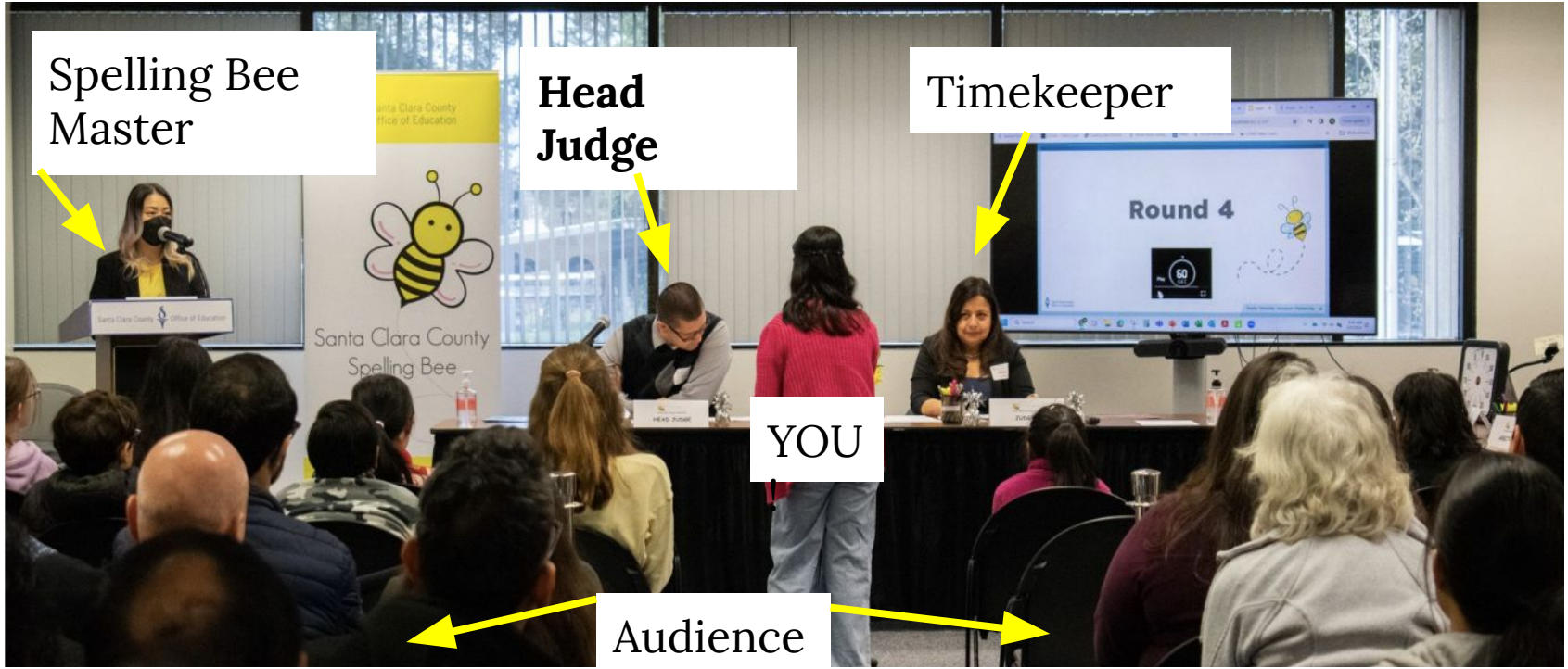


Preparing for the Spelling Bee

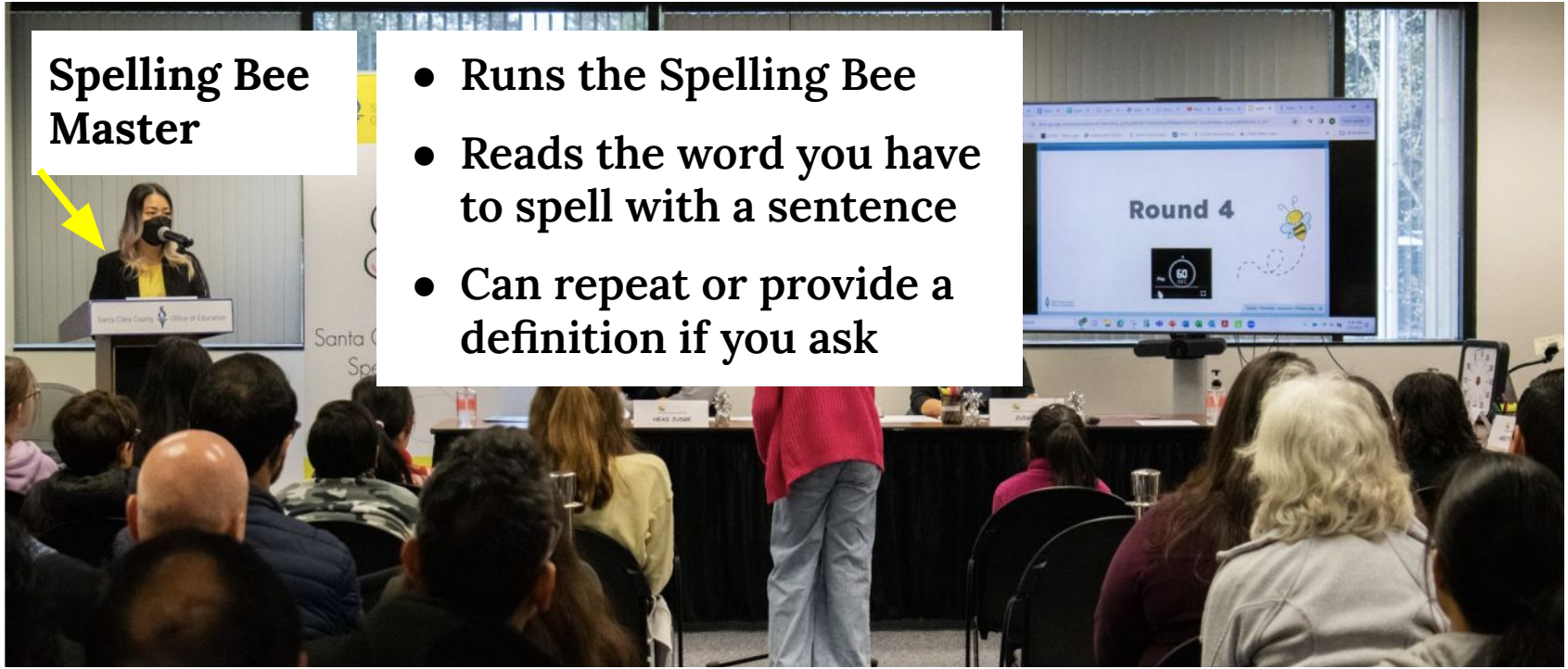
Frequently Asked Questions



Who Will Be at the Spelling Bee?

