



Overview

Bee Bound is an intensive 6-week regional and National Spelling Bee e-prep course. This course is not focused on one competition but will cover the gamut of words from the beginning off-list ilk to the esoteric off-list ilk **for regional and national competitions.** The full course is six weeks.

The Ideal Student

The Bee Bound course places emphasis on words typically given in higher level bees and is designed for students who are preparing for their district, county and regional spelling bees as well as the National Spelling Bee. This course is also ideal for RSVBee contestants.

Tuition

6 Weeks - 6 Sessions - \$1600*

*Includes 1 hour of weekly group quizzing and group coaching (if classes reach eight or more students, sessions will be 1.5 hours in length). There is a minimum of two students and a maximum of ten students for this online course. You may opt to *not* use all of your sessions; however, you will not get a refund for unused sessions. A \$400 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your child's placement in the course, and the remaining balance must be paid before your first session.

Includes

- 3 language groupings
- 3 difficult-to-guess lists
- 3 basic root sets
- 3 specialized root sets
- 6 vintage lists (i.e., words previously used in competitions)

Class Format

- Mini-lecture at the beginning of the class focusing on a variety of language patterns and assorted topics to help students learn to become competition "savvy"
- Assignments from *New Nat's Notes (NNN)* and *Verbomania*
- Group quizzing via Skype using a spelling bee format with each student having a turn at the microphone per round



How it Works

The full Bee Bound Course is six sessions and consists of 6 online, weekly quizzing sessions on a set day and time for each part. Students are required to complete regular, weekly assignments including learning Latin and Greek roots, rules for language families along with study lists, and additional lists of interesting and tricky words. Quizzing sessions called Spell Bees will incorporate assignments.

During the online Spell Bees, the coach will give each student a turn to spell a word; the coach will say the word, then give information on each word. When it is not a speller's turn to spell, that speller will spell his or her "guess" in a spreadsheet that is shared with the coach so every speller is actively engaged in spelling every word. The coach will give verbal explanations of each word during the Spell Bee and written explanations of the quizzed words will be sent in a follow-up email to all participants. Words chosen for quizzing are those that can be used to "teach" students far more than just how to spell that particular word.

Follow-up

All students will receive personalized follow-up from the coach after each class as well as a complete word list with all word information and explanations for words quizzed on in the class.

Benefits of the Course

Bee Bound gives advanced spelling students the kind of understanding of the English language that can equip them with the tools for long-term recall of words and "figuring out" how to field a variety of difficult words. New students who are enrolled in the course are also able to get comfortable with completing assigned lists on a regular basis, thus becoming prepared for the rigors of Hexco's Personal Spelling Coach program should they wish to go further. Students enrolled in the Bee Bound course, who are also on a waiting list for personal spelling coaching, are given priority for personal coaching when a space becomes available if the student has excelled in the course and the coach deems her/him a strong candidate for personal coaching.

Students enrolled in the course will also have access to certain eMentor products that are assigned by the coach to use while they are in the program. These exclusive eMentor products are used for Hexco's coached students only and are not sold to the general public. Note that specialized eMentors that are "included" in this program are discontinued once the course has concluded unless you remain in some form of a spelling coaching course by Hexco. In such case, we will extend your specialized coaching eMentors for the time you remain in any of our Hexco spelling coaching programs. Many top National Spelling Bee contestants have prepared using these specialized lists reserved for coached students only.



Materials (to be purchased separately)

- *New Nat's Notes (NNN)* Volume 1 eMentor OR printed version
- *Verbomania* Volume 1 eMentor OR printed version
- Subscription or access to Merriam Webster's Unabridged online dictionary

Access to a computer is also required. If you are interested in the course, we will let you know the days and times when your coach and class will meet for your online group sessions.

FAQ: Do you bundle products for this course? Since many customers already have these products when beginning the course, we have decided not to bundle. Explicit topics/schedule will be provided to participants prior to first class. Additional study lists provided in eMentor format are exclusive to coached students. All lists remain available to participants as long that they remain in the coaching program. Once a student exits the coaching program, access to eMentor products specifically used in this course is discontinued after 30 days. The eMentor lists are added to student accounts as assigned by the coach.

Our Coach – Michelle Horton

Michelle Horton is our original coach who assisted in developing the Spelling Coaching Program with Linda Tarrant. Michelle has been writing and editing products for Hexco for the past several years and has been coaching students using our new system for over seven years. Prior to coaching Hexco spellers, Michelle coached all of her children using Hexco products, and they together spelled at the National Bee a total of seven years. Michelle's youngest, Mary, ultimately tied for fifth place at the NSB in her final attempt and has since aged out of the competition. Michelle is an expert grammarian who holds a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with a specialization in Chemistry. As head coach, she has developed instructions for approaching the spelling of words in various language families beyond what is in Hexco's Spelling Rules Book and has added multiple lists for many language families and beyond. Currently, Michelle is expanding the Personal Spelling Coach Program to include new areas for mastery for coaching students as well as working with Linda Tarrant to convert our current program to include coaching eMentors for the PSC program. Her positive attitude helps build excellent rapport with students as she continues to receive stellar reviews from customers who have had the opportunity to benefit from her coaching, many of whom have made it to the higher rungs of the National Spelling Bee.



Participation

Participation and placement is based on a first-come, first-serve order as there are a limited number of available spaces. An inner drive to succeed, follow-through on homework assignments and practice at home are required to be a part of this program. We expect that the parent(s) or guardian of students enrolled remind students to study 1-2 hours a day to get the most out of the program and make sure students log into sessions at the regularly scheduled times. We also expect the parents/guardian to check the student's Google sheet to see student progress. Note that not all words assigned will appear in a Spell Bee or online session, and if a speller seems to have missed studying a certain list, the same list will be reassigned. Success and progress in the program weighs heavily on whether and how much a student has studied. In fact, we have documented that the winner of the 2017 National Spelling Bee spent more time on our eMentor app than any other student in the program.

Terms of Agreement

A non-refundable deposit of \$400 is required to hold your child's place in the course. Payment in full or the remaining balance is required at the beginning of the session by personal check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or Paypal. We cannot guarantee increased placement within any bee. Ultimate placement, as you probably already know, is dependent on a variety of intangibles, including luck of the draw, level of study, willingness to study, student error, nervousness on stage, other competitors, etc. We do not offer unlimited, unscheduled, or round-the-clock attention from the coach or Hexco Academic. Word lists provided to Bee Bound students are for their use only and may not be posted to the web or shared in any manner as these are copyrighted by Hexco Academic.

For additional questions or more information please contact Linda Tarrant at hexco@hexco.com or call 1.800.391.2891.

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