

FAST TRACK TO SPELLING

Class for intermediate to advanced spellers with the tools to become a true competitor!

Wondering if your speller is ready to expand their word bank and knowledge of language exponentially? Not sure where to start? Our Fast Track to Spelling is perfect for spellers who have studied the class and school list and much of the Words of the Champions list or have studied beyond these and are ready to delve deeper into the world of words. This class is much more challenging than our Bee-Ginner Circle course and is a great way to try out Hexco's coaching system while expanding your speller's knowledge base.

Students enrolled in Fast Track to Spelling will receive assignments and then meet for a quizzing/coaching session the following week via Skype in group format for 45 minutes plus a scheduled one-on-one coaching session for 15 minutes with our head spelling coach, Mrs. Horton. There will be weekly assignments to complete. These will include rules for some language families along with study lists, Latin and Greek roots, and lists that will include some difficult-to-guess words, such as eponyms, homonyms, trademarks, geographic words, and all kinds of tricky words.

This course is shorter than our Personal Spelling Coaching (PSC) program to allow students and parents time to 'discover' whether spelling will eventually become an integral part of their youngster's educational journey. Many spellers rotate into our PSC program after this course, which involves spelling at a higher level. All of the study lists provided with this class are online in our eMentor application, which has a pronunciation for every word plus word information, such as definition, parts of speech, and sentence. The eMentor lists assigned for this course are exclusive lists available only to spellers in our coaching programs.

2021 DATES: CLASS STARTS SUNDAY, JUNE 13, AT 4:00 PM EASTERN TIME AND MEETS EACH SUNDAY THEREAFTER FOR FIVE MORE SESSIONS (3:00 PM Central; 2:00 PM Mountain; and 1:00 PM Pacific, skipping the 4th of July weekend)

TUITION: \$1,300 FOR THE 6-WEEK CLASS. (A \$400 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold your child's spot, or payment can be made in full if the class is starting within the next 30 days. Start date will be confirmed upon enrollment. Coaching is nonrefundable once you begin the program due to a limited number of slots available and the time it takes to customize sessions in advance.)

- Link for full payment: <https://www.hexco.com/fast-track-payment/>
- Link for deposit to reserve a spot: <https://www.hexco.com/coaching-deposit-or-assessment/>

CLASS DETAILS

Fast Track to Spelling consists of 6 online, weekly sessions. The first class will be 1 hour and thereafter, 45 minutes of group class time, and a scheduled individual 15-minute session. The individual session will assess mastery of a given assignment to determine if the student should be given new eMentors for the next session. Students are required to complete weekly assignments.

The intention is to engage spellers and impart an understanding of the English language that can equip them for long-term recall of words and meaning, not just rote memorization.

During the weekly coaching/quizzing sessions, the coach will conduct **Spell Bees** with the entire group. This will be directed in a round-robin format in which each speller fields a word while all others enter their attempt in their own online notebook, which is set up and shared by the coach. Thus, every speller spells every word in the online sessions. The coach will give verbal explanations of each word in the Spell Bee and written explanations of the quizzed words in a follow-up email.

- Words given during quizzing will include some from each part of the assignment.
- Some words that have not been assigned will be asked so that spellers can begin gaining skill in fielding unknown words.
- Words will be selected that enable teaching relations to roots or specific languages or to other more difficult words which will be covered in the coaching.
- Email feedback will be provided after each class to cover specific areas for each speller and general information pertinent to the group.

REQUIREMENTS

- A computer with a keyboard, speakers, and Internet access for eMentor study and online sessions
- A microphone and web camera, if possible, for live sessions via Skype
- A subscription to the online *Merriam Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*
- Access to Google for using Google Sheets
- A copy of Hexco's *Spelling Rules Book* (purchased separately for \$79 at <https://www.hexco.com/spelling-rules-book/>)
- Home monitoring by parent for young spellers or encouragement to ensure that spellers progress on their assignment for 1-2 or more hours daily

ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments of word lists will be in our eMentor format, which is our Internet-based application. These are all exclusive lists available only to spellers in our coaching program. The word lists assigned during the Fast Track course will remain available to your speller for as long as they remain in one of our coaching programs.

We recommend that you [try the free demo](#) of our eMentor to see how the product works. When you sign up for the demo, you will have immediate access to a number of

products that are available through this portal. As your speller uses the eMentor, each word will provide an audio pronunciation that can be repeated along with an on-screen view of the phonetic pronunciation(s), definition, parts of speech, and language of origin. The eMentor keeps track of all words you missed the last time they were attempted and all words ever missed so these can be studied over and over. Assignments can include:

- Rules for spelling words from different language families plus an associated word list assigned at a pace dictated by the individual speller's mastery
- Additional word lists, including difficult-to-spell eponyms, homonyms, trademarks, and other tricky words, again dependent on a speller's mastery
- Selected words from our *Verbomania* and *New Nat's Notes* products
- Words from Latin and Greek to expand spellers' knowledge of roots to aid in spelling as well as vocabulary, since over 50% of our words are based in these languages

A TYPICAL ASSIGNMENT

- Video or assignment in the *Spelling Rules Book* to learn rules for a language family
- Word list from the assigned language or difficult-to-guess words in the eMentor format
- Words used by Scripps in previous competitions
- List of Latin and Greek roots to study and gather words for each root into your online notebook
- Collection of words from *Verbomania* and *New Nat's Notes*
- Word list with a collection of words from the assigned list of roots

As a speller masters a given list, they will advance to the next list. This enables spellers to progress at their own pace.

By the end of the course, spellers who master the provided lists will have covered a minimum of two languages, a collection of difficult-to-spell words, several sets of words used in previous bees, plus words from *Verbomania* and *New Nat's Notes*.



OUR 2021 'FAST TRACK' COACH

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 ten years. Prior to coaching Hexco spellers, Michelle coached all her children using Hexco products, and they together spelled at the National Bee a total of seven years. 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 added multiple lists for many language families and beyond. 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.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- Payment in full 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 Fast Track students are for their use only.
- Payment is not refundable.
- For additional questions or more information, please contact Linda Tarrant at linda@hexco.com or call 830.367.3825 or call her cell 830.370.8966 if it is outside office hours.

INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP *for* FAST TRACK TO SPELLING?

Fill out our student interest form at: <https://www.hexco.com/spelling-coach-interest-form>

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