

新竹市 112 學年國民中小學「金竹獎」(Golden Bamboo) 英語競賽

國小組 B 組 (5~6 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 Wise Man's Advice*
2. *A Story of Kindness and Shine*
3. *Ollie the Wise Owl and the Happy Valley*

The Wise Man's Advice

A man felt lost and confused about his life. He didn't know what to do or where to turn, so he decided to seek the advice of a wise man.

The wise man listened intently to the man's troubles and then said, "My advice to you is simple. Speak less, listen more, and work hard."

The man was surprised by the simplicity of the advice and asked the wise man to explain further.

The wise man said, "When you speak less, you give yourself time to listen and learn from others. When you listen more, you gain knowledge and wisdom. And when you work hard, you can achieve your goals and improve your life."

The man was grateful for the wise man's advice and decided to follow it. He spoke less, listened more, and worked hard every day. Over time, he began to make a better life. He also became a better listener and learned from the people around him. He worked hard and achieved his goals, becoming successful and respected by others.

One day, the man met the wise man again and thanked him for his advice. The wise man smiled and said, "Remember, the key to a successful life is to work hard, listen, and learn from those around you."

The man nodded in agreement and left, grateful for the wise man's guidance.

Sometimes, the most straightforward advice can be the most profound. Listening, learning from others, and working hard is essential to achieving one's goals.

A Story of Kindness and Shine

In the sunny land of Sunnyfield, two tall sunflowers named Sunny and Goldie were eager to win the bee contest. They loved basking in the warm sunlight and dreamed of being crowned the prettiest flowers in the meadow.

"Look at my petals, Sunny! Aren't they dazzling?" Goldie chirped, showing off her shimmering dewdrops that sparkled like diamonds.

Sunny admired Goldie's sparkle but couldn't help feeling a little envious. "Wow, Goldie, you really shine! I wish I had thought of something like that."

"Don't worry, Sunny! You're already golden and beautiful," Goldie reassured her friend.

Determined to stand out, Sunny stretched her stem taller and taller, trying to reach the sky. As the day of the contest approached, excitement filled the air. But on the morning of the contest, disaster struck when a gust of wind swept through the meadow, snatching away Goldie's precious dewdrops. Goldie wilted with sadness.

Sunny rushed to her friend's side. "Goldie, don't be sad! I have an idea."

With a generous heart, Sunny shared her own dewdrops with Goldie, making her sparkle once again.

"Thank you, Sunny! You're the best friend anyone could ask for," Goldie said, beaming with gratitude.

The bees, touched by their friendship, declared Sunny and Goldie joint contest winners. From that day on, Sunny and Goldie knew that true beauty shines brightest when friends stick together. And so, in the sunny meadow of Sunnyfield, their friendship blossomed, filling the air with warmth and joy.

Ollie the Wise Owl and the Happy Valley

Once upon a time, all sorts of animals lived together in a valley surrounded by tall mountains. There was a wise old owl named Ollie. Everyone respected him because he was so smart and observant.

One day, the valley experienced a long period without rain. The sparkling river turned into a tiny stream, and the bright green plants drooped under the hot sun. The animals were scared because their home was changing. They went to Ollie for help.

Ollie knew things were bad, so he called all the animals together and made a plan to fix their valley.

He told them to work together and said everyone's help was important.

With Ollie's help, the animals planted trees next to the river to stop the dirt from washing away. They fixed dripping faucets to save water and even started sorting things to throw away to make less trash. Some animals weren't sure this would work at first, but Ollie never stopped believing, which made the others keep going, too.

Slowly but surely, all their hard work paid off. The river started flowing strong, the trees grew big and healthy, and the valley came alive.

The animals were so happy! They thanked Ollie for being wise and helping them live in harmony with nature again.

They promised to keep caring for their valley so future generations could enjoy it.