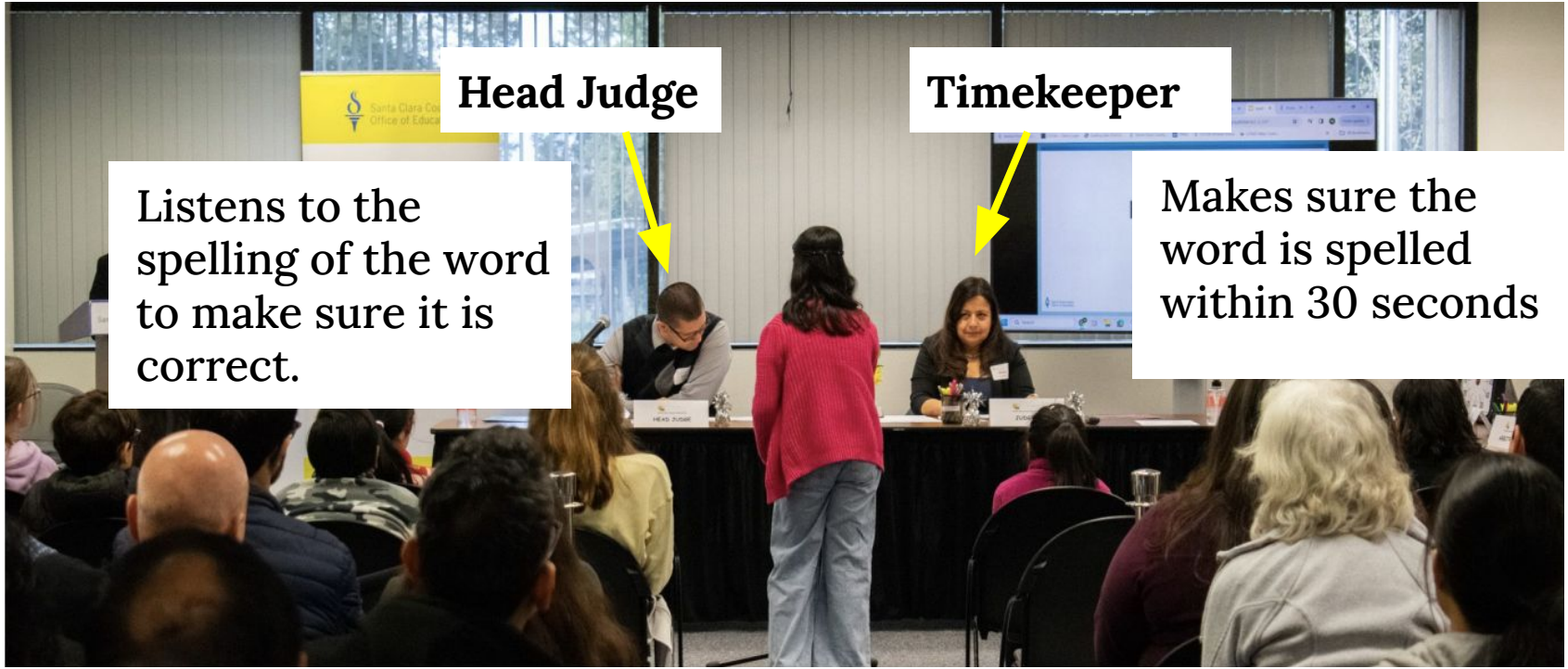


What Does the Spelling Bee Master Do?

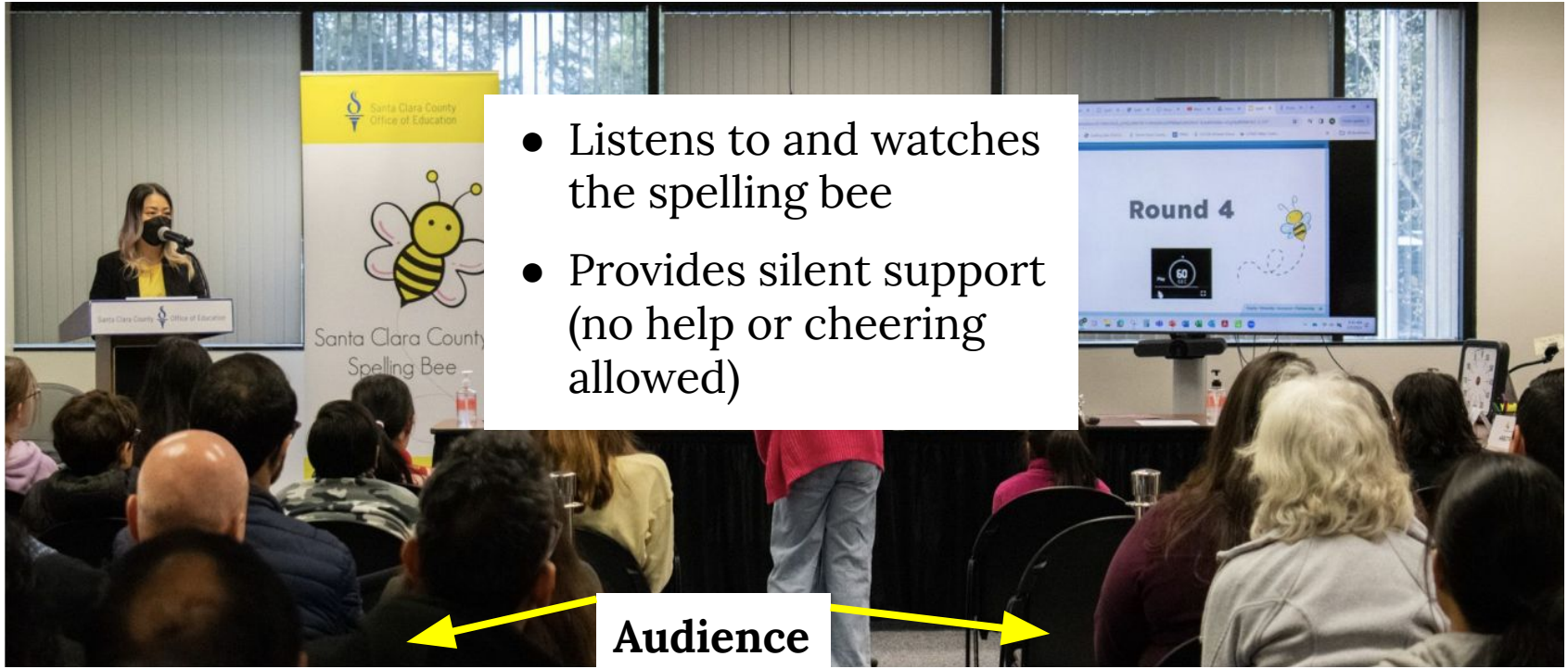


- Runs the Spelling Bee
- Reads the word you have to spell with a sentence
- Can repeat or provide a definition if you ask

What Do the Head Judge and the Timekeeper Do?

