

FAQs for the French Spell Bee Competition 2016

1. How to classify the students according to the three different levels (Débutant, Intermédiaire and Avancé) and deciding who qualifies for which level?

For the schools, students of Grades 4, 5 and 6 students will enroll for Débutant level, of 7 and 8 will enroll for Intermédiaire level, and students from Grades 9 through 12 will enroll for Avancé level.

2. What will be the venue for the three rounds?

The first round is a School round while the second round is a Zonal round. Both of these will be web based and will take place inside your respective schools, either in the computer lab or any other place as per the school's convenience.

The third round is a Live National round. This will be conducted at a central location at India International Centre in New Delhi. Finalists will have to show up at the venue for the finals for an offline contest. The concerned French teacher and parents may accompany the finalists.

3. What is the registration fee and is there any limit as to how many students can participate?

There is no limit as to how many students can participate at the 1st level from one school. However, a minimum number of 50 students must register for all previous year participants inclusive of all levels from each school. Case to case basis relaxation is give to those schools participating 1st time. A registration charge of Rs.350/-(Rupees three hundred and fifty only) is applicable for the 1st Round (school round).

At the second round only those who qualify 1st round will re-register by paying Rs.350/-(Rupees three hundred and fifty only).

4. What is the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for each school/city to participate?

This competition is open to all schools in India except for those where native French students study as in Embassy schools or the French school in Pondicherry etc.

5. What is the last date of CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION?

All registrations are online at www.frenchspellbee.org. You can register your school and your students on our website www.frenchspellbee.org latest by 30th September 2016 for the 1st round. However, those who register early will get the latest booklet at the earliest enabling them to prepare better.

6. How will the students enroll for the 1st round?

The French teachers will at first register his/her school at our website. Post registration of the school the concerned teacher will register the students on the website itself. A user ID and password will be will be generated post payment which will give complete access to the student where he/she can take the exam, view results and download certificates. In case you find difficulty in registering online you may send us details of the students in excel sheet at frenchspellbee@gmail.com and we will upload the same on the site.

7. Who will collect the payment & registration form?

There are two ways you can submit the fee and form.

OPTION 1 (ONLINE)

After you register online, there is a facility post registration where you can pay the registration amount directly by using online methods such as netbanking, creditcard or paypal account.

OPTION 2 (OFFLINE)

Complete the registration process online by providing the DD / Payorder /Cheque no. and Bank details on the website.

The payment may be deposited at the following account number via Cheque / DD / Payorder. Please remember to write the name of your school and total number of students registering from the school at the back of the instrument.

BANK NAME: ICICI bank, sector 11, Dwarka, New Delhi 110078

Name of beneficiary: Frehindi Education (P) Ltd.

Bank A/C no.: 163905000087, IFSC Code: ICIC0001639

The same can also be couriered in a sealed packet mentioning the school name and mobile number at the back of the instrument to the following address so as to reach us on or before 31 September 2016:

The National French Spellbee Competition C/O Frehindi Education P Ltd

331, Vardhman Bahnof Plaza, Plot No.-10, Pocket – 7, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi -110078 | Tel: 011-45537037

8. How will the students enroll for the 2nd Round?

After declaration of results, the qualifiers for the second round will re-register themselves by paying Rs.350/- (Rupees three hundred and fifty only) using the same online route as in the 1st round. The second round registration will be completed on or before 15th November 2016.

9. Is there any registration charge for the 3rd and final round?

No, there is no registration charge for the final round.

10. What is the amount to be transferred as Registration Amount to Frehindi Education (P) LTD?

1st Round: The school will forward a consolidated payment of Rs.300/- after deducting Rs.50-(fifty only) per student towards miscellaneous charges out of the Rs.350/-.

2nd Round: The school will forward a consolidated payment of Rs.300/- after deducting Rs.50-(fifty only) per student towards miscellaneous charges out of the Rs.350/-.

