Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning Speech Writing Competition

Competition Rules

1. The Competition

This competition is run by the British Council in collaboration with World Speech Day (the “Competition”). The Competition aims to:

➢ Promote international collaboration amongst schools;
➢ Increase the knowledge of SDGs amongst young people and their teachers;
➢ Improve young peoples’ writing and speaking skills;
➢ Increase awareness of World Speech Day;

The Competition will be open to two age categories (age as at 4 October 2019):

➢ 7-10 year olds
➢ 11-14 year olds.

2. Territory and eligibility

The Competition is open to schools in the following countries

Countries:
South Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan.
MENA: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Tunisia, Yemen.

In order to participate in this Competition, schools need to have a partner. An eligible Competition entrant includes one school in the UK working in partnership with one school from a participating country outside the UK. To enter the Competition, schools in eligible countries outside the UK must find a UK school to partner with or vice versa: UK Schools must find a school in a participating country. Once schools have been matched, they should speak to each other to discuss how they will work together.

Schools that don’t have a partner can contact us directly at schools@britishcouncil.org with the subject header ‘Competition’ and we will aim to match you with an eligible school. Allow yourself at least three weeks to work with your partner before submission. The Competition will close on Monday the 16th of December at 09:00 GMT.

Priority will be given to partnerships between schools in the UK and Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, South Africa, Nepal, Palestinian Territories and Egypt.
3. What does the Competition involve?

It is important that students are given a platform to express what they think, believe and are passionate about. This speech writing Competition gives that opportunity to young pupils across the world to work together on the following SDG themes:

- Climate Change
- Gender Equality

By doing so, pupils can articulate their thoughts, ideas, concerns about such topics, present us with new ways of thinking and promote taking action.

The Competition involves pupils in both UK and their partner country writing two speeches (one representing the UK partner school and the other representing the overseas partner school). These must be written by pupils within the age category. We recommend that Schools (UK and overseas) run their own mini-competition and select the best entry from the UK and overseas Schools. The UK school takes responsibility for submitting both entries (theirs and their partner’s), by the 16th of December 2019 at 09:00 GMT at https://britishcouncil2.formstack.com/forms/world_speech_day_competition

Both speeches will be assessed together. The winners, of both age groups, will be composed of one pupil from the UK and one from the partner school.

To help with this exercise we have created a number of resources to provoke thought and inspire action on gender equality (What does Gender Equality Mean to your Pupils?) and climate change (How can we increase awareness of the impacts of climate change?) https://connecting-classrooms.britishcouncil.org/resources/unexpected-voices-competition

These resources will give tools to students to work collaboratively with their partner school and develop their awareness of gender equality or climate change.

Pupils will also be able to develop a variety of skills such as: communication and collaboration, problem solving and critical thinking, to name a few. The resources have a specific short task which is to write a speech to draw attention to the impact that climate change or gender equality has in the world. You can also find the following resources around speech writing www.worldspeechday.com/training-videos and www.worldspeechday.com/speaker-guides

Participants will agree with their partner school which of the two themes they wish to work on and how they intend to work together.

Schools are asked to carry out this exercise within their classrooms and together with their international partner choose one entry from the UK and one entry from overseas. Schools will submit both by entering the information into the online application form by the given deadline.

All entries must be submitted by the UK teacher who will also be responsible for authenticating it is the students’ work and not plagiarised.

Only one entry per school is allowed and only state schools will be eligible.
The theme of the speech must be either Climate change or Gender equality (both partners need to agree on one theme)

The speech must be written in English.

The maximum word limit of the speeches is:
- 300 words from 7-10 year olds
- 500 words from 11-14 year olds

Entry to the Competition is free of charge although entrants are responsible for any costs associated with entry. All entries must be submitted online.

4. Competition dates

The opening date of the Competition is 09:00 BST on the 4th of October 2019 and the closing date is 09:00 GMT on 16th of December 2019. Any submission received before the opening date or after the closing date will not be entered into the Competition. The British Council accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem with any system, server, provider or otherwise that may result in any entry being lost, delayed or not properly registered.

