

Character Bee Procedures and Rules - 2024

1. The Bee is set up in rounds. The first two rounds are “confidence-building rounds.” Students will remain in the Bee whether their answers are correct or incorrect.
2. Students will be called by number and name to the microphone for their turn.
3. Each student will be presented with a Chinese character.
 - The student will be given 10 seconds to identify the character in Chinese and give
 - the meaning in English OR
 - use the word properly in a Chinese sentence
 - **Both** the identification in Chinese and the meaning (in English or correct Chinese sentence) must be provided for the answer to be “correct.”
4. If a student identifies the character within 10 seconds, they will be allowed to finish giving the meaning in English within approximately 15 seconds total.
5. If the Judges need to give additional instructions to the student, the clock will stop. Ex. If the Judges cannot hear the student and need to ask the student to speak louder, the clock will stop and start again after the judges’ instructions.
6. Beginning with the **third round**:
 - **If the answer is correct**, the student will proceed to the next round.
 - **If the answer is incorrect**, the student is “out” of the competition. They may sit quietly with their classmates for the remainder of the Bee.

Special situations:

1. The Judges will review any special situations as they arise. The majority vote of the three Judges will resolve the situation.
2. This is a friendly competition to promote mastery of the Chinese Characters. Our goal is to encourage the students.
3. To be as consistent as possible, the Judges will follow this criteria: if the student’s answer would be marked correct in an oral test in their CI class, the student’s answer will also be correct in the Bee.
4. Please respect the Judges’ decisions.

Completion of the Bee and Declaring a Winner

1. The Bee will proceed through the rounds until a winner is determined.
2. If there is a tie for first, second or third place, the Judges will determine if there is enough time to proceed with a tie-breaker. We appreciate your understanding and respect for the Judges’ decisions.
3. Note that if all remaining students answer incorrectly during a round, everyone competing in that round will return to the competition (otherwise there is no clear winner).