

FOR-U Education Cup

Hong Kong Recitation, Speech Giving and Story Telling Competition

Competition Materials and Details

Recitation

<p>Kindergarten The Humming Bird. (The illustrated alphabet of birds, 1851) H is a Humming Bird, Sporting mid flowers And brightly enjoying The sunny hours.</p> <p>Kindergarten The Owl. (The illustrated alphabet of birds, 1851) O is an Owl, Who hides through the day; And comes out at night, To seek for his prey.</p> <p>Junior Primary To My Mother (Stevenson, Robert Louis (1850–1894), A Child’s Garden of Verses and Underwoods, 1913) YOU too, my mother, read my rhymes For love of unforgotten times, And you may chance to hear once more The little feet along the floor.</p>	<p>Junior Primary Animals Can Do! (Michael Allen Poteet) If a bird can swim And a fish can fly Then a lion can jump And so can I (child jumps)</p> <p>If a croc eats rocks And a dove says; “coo” Then a monkey can spin And I can Too! (child spins around once) If a camel spits And a squirrel can fly Then a turtle can run And so can I (child runs in place) If a parrot talks And a cow says; “moo” Then a fish blows a kiss And I can Too! (child blows a kiss)</p>
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Senior Primary

The Moon

**(Stevenson, Robert Louis (1850–1894),
A Child's Garden of Verses and
Underwoods, 1913)**

THE MOON has a face like the clock in
the hall;
She shines on thieves on the garden
wall,
On streets and fields and harbour
quays,
And birdies asleep in the forks of the
trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking
mouse,
The howling dog by the door of the
house,
The bat that lies in bed at noon,
All love to be out by the light of the
moon.

But all of the things that belong to the
day
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;
And flowers and children close their
eyes
Till up in the morning the sun shall
arise.

Senior Primary

**The Sailor (Page 109, A Book For Kids,
Author - C. J. Dennis)**

I'd like to be a sailor – a sailor bold and
bluff –

Calling out "Ship ahoy!" in manly tones
and gruff.

I'd learn to box the compass, and to reef
and tack and luff;

I'd sniff and sniff the briny breeze and
never get enough.

Perhaps I'd chew tobacco, or an old
black pipe I'd puff;

But I wouldn't be a sailor if ...

The sea was very rough.

Would you?

Competition Procedures

1. All contestants must arrive the venue one hour before the scheduled competition timeslot.
 2. Contestants or their guardians must register in the venue so as to verify their identities and corresponding groups. Latecomers will be disqualified.
 3. After identity verification, contestants will be given a proof of entry, with information like their names, group and contestant number on it. Contestant should go to the competition area and wait according to the instruction of the staff member. After being seated, judges will officially start the competition.
 4. Judges will read out the names of the contestants in a performance sequence. When the judge read the name of a specific contestant, he or she should go to the stage immediately. The judges will ring the bell and start the timer once the contestant is ready. Contestants are required to finish the delivery of competition materials in three minutes. Judges will ring the bell 15 seconds before the end of performance. When the time is up, judges will ring the bell three times. Contestants must stop at once and go back to their seats.
 5. Results will be announced and prize presentation will be held right after finishing the calculations. The winner, first runner-up, second runner-up, the merit award and all contestants will receive their mark sheets and certificates in the same day.
 6. After the end of competition, contestants and their guardians will be instructed to leave the competition area. A group photo will be taken in the venue.
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Remarks

1. Competition qualifications for recitation:
Kindergarten: The contestants must be from K1 to K3, aging from 4-6.
Junior Primary: The contestants must be from P1 to P3, aging from 6-8
Senior Primary: The contestants must be from P4 to P6, aging from 8-13.
2. Contestants are encouraged to recite the materials before competition. Marks will be slightly adjusted if contestants use prompt cards.
3. Competition materials are presented in written language. During performance, contestants should deliver exactly the same as the materials and should not use spoken or colloquial language. The competition materials are the same for both Cantonese and Putonghua groups.
4. Other than authorized persons, using any digital devices to film or record the competition is prohibited in order to ensure the smoothness of the competition. FOR-U will assign professional photographers to capture all the performances. The highlights will be uploaded to the competition website. Further details and announcements could be found on the competition website.

Speech Giving

Introduction:

The speeches given in the competition are extemporaneous. All topics are distributed to contestants on the match day.

Sample Topics for English Speech Giving Competition

Junior Primary

Stars, the Moon and the Sun. Which one do you like most? Why?

If I were the Superman.

Senior Primary

If you can choose to add one more subject in your school, which one will you choose? Why?

The most precious gift.

