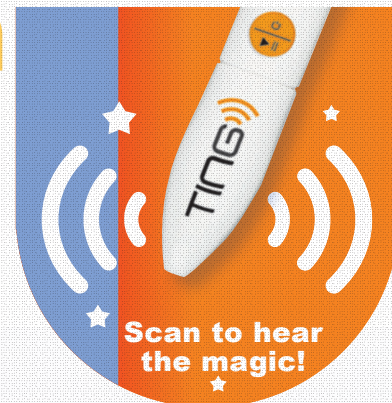


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From blank paper to amazing tales



THE 4th Story Writing Competition awards ceremony was held on 17 August at the eco-friendly Zero Carbon building (零炭天地). Every year, *Goodies* organises the writing competition so that students can practise and showcase their skills. Will you join us this year? Learn some writing tips to prepare yourself.



Look! One of the judges is the writer Nury Vittachi!





Everyone is a winner

Scan to hear
the magic!

THE annual Story Writing Competition is an **excellent** platform where all writing **enthusiasts** can put their writing skills to the test. Entrants are given the **handy** option of picking a category from the 'seven plots of fiction'. These categories are very helpful because they give you ideas on how to write a story.

The seven plots

ALL stories can be boiled down to seven basic plots. They are Defeating Evil, Poor to Rich, The Quest, Journey and Return, Comedy, Tragedy, and Born Again. You can use one of these seven plots as a starting point for your story.

Writing tips

PICK a category and start writing! Here are some tips.

Read a lot

THE best tip for getting good writing skills is to love reading. The more books you read, the better your writing skills will get. You get to learn new words, phrases, sentence structures and even ideas every time you open a book. So read more, and become a better writer.

Write concisely

IF you can use five words to **convey** a message instead of seven, then do it! If you can use three words, then do not use five to make the sentence longer. No one likes to read **clumsy** sentences.

Write a lot

THE simplest way to develop good writing skills is to practise writing. Start writing **habitually** – for instance, keeping a diary will help with your writing because you can then write every day. Just write something, and you will improve eventually.

I wrote five novels last year. I am so proud of myself!

Please lend me one to read so I can fall asleep at night!

If you are in Primary One to Three, you can send us pictures with captions too.

We received 2,665 entries from 204 schools last year. Join us this year!

excellent (adj)
極好的

enthusiast (n)
熱心者

handy (adj)
方便的

Vocabulary
Challenge ★★★★★

convey (v)
表達

clumsy (adj)
笨拙的

habitually (adv)
習慣地