and medals.
- **Participating schools:** an appreciation certificate and a commemorative medal or shield.

JUDGING AND WORD-LIST GUIDANCE

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Judging Responsibilities

The judging team will use an agreed answer key and the spelling guidance shared with participating schools.

Role	Responsibility
MC	Explains each stage, gives the signal to show answers and guides teams through the programme.
Pronouncer	Reads words clearly and consistently, following the agreed pronunciation guidance.
Timekeeper	Ensures that every team receives the same discussion time.
Judges	Check answers against the official answer key.
Scorekeeper	Records points and verifies totals before results are announced.
Lead judge	Resolves queries and confirms final decisions.

Fair Play

Students may discuss answers only with their teammates. Teachers and spectators must not prompt, signal or assist teams while an answer is being considered.

Answers cannot be changed after boards have been raised. Any query about a spelling decision must be raised respectfully by the accompanying teacher **before the next word begins**. The lead judge's decision will be final.

We ask everyone attending to encourage all teams and respect students' concentration during the competition.

Word Lists and Preparation

The **Arabic B Spelling Bee word lists follow below**, with separate sections for the two age categories.

Age category	Easy	Medium	Advanced	Total
Years 3–4	25 entries	25 entries	25 entries	75 entries
Years 5–6	25 entries	25 entries	25 entries	75 entries

Each list includes the **Arabic word or phrase, its English meaning and a transliteration** to support preparation. Schools may use these lists for classroom practice, internal selection competitions and team preparation. Students should practise listening to a word read aloud, discussing its spelling and writing a shared answer within **30 seconds**.

Where a listed entry is a phrase, students should write the complete phrase, including the spaces between its words.

Additional reserve words will be retained by the organisers for tiebreaks and will not appear in the preparation lists. Final guidance on spelling expectations, including whether vowel marks are required, will be shared before the event.

Spelling Bee Words Year 3-Year 4

Easy Level			Medium Level			Advanced Level		
الكلمة بالعربية	English meaning	Transliteration	الكلمة بالعربية	English meaning	Transliteration	الكلمة بالعربية	English meaning	Transliteration
باب	Door	baab	رأسي	My head	ra'see	أصابعي	My fingers	asaabi'ee
كتاب	Book	kitaab	شعري	My hair	sha'ree	ركبتي	My knee	rukbatee
دار	House	daar	عيني	My eye	'aynee	أسناني	My teeth	asnaanee
نار	Fire	naar	أنفي	My nose	anfee	أذناي	My two ears	udhunaay
مال	Money	maal	فمي	My mouth	famee	أكتافي	My shoulders	aktaafee
نام	He slept	naam	أخي	My brother	akhee	عائلتي	My family	'aa'ilatee
قام	He stood up	qaam	أختي	My sister	ukhtee	أصدقائي	My friends	asdiqaa'ee
سار	He walked	saar	جدي	My grandfather	jaddee	إخوتي	My siblings	ikhwatee
طار	He flew	taar	جدتي	My grandmother	jaddatee	أقاربي	My relatives	aqaaribee
قال	He said	qaal	حليب	Milk	haleeb	خضراوات	Vegetables	khad rawa at
أرى	I see	araa	تفاح	Apples	tuffaah	بروكلي	Broccoli	broklee
أحب	I love / I like	uhibb	خيار	Cucumber	khiyaar	برتقال	Oranges	burtuqaal
أريد	I want	ureed	جزر	Carrots	jazar	فواكه	Fruit	fawaakih
أنا	I	ana	خبز	Bread	khubz	مكتبة	Library	maktabah
أمي	My mother	ummee	حقيبة	Bag	haqeebah	سبورة	Whiteboard / board	sabboorah
أبي	My father	abee	مدرسة	School	madrasah	ممحاة	Eraser	mimhaah
أسرتي	My family	usratee	معلم	Teacher	mu'allim	مقلمة	Pencil case	miqlamah
جسمي	My body	jismee	طبيب	Doctor	tabeeb	حذائي	My shoe	hidhaa'ee
يدي	My hand	yadee	قميص	Shirt	qamees	ملابسي	My clothes	malaabisee
بيتي	My house	baytee	فستان	Dress	fustaan	بنطال	Trousers	bantaal
قلمي	My pen / pencil	qalamee	حذاء	Shoe	hidhaa'	نافذة	Window	naafidhah
موز	Bananas	mawz	غرفة	Room	ghurfah	مطبخ	Kitchen	matbakh
تمر	Dates	tamr	سرير	Bed	sareer	أستيقظ	I wake up	astayqidh
توت	Berries	toot	صباح	Morning	sabaah	أتناول	I eat / have a meal	atanaawal
صف	Classroom / class	saff	أغسل	I wash	aghsil	أستعد	I get ready	asta'idd

