

spelling bee



Profiles of the 2021 Japan Spelling Bee contestants

* Winner age as of March 3, 2021

1. Canadian International Elementary School Tokyo



Taiki Terada
Age: 10
I will enjoy the opportunity again because the competition was canceled last year due to the coronavirus.

2. Canadian International Junior High School Tokyo



Jun Woo Jung
Age: 12
I am very excited about this opportunity this year.

3. Columbia International School



Shonosuke Hagiwara
Age: 11
I am going to try my BEST!

4. Fukuoka International School




Coco Longstaff
Age: 11
I'm excited to represent FIS again. I hope to do a good job in the spelling bee!

5. Global Indian International School, Higashi Kasai



Alaina Santosh
Age: 13
I feel good because this is my sixth year doing the school level and I could finally make it.


6. Global Indian International School, Nishi Kasai



Aryan Deshpande
Age: 9
I am extremely happy to have won the school level event and would give my best at the national event.

7. GKCors

8. Gyosei International Junior High School




Arlize Abes
Age: 14
I hope I can enjoy this year's competition and do well.

9. Gyosei International Primary School



Seila Iwaki
Age: 10
I want to become this year's spelling bee representative for Japan.

10. K. International School Tokyo



Ananya Gowri Shankar
Age: 12
I'm deeply honored and excited to represent KIST and hope to emerge successful.

11. Kadena Elementary School




Milo Underwood
Age: 11
I felt so good winning the spelling bee and I want to go further to represent my school.

12. KAIS Elementary & Middle School



Lakshya Misra
Age: 13
I am happy to represent my school again at the Japan Spelling Bee, and I hope to win this year!

13. Kaiyo Academy



Asahiyo Yara
Age: 14
I'm excited to participate in the spelling bee.

14. Kansai International Academy



Soko Suzuki
Age: 9
It's my first time attending, so I am excited to compete in this year's Japan Spelling Bee.

15. Katoh Elementary School



Emma Wakabayashi
Age: 12
I am delighted and proud to be the school winner this year. I will keep trying my best.

16. Katoh Gakuen Gyoshu Junior and Senior High School



Karen Sato
Age: 13
I am really excited about the spelling bee competition. I wish each participant the very best of luck.

17. Kohana International School



Chirag Viswanathan
Age: 10
It was a tough fight. Anybody could have won the competition and I enjoyed preparing for the same.

18. Laurus International School of Science




Thareq Akbar Khalifa
Age: 10
I really hope I win the spelling bee!

19. Linden Hall Elementary School



Shogo Sakai
Age: 9
I was so happy that I won and excited for the upcoming national competition. I will do my best.

20. Makuhari International School




Juwon Song
Age: 10
spelling bee is my life. I love spelling bee as it was a game. It's the best thing ever!

21. Okinawa Amicus International School




Amelia Wolf
Age: 12
I am excited to represent my school this year in the spelling bee and I will do my best.

22. Shirley Lanham Elementary School




John-Edward Corpuz
Age: 11
I'm excited about going to the Tokyo spelling bee.

23. The Montessori School of Tokyo



Moka Kim
Age: 10
Spelling words is like solving a mystery; no word is indecipherable.

24. The Montessori School of Tokyo, Middle School




Noah Moon
Age: 12
Motivation is like a ladder.

25. Tokyo Bay International School



Vardaan Matpathi
Age: 11
School level spelling bee was a good experience and I'm looking forward to winning Japan bee. Good Luck to all.

26. Tokyo YMCA International School



Yugen Padhye
Age: 11
I am very excited to be in the national spelling bee!

27. Tokyo YMCA International School



Cindy Chien
Age: 13
I am so excited for the next spelling bee but a bit nervous, as well.

28. UIA International School of Tokyo - Primary



Savir Bhaiya
Age: 10
I'm excited and I hope to do better than last time!

29. UIA International School of Tokyo - Secondary



Balaji Kumarevel
Age: 13
I am excited to be representing UIA International School at the 2021 Japan Times Spelling Bee.

30. Yokota West Elementary School



Brittney Zhang
Age: 11
I studied a lot; it paid off! I am so excited! I can't wait to compete in the Japan Times Spelling Bee!