

“Reading is like...” Creative Sentence Writing Competition Details and Regulations

I. Categories and Eligibility

All Secondary 1 to 6 students from government, aided, Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools and special schools are welcome to enter the competition through the nomination of their schools.

Each school can nominate at most 10 entries for each category.

The categories include:

- Chinese category: no more than 60 words, punctuation marks are not counted.
- English category: no more than 100 words, punctuation marks are not counted

II. Submission of Entries

Submission Deadline	24 January 2025 (Friday)																		
Mode of submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants may submit handwritten or computer-printed entries using the Entry Form provided (see Appendix 21d). • All entries should be submitted as electronic files in MS Word or PDF format. • The total number of words should be indicated on the Form. To ensure the fairness of the competition, any additional text exceeding the word limit will not be assessed. • No information related to the participating school or student should be shown in the entries. • All entries <u>must be submitted by participating schools via email.</u> Entries submitted by post or in person will not be accepted. • Participating schools are requested to submit the following FOUR items to complete the submission process: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 35%;">Items to be submitted</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Submission Format</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1.</td> <td>Entry Submission Form with the signature of the principal and the school chop</td> <td style="text-align: center;">.docx / .pdf</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Entry Submission Form*</u> See Appendix 21b</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2.</td> <td><u>List of Participants</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">.xls</td> <td style="text-align: center;">EXCEL*</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3.</td> <td><u>Declaration and Consent Form</u> (Each</td> <td style="text-align: center;">.docx / .pdf</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Declaration and Consent Form *</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Items to be submitted	Submission Format	Remarks	1.	Entry Submission Form with the signature of the principal and the school chop	.docx / .pdf	<u>Entry Submission Form*</u> See Appendix 21b	2.	<u>List of Participants</u>	.xls	EXCEL*	3.	<u>Declaration and Consent Form</u> (Each	.docx / .pdf	<u>Declaration and Consent Form *</u>
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		<u>participating student should submit one copy)</u>		See Appendix 21c
	4.	Entries from all categories (must be submitted with the Entry Form)	.zip	<p>Entry Form* See Appendix 21d</p> <p>Participating schools are required to compress all the entries into one compressed file (.zip)</p>
	<p>* The above files are available at the competition webpage (https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/reading-to-learn/student-activities/creative-sentence-writing-competition/index.html) (Path: EDB Webpage (https://www.edb.gov.hk) > Curriculum Development and Support > Resources and Support > School Library Services > What's New > Reading is like..." Creative Sentence Writing Competition).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating schools are required to submit the above FOUR items to Curriculum Resources Section, CDI via email (schoollibrary@edb.gov.hk), with the subject line indicating the full name of the school and "“Reading is like...” Creative Sentence Writing Competition”. 			
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The email timestamp will be regarded as the date of submission. Late submissions or entries with incomplete information will not be accepted. • All entries must be submitted on or before the deadline and cannot be changed after submission. Otherwise, the entry concerned will be disqualified. 			

III. Rules and Regulations

Upon submission of the entry, the following rules for the competition are assumed to have been agreed and accepted by the participants:

1. Entries must be nominated and submitted by schools. Schools may submit only one entry per participant.
2. Once submitted, an entry cannot be modified or replaced and will not be returned.
3. An entry must be an original entry which does not infringe any rights (including intellectual property rights, rights of confidentiality or privacy) of any third parties. A breach of this rule will result in disqualification from the competition or the awards. Should an entry breach any laws, the participants shall be held responsible for all legal liabilities. The EDB shall not be held responsible for any liabilities.
4. Entries generated using Artificial Intelligence technology are not permitted in

this competition.

5. An entry shall not contain materials that are obscene, violent, pornographic, defamatory, indecent or any content that is controversial or inappropriate.
6. Participants must guarantee that their entries have neither been openly shown, published or broadcasted in any forms or through any channels, nor have they been involved in other commercial purposes or submitted for other competitions.
7. Participants must fully understand and agree to assign to the EDB the copyright of their entries without charge. The EDB has the right to use the entries and information of participants in any form of media for exhibition, publication, publicity or non-profit making purposes. The EDB also has the right to edit, translate, adapt, use, copy and distribute, in whole or in part, the entries without the prior consent of the participants, or payment of fees.
8. The decision of the adjudication panel on the competition results shall be final. In case of any disputes, the EDB's decision is final.
9. The EDB reserves the right to make decision on all matters relating to the competition, which shall be final. This includes the right to interpret, amend, cancel or suspend the terms and conditions, prizes and other arrangements of the competition without notice.
10. By submitting an entry to the Competition, the participants agree to be bound by the above terms and conditions. The EDB reserves the right to disqualify any participant or cancel any award if it believes a breach of these terms and conditions has occurred. No appeals shall be accepted.

IV. Assessing Criteria

Entries will be assessed based on the following areas :

- Creativity 40%
- Language and writing skills 30%
- Connection with the theme 20%
- Expression of emotions 10%

V. Awards and Prizes

- 12 Creative Sentence **Outstanding Awards** will be presented to awardees of each category.
- 20 Creative Sentence **Commendable Awards** will be presented to awardees of each category.
- Each awardee will receive a certificate and two Ocean Park entrance tickets.
- All winning entries of Creative Sentence **Outstanding Awards** will be compiled and printed as calendars.

VI. Announcement of results and Award Ceremony

The results of the competition will be announced on the EDB webpage

(<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/reading-to-learn/student-activities/creative-sentence-writing-competition/index.html>) in March 2025, awardees will be notified of the details of the award ceremony in writing.



VII. Personal Information Collection Statement

- It is mandatory for participants to provide complete and accurate personal data in the application form. Participants have to agree to the provision of personal data (including the participant's name, the class and the school name) and the authorisation of the EDB to release such data for contact, results announcement, prize presentation ceremony arrangements and promotional purposes. All collected data will be destroyed if they are no longer required after the competition. If participants do not provide such personal data, the EDB may not accept the application.
- For the above purposes, the name and school name of participants and relevant persons may be disclosed through the EDB website and/or other websites and/or media.