Easy Level			Medium Level			Advanced Level		
الكلمة بالعربية	English meaning	Transliteration	الكلمة بالعربية	English meaning	Transliteration	الكلمة بالعربية	English meaning	Transliteration
جميل	Beautiful	jameel	مدينة	City	madeenah	الإمارات	The Emirates	al-imaaraat
قديم	Old	qadeem	زيارة	Visit	ziyaarah	الشارقة	Sharjah	ash-shaariqah
حديث	Modern / new	hadeeth	جولة	Tour	jawlah	الفجيرة	Fujairah	al-fujayrah
واسع	Spacious	waasi‘	فندق	Hotel	funduq	العاصمة	The capital city	al-‘aasimah
طويل	Tall / long	taweel	مطعم	Restaurant	mat‘am	مستشفى	Hospital	mustashfaa
حروف	Letters	huroof	شارع	Street	shaari‘	مزدحم	Crowded	muzdahim
نجوم	Stars	nujoom	نافورة	Fountain	naafoorah	مشهورة	Famous	mash-hoorah
كتاب	Book	kitaab	مدرسة	School	madrasah	استراحة	Break / rest	istiraahah
ألوان	Colours	alwaan	مكتبة	Library	maktabah	احتفالات	Celebrations	ihtifaalaat
فصول	Classrooms / seasons	fusool	ملعب	Sports ground	mal‘ab	أستكشف	I explore	astakshif
دبي	Dubai	dubayy	مقصف	School canteen	maq saf	أستمتع	I enjoy	astamti‘
أبو ظبي	Abu Dhabi	aboo dhabi	حاسوب	Computer	haasoob	أستخدم	I use	astakhdim
متحف	Museum	mat-haf	مهرجان	Festival	mahrajaan	مسؤولية	Responsibility	mas’ooliyyah
برج	Tower	burj	أصفر	Yellow	asfar	القراءة	Reading	al-qiraa’ah
حديقة	Park / garden	hadeeqah	أخضر	Green	akhdar	ركوب الخيل	Horse riding	rukoob al-khayl
سياحية	Touristic	siyaahiyyah	حصان	Horse	hisaan	كرة الطائرة	Volleyball	kurat at-taa’irah
كرة القدم	Football	kurat al-qadam	الجري	Running	al-jary	مباراة	Match / game	mubaaraah
السباحة	Swimming	as-sibaahah	فريق	Team	fareeq	منافسة	Competition	munaafasah
ألبس	I wear	albas	مطبخ	Kitchen	matbakh	مستدير	Round / circular	mustadeer
أركب	I ride	arkab	شرفة	Balcony	shurfah	جماعي	Collective / team-based	jamaa‘ee
أشتري	I buy	ashtaree	فطور	Breakfast	futoor	خضراوات	Vegetables	khad rawaawaat
أدرس	I study	adrus	سلطة	Salad	salatah	بروتينات	Proteins	brooteenaat
في	In	fee	قميص	Shirt	qamees	أتناول	I eat / have a meal	atanaawal
من	From	min	معطف	Coat	mi‘taf	أرتدي	I wear / put on	artadee
على	On	‘alaa	بنطال	Trousers	bantaal	خزانة الملابس	Wardrobe	khizaanat al-malaabis

Thanks for support and Cooperation

Yours sincerely,

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