

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Audition Monologues

MITCH

You can't comfort these damn kids. They don't yet know that the good don't always win, so there's nothing you can say to cheer them up when they lose. I want to tell them disappointment doesn't last-but from what I've seen disappointment lasts like hell. I want to tell them words don't matter; but from what I've seen words can get you killed. I just want to beat them up a little, so they understand that pain has degrees, and this is nothing-this is nothing, you little freaks. But that would violate my parole. So I do what I can. I give them a hug and a juice box. I'm here to give comfort.

CHIP

Honestly, I think there's a good chance I would do okay, but it's unlikely I'd win the whole thing. I'm a good speller, but I'm not a truly great speller, and though I have trained hard there's so much luck involved.

MARCY

Marcy Park continued to explore the freedom of not living up to expectations. She later wrote a book called Not Living Up to Expectations. It did not live up to expectations. She is very happy.

SCHWARZY

(with lisp) Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre won the 31st annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, on her 7th try and final year of eligibility. She went on to become Secretary of Education under President Taylor Swift! (dropping lisp) Her speech therapy was completely successful.

BARFEE

William Morris Barfée studied for Nationals with his new friend Olive Ostrovsky. He came in 42nd. In later years he grew up to be incredibly handsome and to gain fame and notoriety for his pioneering efforts in the combined scientific fields of Psychiatry and podiatry, otherwise known as: poschietry.

OLIVE

Olive Ostrovsky reenacted the entire bee for her father in the car ride home. She grew up to be a loving and attentive parent- and the host of her own radio talk show, where every year she interviewed the runner up of the Putnam County spelling bee.*

LEAF

Hello, Leaf Coneybear speaking.

Uh, huh. Uh, huh. Uh, huh.

You're kidding? I'm gonna represent the Putnam Basin district in the bee?

Wow, I can't believe it.

Mom, Dad, Marigold, Brook, Pinecone, Raisin, Landscape, Paul, - you're not going to believe this!

I made the county finals in the spelling bee!

I know I came in third, but they just called and said the person who came in first has to go to their bat mitzvah, and the person who came in second... has to attend the bat mitzvah, so they want me to do it!

RONA

Ladies and Gentleman, all the children you see on stage are here because of their extraordinary ability and love of language-but only one of them can go on to compete in the National Spelling Bee! And this year, to celebrate our silver anniversary, our local sponsors, the Putnam Optometrists, are offering today's winner a two hundred dollar savings bond toward his or her future education. But remember, to get here each child had to win or place in their own district bee, so each of them is already a winner.

PANCH

Vice Principal Panch found a new passion in life. Her name was Rona Lisa Peretti. After courting her tirelessly for over two years, she took out a restraining order on him. Still, he was grateful for the opportunity to experience love.

EXTRAS

RONA

Hello, I'm Rona Lisa Peretti, and I'm pleased to be back for my 9th consecutive year as your host. Unfortunately, our usual word pronouncer, Superintendent Spriggs has fallen ill, so please join me in welcoming back Vice Principal Douglas Panch from Lake Hemingway-Dos Passos Junior High. Vice Principal Panch is returning to us after a five-year hiatus so thank you Douglas for stepping in on such short notice.

RONA

Rona Lisa Perretti left Putnam County for a stretch, and traveled the world to bring competitive spelling to the less fortunate. She hosted national bees in Latvia, Sweden, and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, where she fell in love with an indigenous cashew farmer and became one of the top realtors in that country.

MITCH

Mitch Mahoney discovered a new talent at the Putnam bee, so he made his community service lifelong, comforting eliminated spellers and frustrated educators across the nation. Over the years he remained in touch with scores of people he had comforted.

CHIP

Chip Tolentino made it through adolescence, and in the course of time came to appreciate his erection. As did many others.