

## ITPA ENGLISH STORY TELLING CONTEST

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Time schedule	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Sunday), 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Registration Fee	RM 30/person
Category	Lower Primary (Under 10)
	Upper Primary (Under 13)
Location	ITPA Promenade, Penang. Google map: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ECSRRf">https://bit.ly/3ECSRRf</a> Waze: <a href="https://bit.ly/3T5xPPy">https://bit.ly/3T5xPPy</a>
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Payment	
Registration form	

### Purpose

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1. Experience giving talk in English.
2. Promote self-confidence.
3. Provide a platform for kids to enhance speaking skill
4. Boost memory.
5. Improve social skills.

### Guidelines

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Category		Time Duration	Reminder
Lower Primary (Under 10)		Max of 5 minutes	4 minutes
Upper Primary (Under 13)		Max of 6 minutes	5 minutes

The story must be memorized and not read.

For lower primary category, you may choose from one of the category A or B stories.

For upper primary category, you may choose from one of the category B stories.

## Remark for parents

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This contest serves as a platform for all students to excel on stage. It is not a formal contest and the main purpose of the contest is to provide good stage experience and let students learn to speak in front of crowd with confidence.

## Judging

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Scoring of the judges will be final. Judge will be evaluating the performance on

1. Introduction of the speaker, clear and short?
2. Confident, such as walk-up stage confidently, polite and handle mistakes properly.
3. Stage presence, neat and appropriately dressed, poise and stance well maintained, look, and speak directly to audience.
4. Delivery of the story, gestures used natural, purposeful, or spontaneous. Body language, expression, and emotion of speaker.
5. Voice control, stress, and rhythm. Too fast or too slow.
6. Pronunciation of the story memorized and speak naturally.
7. Effect on audience such as audience interest.
8. Time control.

Category A	Category B
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THE WIND AND THE SUN</li> <li>2. THE VILLAGER AND THE SPECTACLES</li> <li>3. AS YOU SOW, SO SHALL YOU REAP</li> <li>4. THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING</li> <li>5. NOBODY BELIEVES A LIAR</li> <li>6. A FOX AND A CRANE</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Hole in the Fence</li> <li>2. Cocoon and the Butterfly</li> <li>3. Change Yourself and not The World</li> <li>4. Love and The Time Story</li> <li>5. The Strange Bird with Two Heads</li> <li>6. Health is Wealth</li> </ol>

## Prizes

Lower Primary	Upper Primary
1st RM 60 + Trophy 2nd RM 50 + Trophy 3rd RM 40 + Trophy 4th Trophy 5th Trophy	1st RM 60 + Trophy 2nd RM 50 + Trophy 3rd RM 40 + Trophy 4th Trophy 5th Trophy
Consolation 10 x Trophy for participants	Consolation 10 x Trophy for participants

## CATEGORY A: THE WIND AND THE SUN

Once the Wind and the Sun had an argument. “I am stronger than you,” said the Wind.

“No, you are not,” said the Sun.

Just at that moment they saw a traveler walking across the road.

He was wrapped in a jacket. The Sun and the Wind agreed that whoever could separate the traveller from his shawl was stronger.

The Wind took the first turn. He blew with all his might to tear the traveller’s jacket from his shoulders. But the harder he blew, the tighter the traveller gripped the jacket to his body. The struggle went on till the Wind’s turn was over.

Now it was the Sun’s turn. The Sun smiled warmly. The traveller felt the warmth of the smiling Sun. Soon he let the jacket fall open. The Sun’s smile grew warmer and warmer... hotter and hotter. Now the traveller no longer needed his jacket. He took it off and dropped it on the ground. The Sun was declared stronger than the Wind.

## **CATEGORY A: THE VILLAGER AND THE SPECTACLES**

There was a villager. He was illiterate. He did not know how to read and write. He often saw people wearing spectacles for reading books or papers. He thought, "If I have spectacles, I can also read like these people. I must go to town and buy a pair of spectacles for myself."

So one day he went to a town. He entered a spectacles shop. He asked the shopkeeper for a pair of spectacles for reading. The shopkeeper gave him various pairs of spectacles and a book. The villager tried all the spectacles one by one. But he could not read anything.

He told the shopkeeper that all those spectacles were useless for him. The shopkeeper gave him a doubtful look. Then he looked at the book. It was upside down! The shopkeeper said, "Perhaps you don't know how to read."