11. How many students can be selected in Round 2 for each level?

Those scoring above the cutoff marks will automatically qualify for Round 2 from each level. A cut off score will be announced by the organizing committee on completion of the first round. The results will be available on the website.

12. What are the Prizes and Certificates for students?

Physical participation certificates for participants at all levels will be delivered to the schools although, the same will also be available for download at our website. The name on the certificates will be the same as that entered at the time of online registration.

1st (School Round) Level Prizes:

School toppers (1st, 2nd & 3rd) will be given surprise prizes by the sponsors. In case of a tie, all winners will get medals & prizes.

2nd (Zonal Round) Level Prizes:

All the participants will receive a special "Champion d'Orthographe" badge along with Gold, Silver & Bronze medals depending on their performance. Those entering the tie breaker round (if any) will also be awarded with a special memento.

Zonal Trophy will be given to the winning schools (1st, 2nd & 3rd) declared as **Zonal Winners**.

All French Teachers whose students have participated in the second round will receive a "Prof. Par Excellence" certificate. The names will be same as filled in the online registration form (where the name of the French teacher is mentioned before the name of each student).

3rd (National round) Level Prizes:

Final Round		All Expenses Paid Trip to France/Belgium in June / July
	3 Prizes	2017.
level		
Final Round 2nd		All expenses paid to "Auroville Pondicherry" at
Prize for each	3 Prizes	Uttrakhand for two in May 2017
Final Round		All expenses paid "Indo-French Frehindi Village" at
3rd	3 Prizes	Himalayas; Uttrakhand in May 2017

Consolation Prizes 175 Prize	175 + Consolation Prize & special plaques to all finalists.
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13. What are the Trophies for Schools?

- a) For each level, the top school will win the prestigious **National French Spell Bee School 2017** Trophy.
- b) Zonal Trophies (1st, 2nd& 3rd) will be given to schools that top their respective zones.

14. What are the Prizes for French Teachers?

Win a Trip to France:

One French Teacher will get to go to France on an **all expenses paid** trip. To qualify for this grand prize you have to make sure that you have at least one of your students winning the Finals. All teachers whose students will win their respective levels in the finals will be eligible for a "Lucky Draw Competition".

- a) The Lucky draw winner will go to an all expense paid trip to France/Belgium.
- b) The 1st Runner up will go to Auroville Pondicherry"
- c) The 2nd Runner up will go to "Indo-French Frehindi Village" at Himalayas; Uttrakhand Trip.

Meilleur Professeur Certificate:

All teachers whose students win the contest in each category will be awarded the "Meilleur Professeur" Trophy along with certificates by the chief guests at the Finals.

15. What is the prize (if any) for the school with the highest number of student participation in the 1^{st} round?

The school with the highest number of students registered for the 1st round will win two (2) complementary places on the Indo-French Frehindi Village Trip– 2017.

The second runner up school with the second highest number of students registered for the 1^{st} round will win one (1) complimentary place on the Frehindi village Trip – 2017.

The eligibility to qualify for the above prize(s) is a minimum of 100 students per school to be registered. All schools with 100 plus registrations will compete with each other for this prize.

16. Can the trip to France be availed in cash?

Cash Prize in lieu of the France trip:

We would like all students & Teachers to avail the unique experience to France / Belgium but In case a student or a teacher does not wish to travel to France due to some personal reasons then the following cash prizes will be applicable:

- 1. Rs.65,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Thousand Only) for each France Trip Winning Student.
- 2. Rs.65,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Thousand Only) for the Lucky Draw winning Teacher.
- **3.** No cash conversion for trips inside India i.e it is mandatory for a student/teacher to take up the Trips in India or forgo the 2nd& 3rd prizes.

17. Will the competition be tough according to different levels and what will be the format of the papers and the type of questions asked?

You will not find the level tough if you follow the Preparation Guide developed from text books and DELF Jr. Syllabus by CIEP (www.ciep.fr/en).