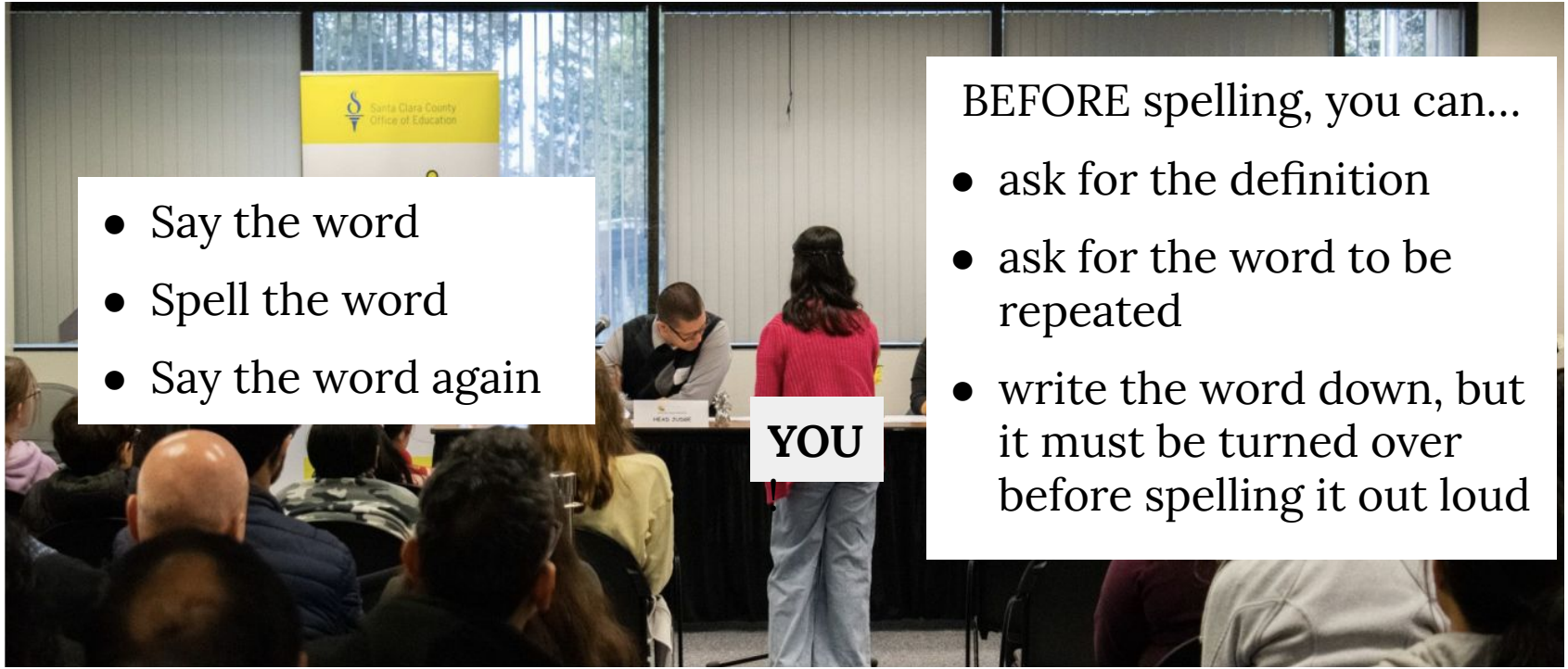


What does the audience do?



- Listens to and watches the spelling bee
- Provides silent support (no help or cheering allowed)

What Do I Do?



- Say the word
- Spell the word
- Say the word again

BEFORE spelling, you can...

- ask for the definition
- ask for the word to be repeated
- write the word down, but it must be turned over before spelling it out loud

What Does It Sound Like?

SPELLING MASTER: Your word is *special.*

SPELLER: May I have a definition please?

SPELLING MASTER: *Special* means distinguished by some unusual quality.

SPELLER: *Special*. S-P-E-C-I-A-L. *Special*.

What Happens If It Is Spelled Incorrectly?

SPELLING MASTER: Your word is *special.*

SPELLER: May I have a definition please?

SPELLING MASTER: *Special* means distinguished by some unusual quality.

SPELLER: *Special*. S-P-E-S-H-A-L. *Special.*

HEAD JUDGE: That is incorrect. The correct spelling is S-P-E-C-I-A-L.

The speller is eliminated from the spelling bee. They remain at the bee, but sit in the row behind the participants.

What If I Want To Start Over?

SPELLING MASTER: Your word is *special.*

SPELLER: *Special.* S-P-E-...S-P-E-C-I-A-L. Special.



You may start over and repeat the same letters as you said the first time.

SPELLING MASTER: Your word is *special.*

SPELLER: *Special.* S-P-A-...S-P-E-C-I-A-L. Special



You may not start over and change any letters you have said.
If you do, you will be eliminated.