

新竹市 110 學年國民中小學「金竹獎」(Golden Bamboo) 英語競賽

國小組 A 組 (3~4 年級)英語朗讀比賽題目

比賽時，參賽員必須從主辦單位提供之以下三篇文章中抽出一篇準備上台朗誦，
抽題時間為比賽前四分鐘。

1. The Turtle and the Rabbit
2. The Lion and the Mouse
3. The Bear and the Travelers

中年級 1. The Turtle and the Rabbit

One day, a rabbit was boasting about how fast he could run. He was laughing at the turtle for being so slow. Much to the rabbit's surprise, the turtle challenged him to a race. The rabbit thought this was a good joke and accepted the challenge. As the race began, the rabbit ran so fast. The turtle crawled along the road step by step. Soon, the rabbit was far ahead of the slow turtle. The rabbit felt hot and tired. He thought he could win easily. So, he decided to stop and take a rest. After eating a lot of delicious mushrooms, the rabbit lay on some nice and comfortable grass. And soon, he was in a deep sleep.

At the same time, the turtle had been trying his best to move forward. He was slow, but he never stopped, no matter how hot or tired he got. He just kept ongoing.

After a nice long sleep, the rabbit woke up. But he could not see the turtle anywhere because he had slept for too long. He jumped up and ran to the finish line as fast as possible. It was too late. The turtle had already crossed the finish line and won the race.

The rabbit realized, "It's **better** to be slow than lazy."

中年級 2. The Lion and the Mouse

One hot afternoon, a lion lay asleep in the forest. A little mouse ran over its nose and woke him up. The lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature and wanted to kill him. The mouse cried to the lion, "I didn't mean to offend you. If you can let me go, someday I will surely repay you." The lion laughed, "A little mouse can help a big lion like me?" But he was a generous lion. So, he lifted his paw and let the mouse go. The mouse jumped out and ran away very quickly.

Some days later, the lion was walking in the forest. Suddenly, it got caught in a hunter's net. The lion twisted and rolled in the net. He was very angry and started to roar.

The mouse heard the roaring and ran to help as quickly as possible. He saw the lion in the net and started to break the net with his long teeth. Soon, the mouse chewed the net and made a big hole. Finally, the lion was free.

The mouse said to the lion, "You laughed at me before. But now you see. Even a little mouse can help a lion."

中年級 3. The Bear and the Travelers

Kevin and David were friends. One day, they were traveling together. Suddenly, they saw a bear. Before the bear observed them, Kevin climbed quickly onto a tree and tried to hide among the branches. David followed after Kevin, but he was not as nimble as his friend. So, he fell to the ground.

David had no way to escape. He felt very helpless. But soon, he had a plan. He held his breath and pretended to be a dead man. The bear came up and sniffed around David, but David kept perfectly still and held his breath. The bear smelled his nose, ears, and eyes. He thought David was dead, so he went away. As many people say, a bear will not touch a dead body.

Kevin came down from the tree when the bear had left and went to his friend, David. Kevin asked David, "I saw the bear whisper something in your ear. What did he tell you?" David answered seriously, "The bear told me, "Don't travel with a friend if he runs away when you are in danger. A true friend is with you in good times and bad times."

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國小組 B 組 (5~6 年級)英語朗讀比賽題目

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1. **The Ant and the Dove**
2. **The Lion and the Fox**
3. **The Boy Who Cried Wolf**

高年級 1. The Ant and the Dove

On a scorching summer afternoon, an ant was searching for some water. After walking around for some time, the ant came near the river. To sip the water, she climbed up on a small rock. While sipping the water, she slipped and fell into the river. She cried, "Somebody, please, help me, or I will die!"

A dove was sitting on a branch of a tree. He saw the ant falling into the river. The dove quickly took a leaf and dropped it into the river near the struggling ant. The ant moved towards the leaf and climbed up onto it. Soon, the wind blew the leaf to the shore, and it floated to the riverside. The ant jumped out and stepped on the dry land again. She looked up to the tree and thanked the dove.

A few days later, when the dove was busy building his nest, a bird hunter nearby was about to raise his gun to shoot the dove. The dove was resting, and he had no idea about the hunter. The ant ran quickly. **She** bit the hunter's foot very hard. Feeling the torturing pain, the bird hunter dropped his gun and let out a light scream. This surprised the dove as he noticed the hunter in pain, so he quickly flew away.

The dove thanked the ant for saving his life. The little ant jumped for joy because **she** could help the dove.

"If you do good, good will come to you."

高年級 2. The Lion and the Fox

One morning in a dense forest, a lion's daughter told him that his breath was terrible and unpleasant. The lion became embarrassed and angry. He wanted to check if it was true with others. So he went to three animals and asked them about his situation.

First was the sheep. The Lion opened his mouth wide and said, Sheep, tell me if my mouth smells bad? The sheep guessed that perhaps the lion wanted an honest answer, so he answered in horror, "Yes..., my friend. There is something wrong with your breath". The lion pounced on the sheep angrily.

Then the lion came to the wolf and asked, "Do I have a bad breath?" The wolf saw what had happened to the sheep. So, he decided to be cautious and said some kind words to the lion, "Who says that your breath is unpleasant? It's as sweet as the smell of perfume". When the lion heard the reply, he roared angrily and immediately attacked the wolf, "You're such a flatterer!"

Finally, the lion saw a fox. He asked him the same question. The fox knew what had just happened to the sheep and the wolf. So, he coughed, cleared his throat, and said, "Oh, my dear friend, I have had a very bad cold for these two days. I can't smell anything, no matter if it's pleasant or unpleasant". So, the lion spared the fox's life.

"Sometimes, it's wise to stay away from certain situations."

高年級 3. The Boy Who Cried Wolf

A shepherd boy watched a flock of sheep near a dark forest not far from the village. The boy felt that life in the pasture was very dull. All he could do to amuse himself was talk to his dog or play on his shepherd's pipe.

One day, when he sat looking at the sheep and the quiet forest, he thought of a plan to have some fun. So he ran toward the village and shouted, "Help! Help! There's a wolf!" Hearing the boy's cry, some kind villagers dropped their work and came out to help him. But they didn't see any wolf. They only saw the boy staying with the sheep and laughing happily.

A few days later, the boy shouted, "Wolf! Here comes the wolf!" again. So the villagers went up to the mountains to help him again. But they still saw no wolf. This made the shepherd boy so ecstatic.

Then one evening, the sun was setting behind the forest, and the shadows crept out over the pasture. The wolf finally came. Soon the wolf began to swallow a baby sheep. The shepherd boy saw it and cried out even louder than before, "Wolf! Wolf! Help! Help!"

All the villagers heard the cry, but they did not believe the boy anymore. Because none of them went to help the boy, the wolf ate many of the sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

"Liars will not be rewarded; no one believes them even if they tell the truth."