The villager said, "No, I don't. I want to buy spectacles so that I can read like others. But I can't read with any of these spectacles." The shopkeeper controlled his laughter with great difficulty when he learnt the real problem of his illiterate customer.

He explained to the villager, "My dear friend, you are very ignorant. Spectacles don't help to read or write. They only help you to see better. First of all you must learn to read and write."

## **CATEGORY A: AS YOU SOW, SO SHALL YOU REAP**

One night, three thieves stole a lot of money from a rich man's house. They put the money in a bag and went to the forest. They felt very hungry. So, one of them went to a nearby village to buy food. The other two remained in the forest to take care of the bag of money.

The thief that went for food had an evil idea. He ate his food at a hotel. Then he bought food for his two mates in the forest. He mixed a strong poison with the food. He thought, "Those two will eat this poisoned food and die. Then I will get all the money for myself."

Meanwhile, the two wicked men in the forest decided to kill their mate on return. They thought that they would divide the money between the two of them. All the three wicked men carried out their cruel plans. The thief who wanted all the money for himself came to the forest with the poisoned food. The two men in the forest hit him and killed him. Then they ate the poisoned food and died. Thus, these evil people met with an evil end.

## **CATEGORY A: THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING**

One day a wolf found a sheepskin. He covered himself with the sheepskin and got into a flock of sheep grazing in a field. He thought, "The shepherd will shut the sheep in the pen after sunset. At night I will run away with a fat sheep and eat it.

All went well till the shepherd shut the sheep in the pen and left. The wolf waited patiently for the night to advance and grow darker. But then an unexpected thing happened. One of the servants of the shepherd entered the pen. His master had sent him to bring a fat sheep for supper. As luck would have it, the servant picked up the wolf dressed in the sheepskin.

That night the shepherd and his guests had the wolf for supper.

## **CATEGORY A: NOBODY BELIEVES A LIAR**

Once a mischievous boy lived in a village that stood in the feet of a hill. One day he thought of having fun at the cost of his fellow-villagers. Standing on a high rock, he shouted at the top of his voice, "Lion! Lion! Come, save me." The villagers heard the shout and ran to help him.

But when they reached there, they could see no lion and the boy was perfectly all right. The boy laughed at the villagers saying, "No Lion ; I did it only for fun." The villagers got highly annoyed and came back with an air of anger. Few days later the boy repeated the whole act. Again the villagers went to his rescue but were duped again. Now they decided not to be fooled by him anymore.

Unfortunately, one day, the lion really came there. Now the boy shouted, "Lion! Lion! as loud as he could". But nobody came to help him out. So, once a liar, always a liar.

## **CATEGORY A: A FOX AND A CRANE**

Once a fox and a crane became friends. So, the fox invited the crane to dinner. The crane accepted the invitation and reached the fox's place at sunset. The fox had prepared soup for his mate. But as we all know that foxes are cunning by nature, he served the soup in flat dishes.

So, he himself lapped the crane's share with his tongue enjoying its relish a lot. But the crane could not enjoy it at all with his long beak and had to get back home hungry. The shrewd fox felt extremely amused.

After few days, the crane invited the fox to dine in with him. The fox reached his place well in time. The crane gave him a warm welcome and served the soup in a jug with a long and narrow neck. So, the crane enjoyed the soup with great relish using his long beak. The fox's mouth couldn't reach the soup through the narrow neck of the jug. He had to return home hungry. Now he realized that he had been repaid for his behaviour with the crane.



## CATEGORY B: A Hole in the Fence

In a small village, a little boy lived with his father and mother. He was the only son. The parents of the little boy were very depressed of his bad temper. The boy used to get angry easily and scold others with bad words. He scolded kids, neighbours and even his friends. His got not many friends anymore.

His mother and father advised him to control his anger and develop kindness. Unfortunately, all their attempts failed. Finally, the father came up with an idea.

One day, his father gave him a huge bag of nails. He asked his son to hammer one nail to the fence every time he became angry and lost his temper. The boy found it amusing and accepted the task.

Every time he lost his temper, he ran to the fence and hammered a nail. His anger drove him to hammer nails on the fence 30 times on the first day! After the next few days, the number of nails hammered on the fence was reduced to half. The little boy found it very difficult and tiring to hammer the nails, so he decided to control his temper.

