



Bermuda Spelldown Competition 2011

Information Booklet #3



Important Dates for Bermuda Spelldown 2011

March 2011



Cool Cat says “It’s the Bermuda Spelldown Season and GOOD SPELLING IS FUN”

1. Check out this month’s Youth News supplements on 9th and 23rd March. There will be information about the Bermuda Spelldown Competition in each of these supplements
2. **Tuesday 15th March** – names of students participating in the Spelldown to be sent to blessedbabe77@hotmail.com and copied to lbean@moed.bm.
3. **Thursday 17th March** 3.30pm – all Spelldown competitors to be at Mount St. Agnes courtyard to have their pictures taken for the Spelldown programme.
4. **Friday 25th March** – Day Out for all Spelldown Competitors – competitors to participate in a special day trip with chaperones. Schools will receive full information by Wednesday 16th March





RESOURCES for COACHES/STUDENTS/PARENTS



Good Spelling is Fun

Parents and teachers can make learning spelling lots of fun. Although spelling may not seem as important in this day of technology and spellcheckers, if you don't know how to spell the word correctly, how would you know that your spell checker is spelling the word that you want? So since we know that spelling is still important, it's a good idea to have some fun with it.

Here are some fun activities you might use with your student/child.

- **Storytelling:** If your child likes to write, have him create a short story that contains at least 12(24, or any number you suggest) of the spelling words from the Spelldown Word List. Encourage them to write the funniest story using the number of words you allocate and give a fun prize and then maybe a poem using some of the Spelling List words.
- **Letters and numbers:** Have your child translate spelling words from the Word List into numbers using the telephone keypad. Make sure they write down the spelling word first, then write down its number. For example, the word "fireman" would become "3473626."
- **A game for two:** parents and coaches can do this game with their students: **Four Square:** (Requires 2 players) Make a square of 4 rows of dots with 4 dots in each row. Before taking a turn, a player must spell a word from the Word List. If correct, the player connects 2 dots. When a player forms a square, he can write his initials in the box. Player with most squares at the end wins.

Remember the more the use the words the more thoroughly they will know and be able to spell them.

This month we are going to show you some fun ways to ensure that you and your students know the words from the Bermuda Spelldown Word List booklet. I have developed a number of puzzles using words from the Spelldown Word List book.

You can develop other puzzles using words from the Word List to test your students' knowledge of these and other words. The puzzle-creator website that was used to develop this month's puzzles can be found at www.puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com. Check out this site for puzzles using words or numbers. There are other websites that also can assist with developing specialised puzzles.

If you need to know the solution to these puzzles email me at blessedbabe77@hotmail.com.

The first puzzle is a puzzle for parents and teachers and then there are three(3) for the students.



Spelldown 2011 Student Word Search

G G E N U Y M T G K B E Q B L U E E P X
I E S T Q N R Q O Q E T D R P B K T R T
M X R J T E V O P A G A U O O O J F L N
A I B A S E K E M H O C V N P K Y J V E
N K L S N A U G I S N I Y C V S Q S A E
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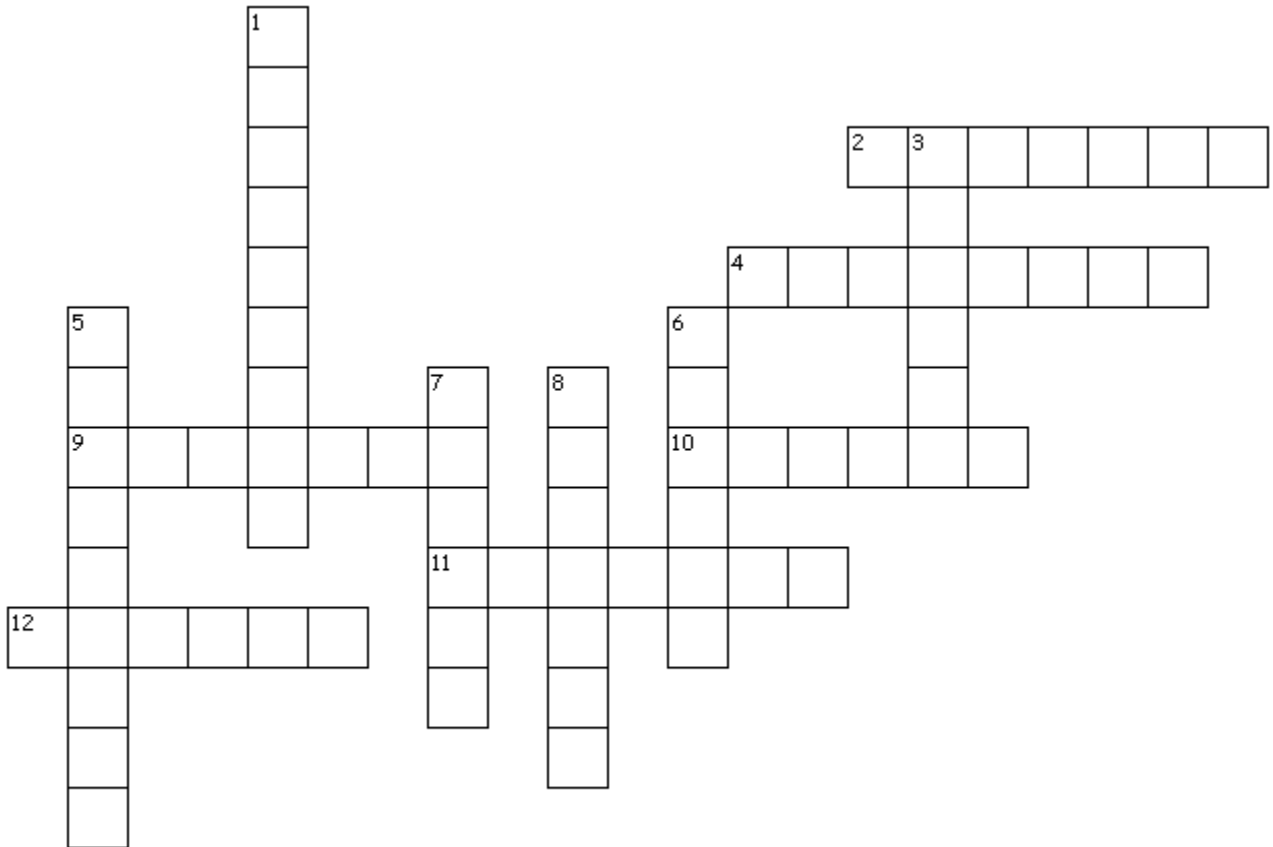
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DIAGNOSE
ETIQUETTE
GAIT
HYGIENE
REIGN
TAUPE
VACUOLE
ZITHER

BEGONIA
COLOGNE
EBONY
FABRICATE
GERANIUM
KILIM
SPHINX
TSUNAMI
WHIMPER



Spelldown 2011 Student Criss-Cross Puzzle



Across

- 2. - harmful or injurious to health
- 4. - strainer for draining water from food
- 9. - a master or teacher of an art
- 10. - elastic cord
- 11. - the capacity to do something
- 12. - unnaturally yellow and pale

Down

- 1. - someone who studies animals and animal behaviour scientifically
- 3. - somebody or something considered to be a source of knowledge
- 5. - relating to the lymph or lymphatic system
- 6. - wreckage, remains, fragments
- 7. - picture made with small coloured pieces
- 8. - noticeable or striking



