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THE 25th ANNUAL
PUTNAM COUNTY
SPELLING BEE

VOICE: We have a winner!
RONA: Hello Tripp. Tripp Barrington, last year's county champion, - taking his place early- as, I see have some of you. We'll get started as soon as all the spellers have arrived.

Music & Lyrics by
WILLIAM FINN

TRIPP:

Energetically

At the Twen-ty Fifth An-nu-al

Put-nam Coun-ty Spel-ling Bee, My pa-rents keep on

tel-ling me just be-ing here is win-ning ——— Al-though I

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16 **ALL:**
 know it is - n't so. _____
 But it's a ve-ry nice, ve-ry ve-ry nice, ve-ry ve-ry nice,

RONA: Logan Swarz and Grubimere - the youngest competitor in the bee for the second year in a row.
(Leaf runs in)
 One of our last minute alternates...Leaf...Coneybear.

21 **CONEYBEAR:**
 ve-ry nice be - gin - ning. _____
 At the *(last time)*
 vamp

26 **Put-nam Coun-ty Spel - ling Game I'll**
 Twen-ty Fifth An-nu-al _____

31 **OLIVE:**
stand when they an - nounce my name And try to keep from sha - king.

35 **TRIPP:**
A - las, his sha - king will not pass.

39 **RONA:**
TRIPP:
GONEYBEAR:
SCHWARZY:
'Cause it's a ve - ry big, ve - ry fraught, sim - ple but it's not, it's a ve - ry big un - der-

RONA: And look who's back, William Barfee.
(*Gramercy enters*)
And this girl I don't know at all.

SCHWARZY:

43 ta - king. _____

Win - ner's des - ti - na - tion

**+ CONEYBEAR:
+ TRIPP:**

49 Wash - ing - ton — D. C. _____

Plas ma — T

ALL:

54 V. in a fan cy ho tel, _____

where they treat you

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59 well. _____ All be - cause _____ you love _____

63 to spell _____ We _____

68 **RONA:**
It's a mar - ve - lous me - mo - ry _____ if you win the Spel - ling

73 Bee. One's life im - proves from A to Z _____ the

77 min-ute you are crowned here _____ Ad - just, Come join the up - per crust _____

82 cause win-ning's - aw-'fly sweet, aw-'fly swell. Oh, the sto-ries I could tell but gloat-ing won't play well a

RONA: Ah! Well! Welcome!
 OLIVE: Hi! Do you know where I get my number?
 BARFEE: Excuse me. I've marked this area off with invisible tape.
 OLIVE: Oh, sorry.

86 round here. _____ CONEYBEAR:
 At the twen ty fifth an nu al _____

90 we've me no rized the ma nu al _____ ALL:
 A bout _____ how to spell these

95
Words that re qui re thought. _____

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100
Peo - ple think we're au - to - ma - tons. but that is ex -

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105
act - ly what we're not. We hear the word. _____ We

105
act - ly what we're not. We hear the word. _____ We

GRAMERCY:

SCHWARZY:

110
breath... We wait... Un - like i - di - ots we i - de - arci

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CONEYBEAR:

ALL:

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117 **ALL:**
At the Twen-ty Fifth An-nu-al _____ Put-ram Coun-ty

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RONA: To ideate is to form an image or idea, to think.

122 Spel - ling Bee, we feel no an - i - mos - i - ty _____ and

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BARFEE:

127 yet our heads are spin - ing. _____ We are the slight - est bit bi -

127 yet our heads are spin - ing. _____ We are the slight - est bit bi -

**GRAMERCY:
TRIPP:
CONEYBEAR:**

131 zarre _____ but since the time is now, ho-ly cow, we shall take a sol-lemn vow to con - cen - trate on

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136 **ALL:**
win - ing. We con - cen - trate on win - ning! At the Twen - ty Fifth An - nu - al

140 **BARFEE (a la Don Giovanni):**
Put - nam Coun - ty Spel - ling Bee. We speak so damn con -

145 **SCHWARZY:**
vinc - ing - ly We're ner - vous but we're grin - ning. It seems we're

150 **ALL:**
Hv - ing out our dreams Which is a ve - ry nice, ve - ry nice, ve - ry ve - ry nice,

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ve-ry nice, ve-ry nice, ve-ry ve-ry ve-ry nice, ve-ry nice

be - gin - ning.

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RONA:

Twen - ty Fifth An - nu - al.

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+REST:

Twen - ty - fifth An - nu - al.

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Put - nam Coun - ty Spel - ling Bee.

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