Gradually, the number of nails hammered to the fence was reduced and the day arrived when no nail was hammered! The boy did not lose his temper at all that day. For the next several days, he did not lose his temper, and so did not hammer any nail.

Now, his father told him to remove the nails each time the boy controlled his anger. Several days passed and the boy was able to pull out most of the nails from the fence. However, there remained a few nails that he could not pull out.

The boy told his father about it. The father appreciated him and pointed to a hole, "What do you see there?". The boy replied, "a hole in the fence!"

He told the boy, "The nails were your bad temper, and they were hammered on people. You can remove the nails but the holes in the fence will remain. The fence will never look the same. It has scars all over. Some nails cannot even be pulled out. You can scold a man, and say sorry later, but the wound will remain there forever. Words are more painful than physical abuse! Use words for good purposes. Use them to grow relationships. Use them to show the love and kindness in your heart!"

Eventually, the boy grew up to be a kind and good tamper person.

## CATEGORY B: Cocoon and the Butterfly

Many of us know that a beautiful and colourful butterfly comes from an unappealing worm! Here is the story of a butterfly that was never able to live its life as a normal butterfly.

One day, a man saw a cocoon. He loved butterflies and he used to spend a lot of time around butterflies. He knew how a butterfly would struggle to transform from an ugly caterpillar into a beautiful one.

He saw a cocoon with a tiny opening. It meant that the butterfly was trying to make its way out to see the beautiful world. He decided to watch how the butterfly would come out of the cocoon. He was watching the butterfly struggling to break the shell for several hours. He spent almost more than 10 hours with the cocoon and the butterfly. The butterfly had been struggling very hard for hours to come out through the tiny opening. Unfortunately, even after continuous attempts for several hours, there was no progress. It seemed that the butterfly had tried its best and could not give any more try.

The man, who had a passion and love for butterflies, decided to help the butterfly. He got a pair of scissors and tweaked the cocoon to make larger opening for the butterfly and removed the remaining cocoon. The butterfly emerged without any struggle!

Unfortunately, the butterfly looked no longer beautiful and had a swollen body with small and withered wings.

The man was happy that he had made the butterfly come out of the cocoon without any more struggles. He continued to watch the butterfly and was quite eager to see it fly with its beautiful wings. He thought that at any time, the butterfly might expand its wings, shrink the body and the wings could support the body. Unfortunately, neither did the wings expand nor the swollen body reduce.

Unfortunately, the butterfly just crawled around with withered wings and a huge body. It was never able to fly. Although the man did it with a good intention, he did not know that only by going through struggles the butterfly can emerge to be beautiful, with strong wings.

The continuous effort from the butterfly to come out of its cocoon would let the fluid stored in the body to be converted into wings. Thus, the body would become lighter and smaller, and the wings would be beautiful and large.

If we don't want to undergo any struggle, we won't be able to fly and excel in our life.

## CATEGORY B: Change Yourself and not The World

Long ago, people lived happily under the rule of a king. The people of the kingdom were very happy as they led a very prosperous life with an abundance of wealth and no misfortunes.

Once, the king decided to go visiting places all around the kingdom. He decided to travel by foot to interact with his people. People were very happy to have a conversation with their king. They were proud that their king had a kind heart.

After several weeks of travel, the king returned to the palace. He was quite happy that he had visited many his people and witnessed his people leading a prosperous life. However, he had one regret.

He had intolerable pain in his feet as it was his first trip by foot covering a long distance. He complained to his ministers that the roads weren't comfortable and that they were very stony. He could not tolerate the pain. He said that he was very much worried about the people who had to walk along those roads as it would be painful for them too!

Considering all this, he ordered his servants to cover the roads in the whole country with leather so that the people of his kingdom can walk comfortably.

The king's ministers were stunned to hear his order as it would mean that thousands of cows would have to be slaughtered in order to get sufficient quantity of leather. And it would cost a huge amount of money also.

Finally, a wise man came to the king and said that he had another idea. The king asked what the alternative was. The minister said, "Instead of covering the roads with leather, why don't you just have a piece of leather cut in appropriate shape to cover your feet?"

The king was very much surprised by his suggestion and applauded the wisdom of the man. He ordered a pair of leather shoes for himself and requested all his countrymen also to wear shoes from now on.

## CATEGORY B: Love and The Time Story

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, and all the others, including Love. One day it was announced to the feelings that the island would sink, so all constructed boats and left. Except for Love.

Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to hold out until the last possible moment. When the island had almost sunk, Love decided to ask for help.

Richness answered, "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place here for you."

Love decided to ask Ego who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel. "Ego, please help me!"

"I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat," Ego answered.

Sadness also passed close by, so Love asked, "Sadness, let me go with you."

"Oh . . . Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself!"

Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so happy that she did not even hear when Love called her.

Suddenly, there was a voice, "Come, Love, I will take you." It was an elder.

So blessed and overjoyed, Love even forgot to ask the elder where they were going. When they arrived at dry land, the elder went his own way. Realizing how much she owed to the elder, Love asked Knowledge, another elder, "Who helped me?"

"It was Time," Knowledge answered.

"Time?" asked Love. "But why did Time help me?"

Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, "Because only Time is capable of understanding how valuable Love is."

## CATEGORY B: The Strange Bird with Two Heads

Once upon a time, there lived a strange bird with two heads, one facing the left and the other facing the right. The two heads used to fight and argue with each other, even for very simple reasons. Though they shared the same body, the two heads behaved like rivals!

The strange bird lived in a big tree, along the bank of a river. One day, while flying over the river, the left head of the bird saw a beautiful tree that had a bright red fruit. The left head of the bird wanted to eat the fruit and the bird flew down to pick the fruit from the tree.

The bird plucked the sweet-smelling fruit and sat by the banks of the river and started eating it. The fruit was eaten by the left head. While it was eating, the right head asked, "Can you give me a piece to taste?"

The left head said, "See, we have only one stomach. So even if I eat in my mouth, it will go only into our stomach."

"But I want to taste the fruit, so you should give me."

The left head replied in anger, "I saw the fruit and hence, I have the right to eat it without sharing with anyone." The right head felt sad and became silent.

A few days later, while the bird was flying over the river again, the right head saw a beautiful pink fruit in a tree. The bird flew down near the tree and tried to pick the fruit and eat it.

The other birds living in the tree said, "Don't eat it. It is a poisonous fruit. It will kill you."

The left head shouted, "Don't eat it. Don't eat it."

However, the right head did not listen to the left head. The right head said, "I will eat it, because I saw it. You have no right to stop me."

The left head shouted, "Please don't eat it. We will all die."

The right head said, "Since I saw it, I have the right to eat it." Clearly, the right head was trying to take revenge on the left head for not sharing the red fruit with it earlier.

Finally, the pink fruit was eaten by the right head, and in a few minutes, the strange bird with the two heads dropped down dead! In real life, a quarrel by the individuals in a family will affect the whole family badly.

## CATEGORY B: Health is Wealth

Once upon a time, there lived a generous and kind-hearted king. But the people weren't happy with their king because the king was very lazy and would not do anything other than eating and sleeping.

He spent days and weeks and months in his bed either eating something or sleeping. The king became a potato couch and the people started to worry about the king.

One day, the king realized that he couldn't even move his body, not even his foot. He became very fat and his enemies made fun of him, calling him 'fatty king' and 'bulky king'.

The king invited expert doctors from various parts of his country and offered them generous rewards to make him fit. Unfortunately, none could help the king gain his health and fitness. The king spent enormous amounts of money, but everything went in vain.

One fine morning, a wise man visited the country. He heard about the ill-health of the king, and informed the minister at the palace that he could easily cure the king. Hearing these promising words, the minister became very happy. He requested the king to meet the wise man to get rid of his problem. The wise man resided at a distant place. Since the king could not move his body, he asked the minister to bring the holy man to the palace, but the holy man refused. He said that the king had to go to him, in order to get cured.

After many efforts, the king met the wise man at the latter's residence. The wise man complimented the king saying that he was a good ruler and said that he would soon regain his health. He asked the king to come for treatment the next day. He told the king also that the king would be treated only if he came on foot to the holy man's residence.

The King was unable to walk even a few steps on the road, but aided by his followers, he reached the wise man's place. Unfortunately, the wise man was not available, and his devotee requested the king to come and meet him the next day for treatment.

This was repeated for two weeks, and the king never met the wise man, and never had any treatment. Gradually, the king realized that he felt a lot lighter, lost a considerable amount of weight and felt more active than before. He realized the reason why the wise man asked him to reach his place by walking.

Very soon, the king regained his health, and the people were very happy in his kingdom.