

# H-A-R-D-S-P-E-L-L

Where spelling is compelling



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Dear Head Teacher

HARD SPELL is coming back for a second series on BBC1. It's the televised 'spelling bee' to find Britain's best young speller.

The competition is open to children aged 11-13 and we are trying to spread the word to as many primary and secondary schools, parents, children and head teachers as possible. The show is about making spelling fun and taking part so get in touch now!

Here's some more information about Hard Spell and how to apply:

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Hard Spell is BBC1's televised national event, in which children aged between 11 and 13 compete in the country's biggest spelling test to become BRITAIN'S BEST YOUNG SPELLER. It's a great opportunity for children around the country to compete against each other and excel in this exciting challenge.

To get involved head teachers should complete the registration form enclosed and return it to the BBC by 27<sup>th</sup> May 2005. Schools will then be sent starter packs and word booklets by email (it is our intention that the word booklet will also be available on the Hard Spell web page on the BBC website [www.bbc.co.uk/hardspell](http://www.bbc.co.uk/hardspell)). The starter pack will include a spelling competition to be done by the school before the 24<sup>th</sup> June. The results of this competition need to be returned to the BBC by 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005 so we can notify the selected spellers for regional heats before the end of the summer term.

Each region's top spellers will go through to regional heats in September/October and hopefully onto the national final in Manchester, for a chance to win a great prize for the winning child and their family, plus one for their school too.

The TV cameras will be there to film what goes on at the regional heats and with permission the cameras will then follow certain children and their families right through to the final.

More information is available at [www.bbc.co.uk/hardspell](http://www.bbc.co.uk/hardspell) (the website will be updated soon with more information so please keep checking but the Hard Spell email address [hardspell@bbc.co.uk](mailto:hardspell@bbc.co.uk) is up and running)

NB: To be eligible to participate in Hard Spell - students must have turned 11 years old by 1st September 2005 and must not be over 13 years old by 18th December 2005. We apologise if this excludes some of your students from taking part in the competition this year.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 50 FINALISTS FROM LAST YEAR'S COMPETITION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO REAPPLY - I.E. THOSE THAT APPEARED IN THE TELEVISION STUDIO.***

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We very much look forward to receiving your completed registration form. However, if you do have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or email [hardspell@bbc.co.uk](mailto:hardspell@bbc.co.uk).

Kindest wishes and many thanks,

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## HARD SPELL SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this registration form and return it to us ASAP via email to:

[hardspell@bbc.co.uk](mailto:hardspell@bbc.co.uk)

**AND ALSO**

Please **POST** a signed copy to:

Donna Damassa, HARD SPELL, Room 4024, New Broadcasting House, Oxford Road,  
Manchester. M60 9EA.

Or **FAX** to 0161 244 3537

The deadline for returning the completed registration form is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2005.**

However a prompt response will be beneficial to your school, as this will ensure students have a longer period to learn the Word List.

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| <b>Name of School:</b>       |  |                             |  |
| <b>Name of Head Teacher:</b> |  | <b>School Tel Nos:</b>      |  |
|                              |  | <b>Mobile:</b>              |  |
| <b>School Address:</b>       |  | <b>School Office Email:</b> |  |

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| <b>Contact Name:</b><br>(If different from Head Teacher) |  | <b>Occupation:</b> |  |
| <b>Work:</b>   |  | <b>Email:</b>      |  |
| <b>Mobile:</b>   |  |                    |  |
| <b>Home:</b>   |  |                    |  |

*Please specify which is the best number to contact you on during the day and also evenings – an out of 'school hours' number is crucial.*

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| <b>Dates:</b><br><b>Summer Term</b><br>(incl. half term dates) |  | <b>Dates: Autumn Term</b><br>(incl. half term dates) |  |
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| <b>Number of students aged 11-13 at your school:</b><br>(Typically Years 6, 7, 8 + 9)                 |  | <b>Proposed number of students taking part in school spelling competition:</b> |  |
| <b>Would you be happy to include home educated children from the area in your school competition?</b> |  | <b>What is the closest city to your school?</b>                                |  |

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| <b>How did you hear about Hard Spell?</b><br>(Please give details) |  |
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I confirm that the information given in this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and accurate. Please sign and print name below.

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| <b>SIGN</b> | <b>PRINT NAME</b> |
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**POST:** Donna Damassa, HARD SPELL, Room 4024, New Broadcasting House, Oxford Road, Manchester. M60 1SJ

**FAX :** 0161 244 3537

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2005**  
**PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

All information provided will be treated by the BBC only for the purposes for which it is supplied in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

After we have received your registration form via post and email, we will send you a 'Starter Pack'.

This Pack will include a booklet of words for the students to learn and a school spelling competition which is to be held at your school before 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005, earlier is better if possible. The results of this competition must be returned to the BBC by **24<sup>th</sup> June 2005** so we can notify the selected spellers for the televised regional heats before the end of summer term. Regional heats will take place in September and October and the national competitions will take place in November in Manchester.

It is our intention that the word booklet will be available online at the Hard Spell web page on the BBC web site – [www.bbc.co.uk/hardspell](http://www.bbc.co.uk/hardspell)

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