



The English Master Junior competition, now in its second year, aims to boost students' confidence in English and inspire greater enthusiasm for language learning. This competition will also help students develop life skills such as collaboration, communication and critical thinking. They will have the opportunity to get involved in fun activities and to explore new ideas and concepts.

Why should you participate?

School teams will take part in fun, creative activities which will develop their skills and engage their imaginations. This competition is a great way to motivate students to read, write and speak, while also developing teamwork and communication skills.

Who can enter?

All primary students in Hong Kong are eligible to participate. Each team competes in either the Lower Primary or the Upper Primary group. Each school can register more than one team for each group, and each team should consist of four students.

Level of study	Group
Primary 1–3	Lower Primary
Primary 4–6	Upper Primary

What is the schedule?

Stage 1: Creative Writing

Be creative! Each team has to work together and come up with a creative and interesting story based on the criteria below:

Lower Primary	Write a unique heroic story of between 150 and 200 words, in English, based on the pictures shown on the entry form.
Upper Primary	Write a unique adventure story using the pictures shown on the entry form and create your own special ending. Your story should be in English and be between 200 and 300 words.

Submission deadline: 17 December 2018

Judging criteria:

Relevance to the topic	30%
Writing structure	20%
Writing style and precision	20%
Clarity and originality of expression	15%
Originality of idea	15%

Stage 2: Poetry Reading

20 teams from each group will be selected to take part in Stage 2, where each team will be asked to recite an assigned poem from memory and perform their own dramatic interpretation of the poem to accompany their recital.

Event date: Tuesday 26 February, Wednesday 27 February or Friday 1 March 2019 (Each team will perform on one of these dates only. The specific date on which each team will perform will be confirmed by early February 2019.)

Venue: British Council, 3 Supreme Court Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong

Judging criteria:

Performance	
Understanding and conveying the poet's original message	20%
Costume and props	10%
Language	
Intonation and articulation	20%
Pronunciation	20%
Skills	
Creativity	15%
Teamwork	15%

Final stage: Storytelling and Awards Ceremony

Five teams from each group will enter the final round of the competition. Each team will have prepared a five-minute performance based on an assigned topic. The performance may involve storytelling, drama or singing. The results will be announced on the same day.

Event date: Saturday 4 May 2019

Venue: MegaBox, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Judging criteria:

Performance	
Organisation and structure of the story	20%
Facial gestures and body movement	10%
Language	
Intonation and articulation	15%
Pronunciation	15%
Skills	
Creativity	15%
Relevance to the topic	10%
Teamwork	15%

Awards:

The three best-performing teams from each group will receive the following prizes.

Champions:	Trophy A certificate, HK\$1,000 worth of book vouchers and a free British Council summer English course for each student
1st Runners-up:	Trophy A certificate, HK\$500 worth of book vouchers and a HK\$1,500 British Council summer English course voucher for each student
2nd Runners-up:	Trophy A certificate, HK\$200 worth of book vouchers and an HK\$800 British Council summer English course voucher for each student

Two NEW awards will be presented at the award ceremony this year: the **Student Participation Award** and the **Best Teamwork Award**. The Student Participation Award will be given to the school who submits the most applications at Stage 1, while the Best Teamwork Award will be given to the team who demonstrate the best examples of good collaboration and team spirit in Stage 2.

Student Participation Award (NEW):	Trophy A 2-hour English language workshop for the students of the winning school before the end of May 2019
Best Teamwork Award (NEW):	Trophy A certificate, HK\$100 worth of book vouchers and a HK\$500 British Council summer English course voucher for each student

How to enter?

Simply download the entry form from www.britishcouncil.hk/en/englishmasterjunior. Remember there should be four students in a team, and each school can nominate more than one team for each group. **All applications must be submitted by a teacher.**

You can submit your application by email or by post.

- Email: postiesevent@scmp.com
- Post: South China Morning Post, English Master Junior 2019, 4/F, Morning Post Centre, 22 Dai Fat Street, Tai Po Industrial Estate, New Territories, Hong Kong

Enquiries

For more information, please contact the Posties team at the South China Morning Post (phone: 2680 8822 email: postiesevent@scmp.com).

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