

Creative Writing for Upper Primary Students – Writing about a New Festival that Promotes Positive Values and Attitudes

Aims / Objectives

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite primary schools to participate in the creative writing activity (Activity) organised by the English Language Education (ELE) Section of the Curriculum Development Institute of the Education Bureau (EDB).

Details

2. The Curriculum Development Institute has disseminated the e-book *Traditional Chinese Festivals*, through the EDB Circular Memorandum No. 175/2023 issued on 14 September 2023, to enrich students' cross-curricular reading experiences and enhance their understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture. The captioned Activity aims to provide opportunities for students to leverage the e-book to connect their reading and writing experiences and facilitate their self-directed learning. The e-book can be accessed on the web page of the ELE Section of the EDB (https://www.edb.gov.hk/Chinese_Festivals).



3. Students are invited to create a new festival that promotes positive values and attitudes and write about it. To prepare for the Activity, they could complete the pre-writing activities in the e-book to understand the text features of a descriptive text about a festival, ways to generate creative ideas and enrich ideas. Upon completion of the writing task, students could also refer to the self-assessment checklist to reflect on their writing and make further improvement. Teachers could provide guidance and support to students wherever necessary to cater for learner diversity.

4. Interested schools should submit the entries together with the completed Entry Submission Form through a Google Reply Form using a Google account **by 6:00 p.m., 2 February 2024 (Friday)**. Please refer to Appendix 6a for details of the Activity.

Contact Person

5. For enquiries, please contact Ms Kimmy YIP of the English Language Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau on 2892 6570.

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Notes to Schools

1. Entry Requirements

- Participants should be **upper primary students** in Hong Kong.
- Participants' entries should be submitted on an individual basis through their schools.

2. Content

- Participants are required to create a new festival that promotes positive values and attitudes and write about it in 120 - 150 words.
- Each entry should include the name of the new festival and an introduction about it; the activities people do and the food they eat during the new festival; and people's feelings towards the values of the new festival.

3. Rules and Regulations

- Each student participant should submit only ONE entry for the Activity.
- There is no limit on the number of participants from each school.
- Each entry should be typewritten using the template provided.
- Entries of the same school should be incorporated in ONE PDF file (including a completed Entry Submission Form and a web link / a QR code to access the PDF file).
- Entry submission which is incomplete or does not comply with the entry requirements and the rules and regulations may be disqualified.
- Remarkable writing pieces will be selected and uploaded to the EDB website for sharing.

4. Submission of Entries

Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6:00 p.m. on 2 February 2024 (Friday) - Late submission or entries with incomplete information will NOT be accepted.
Items to be submitted	<p>ONE PDF file for each school containing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the completed Entry Submission Form (see <u>Appendix 6b</u>) as the cover page; - students' entries; and - a web link / a QR code to access the PDF file
Mode (online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entries must be submitted using a <u>Google account</u> via the following Google Reply Form: https://forms.gle/TpRaPwUWUc2G3XQ68
Soft copy of Entry Submission Form and template for the writing task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The soft copy of the Entry Submission Form and the template (see <u>Appendix 6c</u>) for the writing task can be accessed on the web page of the ELE Section. https://www.edb.gov.hk/Creative_Writing_KS2
File size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The maximum size of each PDF file should not exceed 50MB. - The web link / QR code provided in the "Entry Submission Form" must remain valid until 29 February 2024.

5. Awards and Prizes

Awards	Prizes
Active Participating School Award	The top 10 schools according to the number of participating students will be awarded a trophy for their active participation in the Activity.
Certificate of Appreciation	Each participating student whose entry meets the basic requirements specified in Parts 1 - 4 will be awarded an electronic certificate of appreciation.

6. Important Dates

6:00 p.m., 2 February 2024 (Friday)	Deadline for entry submission
March 2024	Announcement of results through: - the web page of the ELE Section https://www.edb.gov.hk/Creative Writing KS2 - letters to schools and emails to the teachers-in-charge

7. Intellectual Property

- All participating students and schools should note and agree with the following terms:
 - All entries should be original and have not been publicised on any occasions.
 - Participants need to ensure that the content of the entries does not infringe copyrights or interests of any other party.
- Any entries that have infringed any intellectual property rights would NOT be accepted. The EDB takes no liability whatsoever for infringement.
- The EDB retains the right to edit, modify, publish and use any entries in any forms for display and educational purposes, and has the final decision of the above actions.

Schools should include this page as the cover page of the PDF file.

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Entry Submission Form**

[To be submitted together with the entries online by 6:00 p.m., 2 February 2024 (Friday)]

School Information

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher-in-charge (name & post): _____

Contact email address: _____

Contact No.: _____

Entry number*	Name of Student** (English) (Block Letters)	Page number(s) of the student's entry in the PDF file	A web link / a QR code to access the PDF file on Google Drive (<i>remain valid until 29 February 2024</i>)
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* Please add additional row(s) in the above table if necessary.

** Please ensure the accuracy of the names on the list as they will be printed on electronic certificates.

Declaration

We declare that all entries are original and have not been publicised on any occasions, and that the content of the entries does not infringe any copyrights or interests of any other party.

Signature of School Head: _____

Name of School Head: _____

Date: _____

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Template

NAME |

CLASS |

Part F

Writing about a new festival

Use the information in Part E to write a descriptive text about a new festival that promotes positive values and attitudes.

💡 Use the simple present tense to talk about the activities people do and the food they eat

💡 Use connectives and/or sequencing words to show the order of things that happen and to link ideas

💡 Use adjectives to describe people, animals and things

💡 Use sensory words to make the readers see, hear, smell, taste or feel the words

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