

Title: The Spelling Bee

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

chopsticks	congratulate	distracted	dizzy	glanced
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1. When you lose a game, you should congratulate the winner.
2. Many people in Asia use chopsticks to eat.
3. He had a hard time doing his work because he was distracted.
4. She glanced at me as she walked by quickly.
5. If you spin around in a circle, you will get dizzy.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Sally was in history class. T / F
2. Annika usually won everything. T / F
3. Jun helped Sally study for the spelling bee. T / F
4. Sally tripped when she went to the podium. T / F
5. Jun's trick helped Sally win the competition. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Sally was (excited / distracted) in class because it was almost the weekend.
2. Sally (sighed / smiled) when she heard about the spelling bee.
3. When Brian got his word wrong, he (giggles / shrugged).
4. As there were fewer students, Sally became more (embarrassed / confident).
5. Sally was happy with herself because she reached (her goal / the prize).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. What did Sally think the special announcement was going to be about?

- a. The spelling bee
- b. A test next week
- c. Extra homework
- d. An essay for class

2. What didn't Jun know when he first came to America?

- a. How to speak English
- b. What a hamburger was
- c. How to make flashcards
- d. What school he was going to

3. What did Sally's mom tell her?

- a. That she didn't need to work so hard
- b. That it was very important to win
- c. That she shouldn't worry about Annika
- d. That she shouldn't brag about winning

4. Which word did Jun lose on?

- a. "Doughnut"
- b. "Bouquet"
- c. "Embarrassed"
- d. "Organize"

5. Which is something Annika and Sally had in common?

- a. They both disliked history.
- b. They both liked lasagna.
- c. They both disliked action movies.
- d. They were both good at science.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

goal	announcement	catastrophe	brag	broccoli
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At the end of class, Sally was distracted because it was Friday. Just as everyone was about to leave, Ms. Carlton, the teacher, said she had an announcement. There was going to be a spelling bee next week. Sally wasn't excited. She expected Annika to win and to brag about it. On her way home, Sally talked to her friend Jun from South Korea. He told her she could win if she worked hard. Sally decided to try. Jun helped and gave her some tricks for remembering some words. Sally was still nervous. She thought it was going to be a catastrophe. But during the competition, she spelled her first word, "broccoli," correctly. And she ended up winning!! The next week she competed in a larger spelling bee. She did not win, but was happy because she met her goal. Also, she and Annika became friends. A few months later, Ms. Carlton announced a science contest. Sally, Jun, and Annika would all work together and have fun.