



Goodies

Congratulations,

writers!

The 7th Liberal Studies Writing Competition

The 3rd Story Writing Competition 英文故事創作比賽



HUMANS are story-driven animals. Every day we tell stories and listen to stories. It seems we just cannot live without stories! And so we organised a competition for all daring would-be writers. Did you take part in our third Story Writing Competition?

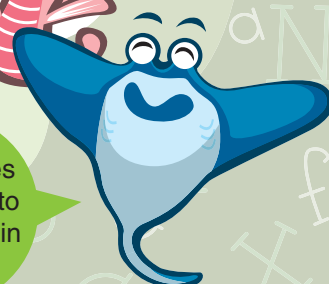
Even if you did not win, taking part in the competition is still a good experience. It is fun to create an imaginary world and put characters in it. This year's winners wrote some excellent stories, so read on to learn some story writing tips.



I tell stories.

I listen to stories.

I tell stories and listen to stories. I win again!





Andrew

Tell a tale

TEACHERS tell stories; salesmen tell stories; government officials tell stories; lawyers tell stories; doctors tell stories – who does not tell stories?

What makes a good story?

A GOOD story is one that inspires people. Have you noticed that most good stories carry a meaningful message with a simple structure? This is the golden formula for a good story that readers will like.



▲ Mr Ivan Tong, Editor-in-Chief of *The Standard*, and the winner, Annalise Mak.

A simple structure

WHILE readers have to follow a story, it is the writer's responsibility to **attract** them. If you were to read either an easy-to-understand story or an overly **complicated** one, which one would you choose? Therefore, keep things simple and you will earn your readers.



Boys and girls, do you have a story to tell?

Anything interesting can become a story!



A winning writer

THIS year's winner of the Story Writing Competition is Annalise Mak (麥胤旼) from Hong Kong International School. She wrote a meaningful story on **greed** and **selfishness**. Recall that a good story needs to be simple while having a meaningful message. Her story is about a greedy boy who asked for lots of wishes. The beauty of the plot is that every wish came with a cost and every cost had an impact on the **protagonist**. It is a well-planned story.

A meaningful message

A GOOD story is a **memorable** one. A memorable story is a meaningful one. So if you are planning to write a story, make it meaningful. Annalise Mak explained, "My story is about making life choices. Nothing is perfect and every choice has a cost. If we choose something then we must give up something."

Story Writing Competition results

Winner

Annalise Mak
(Hong Kong International School)

First runner up

Anjalika Hanson
(Sir Ellis Kadoorie (S) Primary School)

