

“Reading is like...” Creative Sentence Writing Competition

Aims / Objectives

This is to invite secondary schools (including special schools) to participate in the captioned competition.

Details

2. The Education Bureau (EDB) is dedicated to developing students’ reading skills and habits, and fostering a culture of reading among them. The competition, organised by the Curriculum Resources Section of the Curriculum Development Institute (CDI), aims to encourage students to reflect on the significance and pleasure of reading, and express the value of reading by composing creative and meaningful sentences that begin with the phrase “Reading is like...”, so as to allow students to fully engage their creativity and imagination, as well as to improve their language and writing skills.

3. For details of the competition, please refer to Appendix 21a or visit 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>

(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)



4. The deadline for the submission of entries is **24 January 2025 (Friday)**.

Contact Person

5. For enquiries, please contact Ms Bessie CHEUNG of the Curriculum Resources Section, CDI, EDB at 3698 4423.

“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><u>Entry Form*</u> 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.

「閱讀像… …」創意句子寫作比賽
 “Reading is like…” Creative Sentence Writing Competition
 遞交作品表格
 Entry Submission Form

致教育局課程發展處課程資源組 (schoollibrary@edb.gov.hk)

To Curriculum Resources Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau
 (schoollibrary@edb.gov.hk)

本校參加上述比賽的資料如下：

The information of our school participating in the above competition is as follows:

	作品數目 Number of entries
中文組 Chinese Category	
英文組 English Category	
合共參賽作品 Total Number of Entry	

(請學校利用本局提供的「參賽學生名單」Excel 檔案填寫參賽學生的資料，並確保所有資料皆正確無誤。相關資料將用作印製證書。)

(Please use the “List of Participants” Excel file provided by the EDB to fill in the information of participating students, and make sure the information provided is correct. Relevant information will be used for the production of certificates.)

本校將會以電郵一併提交以下四項資料：

Our school will submit the following **four** items via email:

	提交項目 Items to be submitted	提交格式 Submission Format
i.	遞交作品表格 Entry Submission Form	.docx / .pdf
ii.	參賽學生名單 List of Participants	.xls
iii.	聲明及同意書(每位參賽學生須提交一份) Declaration and Consent Form (Each participating student should submit one copy)	.docx / .pdf
iv.	所有組別的參賽作品 Entries from all categories	.zip

校長簽署 Signature of School Head :

校長姓名 Name of School Head :

負責教師姓名 Name of Teacher-in-charge :

學校名稱 Name of School :

電話 Tel :

日期 Date :



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聲明及同意書 Declaration and Consent Form
 (每位參賽學生及其家長／ 監護人須遞交一份表格)
 (Each participating student and his / her parent / guardian should submit one form)

致教育局：

我們聲明遞交之作品是原創作品及並非透過人工智能技術生成，以及同意遵守細則及條款。我們明白我們需要承擔任何因侵權行為而引發的法律責任。同時，我們授權教育局以任何形式編輯、修改、出版、使用及展示作品，以作教育及／或宣傳用途，並有執行上述行動的最終決定權，惟作品的版權仍屬原創的學生。

To: Education Bureau

We hereby declare that the entry submitted is original work and not generated using Artificial Intelligence technology. We agree to abide to the rules and regulations of the competition. We understand that we are liable for any legal action against us caused by any copyright infringement. Moreover, we authorise the Education Bureau to edit, modify, publish, use and display our entry in any forms for educational and/or publicity purposes. We understand that the Education Bureau has the final decision of the above actions, but the student still owns the copyright of his/her original work.

姓名須與身份證相同 The Name(s) must be the same as in ID Card

學生姓名：	*家長 / 監護人姓名：
Name of Student: _____	Name of *Parent / Guardian: _____
學生簽署：	*家長 / 監護人簽署：
Signature of Student: _____	Signature of *Parent / Guardian: _____
日期：	
Date: _____	

*請刪除不適用的項目。Please delete as appropriate.

學校名稱 Name of School : _____

負責教師姓名 Name of Teacher-in-charge : _____

(如有需要，請複印此表格。Please make copies of this form if necessary.)

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English Category
Entry Form

Information of Participating Student			
Name of Student:		Class:	
Name of School:			
Declaration and Consent Form Completed		* Yes / No	

The word limit for the entry is 100, punctuation marks are not counted. Please create in MS Word or PDF format and zip all the entries into .zip for submission by the school)

Entry No:

(To be filled in by the school)

Word Count (excluding punctuation marks) : _____ words

(Please make copies of this form if necessary.)