For all the levels the papers will be based solely on these guides. Here are some details:

Débutant

Category 1

The themes will be based on popular French text books available in the market for standards 4, 5 and 6 and DELF A1 Jr. (Parts 1 &2) (www.ciep.fr/en)

Intemédiaire

Category 2

The themes will be based on popular French text books available in the market for standards 7 and 8 & DELF A1 Jr. (Part 3 & DELF A2 Jr. Part 1) (www.ciep.fr/en)

Avancé

Category 3

The themes will be based on popular French text books available in the market for standards 9 to 12th & DELF A2 Jr. (Parts 2 & 3) (www.ciep.fr/en)

17. What happens if my school is not able to garner a minimum of 50 students?

It is mandatory to register a minimum of 50 students for the school to qualify for the competition. However, this condition is relaxed for schools registering for the 1st time; please call at 09810129231 to resolve the issue.

18. What if the dates given for 1st round clash with my internal events/ assessments or shows or competitions in the school?

The school has the liberty to decide the dates for the 1st (October) and 2nd rounds (Nov – Dec)

We will give a window of one month to your school to conduct the same as per your convenience.

19. What will happen if there is a tie in the 2nd round of the competition?

Time will be noted down as soon as the answers are submitted automatically by the computer. Those who submit their test at the earliest will be declared the winners. In case there is still a tie in the Zonal round where two students submit their tests at the same time, there will be a tie breaker

round, which will be conducted in your school at a future date to be decided in consultation with the concerned school.

20. What are the timings & venues for different rounds?

1st & 2nd Rounds will be conducted in your school premises during school hours as per the convenience of your school.

3rd and Final Round will be conducted tentatively on 21st January 2017. The timing will be 9 am to 5 pm.

21. Can parents accompany students for the final round?

Yes, parents along with your French teachers may accompany you for the finals.

22. How will I get the preparation guide?

Apart from a Model test paper available freely on our website, we will provide you a database of words in a booklet called "Preparation Guide" which will act as a resource book to you for all the three levels. You may download previous year's booklet freely from our website by creating a free account.

23. Are you going to train teachers on effective techniques to prepare on all aspects of French Spell Bee 2016 and other doubts and confusion we may have?

Yes, we may organize workshop(s) when we have a sizeable number of teachers willing to undergo training in their respective zones. The teachers can also download the preparatory PPT from the teacher's dashboard available on the site after logging in for free.

24. Whom should I contact for any clarification?

For Registration and other issues you may contact at 9810129231, 9811237067, 9811237064 or 011-45537037.

25. Who will pay for the Boarding and Lodging in New Delhi for the outstation finalists?

Parents, teachers and students will have to arrange their own boarding and lodging at New Delhi. However, the sponsors will provide complimentary lunch, tea and snacks at the venue of the finals to all the students, teachers and parents.

26. What are the facilities available on the website www.frenchspellbee.org?

1) Registration

A school as well as all the students can register level wise and pay online to complete the registration process. No paper is required to be signed or exchanged.

2) Preparation

Students who have registered by paying Rs.350/- (Rupees three hundred and fifty) through their respective schools will be given User ID & Password which will enable them to take test at their respective school

3) Take exam

You can take the exam online at the school itself

4) Results

You can view or download results online by using the User ID & Password.

5) Certificates

You can also download or save the digital certificate anytime after the competition and take a print as and when required.

6) Free Login for Teachers and Students

You can along with your French teacher can register free at the site by filling up a form at the "Free Students/Teachers Login Tab" available on www.frenchspellbee.org; which will enable you to access many useful downloads including previous year's Preparatory Guide, Audios, Videos, Photos of workshop and Mock Tests for Students and for Teachers along with the material to prepare your students you may also download useful drafts like proposal letters, consent forms, FAQs, Terms & conditions and plan workshops at your school apart from various other French Spell Bee preparation resource which will be made available at the site from time to time.

For any clarification & questions feel free to call at 09810129231 / 09811237037 / 9811237067, 9811237064.

