

English Benchmark International Collaborations Cum The First Hong Kong English Speaking & Performing Contest 2024
Application Guide

1. Organizer:

Yan Chai Hospital Lan Chi Pat Memorial Secondary School

B. Objectives:

1. To provide an opportunity for primary school students in and outside Hong Kong to use English.
2. To boost the participating students' confidence in using English outside the classroom.
3. To select and nominate students with good English skills to participate in an international contest to win glory.
4. To broaden students' horizons and to nurture their globalized perspectives.

C. Divisions:

1. Junior Primary (Grades 1 – 3 with age 8 or below)
2. Senior Primary (Grades 4 – 6 with age 9 or above)

D. Categories & Judging Criteria:

Individual

Categories	Judging Criteria			
a. Story telling	Content (30%)	Delivery (30%)	Accuracy (30%)	Confidence (10%)
b. Singing	Voice quality (30%)	Rhythm & tempo (30%)	Performance (expression of meaning & mood) (30%)	Stage presence (10%)
c. Solo Verse Speaking	Voice quality (30%)	Rhythm & tempo (30%)	Accuracy (30%)	Confidence (10%)

Group

Categories	No of students in the group	Judging Criteria			
a. Singing	No more than 10	Voice quality (30%)	Rhythm & tempo (30%)	Performance (expression of meaning & mood) (30%)	Show design (10%)
b. Action Song		Voice quality (30%)	Rhythm & tempo (30%)	Performance (expression of meaning & mood) (30%)	Show design (10%)
c. Spelling	No more than 3	Accuracy of spelling (100%)			

E. Date and Venue of Hong Kong Contest & Award Presentation Ceremony:

1. Date: 27th January 2024 or 3rd February, 2024 (Reserved Day)
2. Venue: Yan Chai Hospital Lan Chi Pat Memorial Secondary School

F. Registration Procedures:

1. School registration is required for the students representing the school to participate in this contest.
2. Teacher-in-charge can download the Google Form for the registration from **lcp.hkespc@gmail.com**.
3. Each school is allowed to register for **a maximum of 3 categories** for the whole contest.
4. For the individual categories, each participating student is allowed to register for 1 or 2 categories and this information must be clearly indicated in the registration form. In addition, each school can **ONLY** register a maximum of 2 students for each category.
5. For group categories, each team **CANNOT exceed a maximum of 10 students**, and each school can **ONLY** enter one team for each group category.
6. Materials for the Solo Verse Speaking and the Spelling categories will be provided by the Organizing Committee. **Please see the attachments for the content.** Schools registering their students for the Solo Verse Speaking must indicate clearly which poem in the list is used. No change is allowed once it is registered.
7. Only students from pre-registered primary schools of Hong Kong are eligible for the participation of this contest.
8. Registration deadline: **6th January, 2024**

Awards

- Each category for each division:
 - # Champion: a gold medal and a certificate
 - # 2nd Place Winner: a silver medal and a certificate
 - # 3rd Place Winner: a bronze medal and a certificate
 - # 4th Place Winner: a 4th place medal and a certificate
 - # Contestants of the top 30% of the scores: 1st Class Award certificate
 - # Contestants of the middle 30% of the scores: 2nd Class Award certificate
 - # Contestants of the remaining 40% of the scores: 3rd Class Award certificate

G. Final Competition in Malaysia

Eligible finalists: The Champion of each category

Dates: 23rd to 25th April, 2024

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Poems for the Solo Verse Speaking Contest

Junior Division-Poem 1

True Friend

Ashley Campbell

A friend is like a star that twinkles and glows
Or maybe like an ocean that gently flows
A friend is like gold that you should treasure
And take care of forever and ever
A friend is like an **angel** that is there to guide you
A friend is someone you can trust out of a few
A friend is more than one in a million
They are one in ca-zillion
And you, my friend, are very special
and so it is official.

Junior Division – Poem 2

Respect
Don Wilson

Respect is a lesson that everyone should learn.

Respect must be given before an expected return.

Respect is something that's given for free.

Respect is about us and never about me.

Respect is the basis on which relationships are founded.

Respect is the anchor that keeps a person well grounded.

Respect builds the character and defines who we are.

Respect sets the standard and raises the bar.

Respect is magnanimous and helps to fulfill.

Respect is the partner that sits with good will.

Respect is like honey so sweet it's perceived.

Respect a taste to savor for when it's received.

Senior Division – Poem 1

Friends
Abbie Farwell Brown

How good to lie a little while
And look up through the tree!
The Sky is like a kind big smile
Bent sweetly over me.

The Sunshine flickers through the lace
Of leaves above my head,
And kisses me upon the face
Like Mother, before bed.

The Wind comes stealing o'er the grass
To whisper pretty things;
And though I cannot see him pass,
I feel his careful wings.

So many gentle Friends are near
Whom one can scarcely see,
A child should never feel a fear,
Wherever he may be.

Senior Division – Poem 2

Respect Is

Catherine Pulsifer

Respect is a consideration for others
Remember we are all sisters and brothers.

Respect is putting others ahead of ourselves
Thinking less of me and myself.

Respect is being polite
In our speaking and what we write.

Respect is showing manners that are good
And loving others in our neighborhood.

Respect is compassion for all
Whether they are rich or poor, big or small.

Respect is kindness that is shown
Doing it happily without a groan.

Respect is demonstrating dignity for those
Even for those that might impose.

Respect is being courteous too
It is how you live and what you do.

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Spelling Competition | Word Lists for Junior Division

Remark: The word lists below are for the purpose of revision only.

Rules:

- A word will be read aloud by the teacher at a time. The contestants in the group have to write down the words they hear on the ANSWER SHEET provided.
- There are a total of 4 rounds in this contest and each round last for 5 minutes.
- The words from the first 3 rounds are from the word lists below (SEEN rounds) and the 4th round is the UNSEEN round.
- Each correct word carries 1 mark and the group with the highest mark is the Champion.

List 1	List 2	List 3
1. arm	1. iron	1. quarter
2. apple	2. igloo	2. red
3. aunt	3. jacket	3. ruler
4. baby	4. juice	4. rice
5. ball	5. jar	5. school
6. cake	6. kite	6. shoes
7. laziness	7. king	7. song
8. egg	8. neck	8. table
9. chair	9. onion	9. tiger
10. elephant	10. lesson	10. teacher
11. food	11. strawberry	11. umbrella
12. girl	12. park	12. uncle
13. game	13. mouth	13. uniform
14. garden	14. milk	14. van
15. hair	15. nose	15. village

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Spelling Competition | Word Lists for Senior Division

Remark: The word lists below are for the purpose of revision only.

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- There are a total of 4 rounds in this contest and each round last for 5 minutes.
- The words from the first 3 rounds are from the word lists below (SEEN rounds) and the 4th round is the UNSEEN round.
- Each correct word carries 1 mark and the group with the highest mark is the Champion.

List 1	List 2	List 3
1. robot	1. children	1. plastic
2. invention	2. orphan	2. helicopter
3. business	3. prince	3. healthy
4. siren	4. monster	4. tissue
5. doctor	5. octopus	5. weather
6. firefighter	6. eraser	6. security
7. sick	7. yacht	7. experiment
8. zipper	8. quilt	8. fridge
9. travel	9. selfish	9. recycle
10. snack	10. barbecue	10. tradition
11. calm	11. hurt	11. promise
12. scientist	12. magic	12. encourage
13. comfortable	13. successful	13. completely
14. magazine	14. messy	14. sunrise
15. patient	15. clown	15. talent