Competition Procedures

1. All contestants must arrive the venue one hour before the scheduled competition timeslot.
 2. Contestants or their guardians must register in the venue so as to verify their identities and corresponding groups. Latecomers will be disqualified.
 3. After identity verification, contestants will be given a proof of entry, with information like their names, group and contestant number on it. Contestant should go to the competition area and wait according to the instruction of the staff member.
 4. After entering the waiting area, staff member will give the contestants question paper according to the performance sequence. There will be two questions on the question paper. Each contestant will have 7 minutes for preparation. Once the preparation time is up, contestants should follow the staff member to go to the competition area. Contestants will be asked to stand at the center of the stage and draw one question from the question paper. A final 15 seconds will be given to the contestant to prepare before the start of performance.
 5. The judges will ring the bell and start the timer once the contestant is ready. Contestants need to finish the delivery of competition materials in 3 minutes. Judges will ring the bell 15 seconds before the end of performance. When the time is up, judges will ring the bell three times. Contestants should stop immediately and leave the competition area with courtesy.
 6. Once the competition is finished, staff member will bring the contestants to the rest area. Contestants will wait for the results with other contestants in the same group.
 7. Results will be announced and prize presentation will be held right after finishing the calculations. The winner, first runner-up, second runner-up, the merit award and all contestants will receive their mark sheets and certificates in the same day.
 8. After the end of competition, contestants and their guardians can take photos freely in the venue.
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Remarks:**1. Competition qualifications for speech giving:**

Junior Primary: The contestants must be from P1 to P3, aging from 6-8

Senior Primary: The contestants must be from P4 to P6, aging from 8-13.

2. Competition topics will not be distributed until the competition starts.

Contestants will be given the question paper only when they are in the venue during the preparation time. There are two questions in total on the question paper but only the drawn one will be presented in the competition.

3. Contestants must use colloquial or spoken language to deliver their speech except direct quotes from books or celebrities.

4. Other than authorized persons, using any digital devices to film or record the competition is prohibited in order to ensure the smoothness of the competition. FOR-U will assign professional photographers to capture all the performances. The highlights will be uploaded to the competition website. Further details and announcements could be found on the competition website.

Story Telling

Introduction: The performance of the story telling competition is extemporaneous. There will be different envelopes in three boxes. Each box may contain a specific group of envelopes which describe different things in the same group. Each contestant have to draw an envelope and make use of the things written on the cards to tell a story.

Sample Cards:

Toys: Dolls, Model Plane, Rubik's Cube, etc

Stationary: Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, etc

Animals: Dinosaur, Rabbit, Lion, Rhino, etc

Balls: Football, Basketball, Tennis, Badminton

Competition Procedures

1. All contestants must arrive the venue one hour before the scheduled competition timeslot.
2. Contestants or their guardians must register in the venue so as to verify their identities and corresponding groups. Latecomers will be disqualified.
3. After identity verification, contestants will be given a proof of entry, with information like their names, group and contestant number on it. Contestant should go to the competition area and wait according to the instruction of the staff member. After being seated, judges will officially start the competition..
4. For each group of contestants, they will have to show their readiness to the judges when they get onto the stage. Contestants need to draw an envelope from the boxes on the stage. They will have to come up with a story by using the materials listed on the cards in the envelopes. The competition will last for 3 minutes. [*** It is slightly different for group competition. (Remarks 4)**]
5. Judges will ring the bell 15 seconds before the end of performance. When the time is up, judges will ring the bell three times. Contestants should stop immediately and leave the competition area with courtesy.
6. Once the competition is finished, staff member will bring the contestants to the rest area. Contestants will wait for the results with other contestants in the same group.
7. Results will be announced and prize presentation will be held right after finishing the calculations. The winner, first runner-up, second runner-up, the merit award and all contestants will receive their mark sheets and certificates in the same day.
8. After the end of competition, contestants and their guardians can take photos freely in the venue.

Remarks

1. Competition qualifications for story telling:

Kindergarten: The contestants must be from K1 to K3, aging from 4-6.

Junior Primary: The contestants must be from P1 to P3, aging from 6-9

Senior Primary: The contestants must be from P4 to P6, aging from 8-13.

Dual: The contestants must list the age of the students, whose ages should be within the one of the above groups. The maximum number of contestants in group is 2.

Group: The contestants must list the age of the student, whose age should be within the one of the above groups. The maximum number of contestants in group is 3.

2. Contestants must use colloquial or spoken language to deliver their speech except direct quotes from books or celebrities.

3. No props should be used in the competition. There is no constraint regarding the costumes of the contestants.

4. For dual or group contestants, the order of performance will be drawn before the competition starts. Each group member will have to draw an envelope from the boxes to form a story.

Group:

The procedure is similar to that in solo competition. Each group will have 5 minutes to delivery their story. All members need to draw an envelope from the boxes on the stage. Individual group member does not have time limit for their words but each of them must speak at least once.

Dual:

The procedure is similar to that in solo competition. Each pair will have 4 minutes to delivery their story. Both contestants need to draw an envelope from the boxes on the stage. Individual group member does not have time limit for their words but each of them must speak at least once.

5. Other than authorized persons, using any digital devices to film or record the competition is prohibited in order to ensure the smoothness of the competition. FOR-U will assign professional photographers to capture all the performances. The highlights will be uploaded to the competition website. Further details and announcements could be found on the competition website.