The Competition winners will be notified by the 7th of February 2020. This notification will be sent to the email address provided by the winning entrant when registering for the Competition in accordance with the rules set above. In this notification, the British Council will inform the Competition winners how to claim their prize and will advise of any additional information or steps required to enable the British Council to provide them with the prize. The British Council reserves the right to award the relevant prize to another Competition participant if the prize is not claimed within 2 weeks after such notification.

5. How to enter

The Competition will be promoted through the Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning and the World Speech Day websites.

www.worldspeechday.com/competition
https://connecting-classrooms.britishcouncil.org/resources/unexpected-voices-competition

To enter, entrants must complete the entry form and upload their submission via https://britishcouncil2.formstack.com/forms/world_speech_day_competition

6. Selection of winning entries

The judging will take place within 6 weeks of the closing date referred to in section 3 above. The entries will be judged by a panel of judges appointed by the British Council and World Speech Day. The judges’ decision is final and binding.

There will be one winner selected in each age category

No correspondence will be entered into with the unsuccessful participants.
7. Prizes

Each winning entry will receive a £200 book token or equivalent voucher to be shared equally between the two schools. Pupils will receive a certificate.

Prizes are personal to the winners and cannot be transferred to any third party. Prizes cannot be exchanged for money or any other goods or services.

The British Council accepts no responsibility for failure to notify winning participants or failure to deliver prizes where such failure results from the provision of inaccurate contact details by the participants or from the acts or omissions of any third party (including, without limitation, any internet or postal service provider) and shall have no liability to any entrant if it is prevented from or delayed in delivering any aspect of the Competition or the prizes by acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond its reasonable control.

The British Council does not offer any insurance in connection with the prize. The prize winners may arrange their own insurance in respect of the prize, if applicable.

8. Personal data

The British Council will collect and store the names and email addresses of all entrants and the additional contact details of winners. The British Council will use this personal data for the following purposes:

- managing the relationship between the entrants and the British Council;
- communicating with entrants to answer their queries about the Competition;
- communicating with winners and arranging delivery of their prizes; and
- marketing and publicity in accordance with section 9 below.

By participating in the Competition, entrants consent to their personal data being processed by the British Council in accordance with, and for the purposes set out in, this section 8.

As the entrants will be under the age of 18 years, their parent or guardian has consented to the British Council and in doing so, the British Council may contact the entrant using the personal data collected to provide information about their prizes.

Parents or guardians can exercise their rights on behalf of the entrants, to access the personal data held by the British Council about the entrant and withdraw their consent to the processing of their personal data by sending an email to schools@britishcouncil.org, accompanied by a scanned photocopy of one form of valid identification documentation.

9. Publicity and rights

The British Council intends to publish the names and photographs of the winners on the British Council’s websites, Facebook pages, Twitter pages, press releases and in other promotional and
marketing material. In addition, the British Council may write and publish articles about the winners’ enjoyment of their prize. By entering the Competition, each entrant agrees to the use of their name and image and agrees to co-operate with any such publicity or marketing if they win a prize.

Entrants will retain copyright in the entry material that they submit to the British Council. By entering the Competition each entrant grants the British Council, free of charge, permission to use the entry material (including, without limitation, modifying and adapting it for operational and editorial reasons) in any media worldwide for purposes connected with the Competition. Entrants grant the British Council further permission to publish and exhibit their entry material (including, without limitation, modifying and adapting it for operational and editorial reasons) in print and any media worldwide for any British Council purpose. Each entrant confirms that the entry material is their original work, is not defamatory and does not infringe any English laws, that they have the right to give the British Council permission to use it for the purposes specified above, and that all necessary consents for the submission of the entry material have been obtained.

All rights in the British Council’s name and logo, websites, Facebook pages, Twitter pages, press releases and other promotional and marketing material and all course and examination content and materials (together the “Council’s Materials”) shall vest in and remain with the British Council (or its licensors). By participating in the Competition, entrants agree that they will not use, broadcast, publish, export, exploit, reproduce nor copy part or all of the Council’s Materials.

10. General

The British Council may disqualify or refuse to accept the entry of any entrant which does not meet the eligibility criteria in section 2 or does not otherwise comply with these Competition Rules.

These Competition Rules shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes or claims (including, without limitation, non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with the Competition.

11. Acceptance of Competition Rules

By participating in this Competition, entrants are deemed to have accepted these Competition Rules.