

**25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE** from *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

MS PERETTI            Hi Everyone! Yes, hello. Welcome to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee! I'm Rona Lisa Peretti, and I'm thrilled to be back here for my 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as your host! As many of you may know I myself was the Putnam County Spelling Champion many years . . .not too many years ago. Now, the children that you will see on this stage tonight are here because of their extraordinary ability to spell. Only one of them, however, will qualify for the National Spelling Bee. Now there are a few spellers out there whose names I don't have on my list here, so if you'd kindly come see me as I call your name that would be wonderful . . .

ANNOUNCER            Ms. Peretti, please spell syzygy.

MS. PERETTI            S-y-z-y-g-y. Syzygy?

ANNOUNCER            We have a winner!

MS. PERETTI            Ha ha! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

CHIP                    AT THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE  
MY PARENTS KEEP ON TELLING ME  
JUST BEING HERE IS WINNING  
ALTHOUGH, I KNOW IT ISN'T SO

MS. PERETTI            BUT IT'S A VERY NICE, VERY, VERY NICE

MS. PERETTI, CHIP    VERY, VERY NICE VERY NICE BEGINNING!

MS. PERETTI            Our winner here last year, Chip Tolentino.

LOGAINNE              Ms. Peretti!

MS. PERETTI            And our youngest competitor, Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre.

LEAF                    AT THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING GAME – BEE  
I'LL STAND WHEN THEY ANNOUNCE MY NAME

MS. PERETTI            Leaf Coneybear

LEAF                    AND TRY AND KEEP FROM SHAKING

LOGAINNE              ALAS HIS SHAKING WILL NOT PASS

ALL                      'CAUSE IT'S A VERY BIG, VERY FRAUGHT  
SIMPLE BUT IT'S NOT  
IT'S A VERY BIG UNDERTAKING

MS. PERETTI            Returning after last year's tragic setback, William Barfee!

WILLIAM                It's pronounced Barfee; there's an accent egu!

MS. PERETTI            Uh, I'm not sure who this girl is...

MARCY                  Marcy Park, recent transfer.

LOGAINNE                WINNER'S DESTINATION WASHINGTON, D.C.

SPELLERS                PLASMA T.V. IN A FANCY HOTEL  
WHERE THEY TREAT YOU WELL  
ALL BECAUSE YOU LOVE TO SPELL  
WE SPELL!

MS. PERETTI            IT'S A MARVELOUS MEMORY  
IF YOU WIN THE SPELLING BEE  
ONE'S LIFE IMPROVES FROM A TO Z  
THE MINUTE YOU ARE CROWNED HERE  
I SEE A TROPHY HELD BY ME  
AND THEN WHEN I WON  
DID I SWELL? OH THE STORIES I COULD TELL  
BUT BRAGGARTS DON'T DO WELL AROUND HERE

OLIVE                    Hi, I'm Olive Ostrovsky  
Do you know where I check in?

WILLIAM                Shutup.

LEAF                     AT THE 25TH ANNUAL  
WE MEMORIZE THE MANUAL

SPELLERS                ABOUT HOW TO SPELL THESE WORDS  
WORDS THAT REQUIRE THOUGHT  
PEOPLE THINK WE'RE AUTOMATONS  
BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE NOT

MARCY                  WE HEAR THE WORD

LOGAINNE                WE BREATHE

LEAF                     WE WAIT

SPELLERS                UNLIKE IDIOTS WE IDEATE!

MS. PERETTI            To ideate is to form an image or idea; to think

LEAF                     AT THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

LOGAINNE                WE FEEL NO ANIMOSITY

GIRL SPELLERS	AND YET OUR HEADS ARE SPINNING
WILLIAM	WE ARE THE SLIGHTEST BIT BIZARRE
MARCY LEAF	BUT SINCE THE TIME IS NOW HOLY COW
LOGAINNE	WE SHALL MAKE A SOLEMN VOW TO CONCENTRATE ON WINNING
ALL	WE CONCENTRATE ON WINNING AT THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE WE SPEAK SO DAMN CONVINCINGLY
MS. PERETTI	THEY'RE NERVOUS BUT THEY'RE GRINNING
LOGAINNE, OLIVE	IT SEEMS WE'RE LIVING OUT OUR DREAMS
BOY SPELLERS	WHICH IS A VERY NICE, VERY NICE VERY VERY VERY NICE
ALL	VERY NICE, VERY NICE VERY VERY VERY NICE VERY NICE BEGINNING
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