

Time to Talk Public Speaking Competition 2021/22

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1. Organiser

The Regional NET Coordinating Team (RNCT), Native-speaking English Teacher (NET) Section, CDI, Education Bureau (EDB).

2. Aims

The Time to Talk Public Speaking Competition is an inclusive competition that aims to engage students of all ability levels to:

- learn public speaking techniques to hone their presentation skills;
- experiment with the use of English to develop confidence in front of an audience; and
- develop research, collaboration and IT skills to improve their communication skills.

3. Design of the Time to Talk Competition

3.1 Time to Talk is open to students from secondary schools in Hong Kong. Students will work in teams of 2 – 4 to deliver a public speech in English of 3 – 5 minutes, supported by the use of IT. The competition comprises two rounds, with Round 1 being conducted at the school level (secondary schools only) and Round 2 being the inter-school final which will be held online.

- Round 1 of the competition is conducted for internal selection purposes within schools. This round is designed for schools to engage as many students as possible in public speaking. It can be school-based or it may be inter-school on a small scale (e.g. involving nearby schools, schools from the same school-sponsoring body). In the current circumstances this would be conducted in an online setting.
- Round 2 is the finals. This year the final selection will be made from pre-recorded entries which teachers can complete at their convenience. The requirement for the pre-recording is that it must be sent to the Net Section by 14 June, 2022. The entries will be judged by a panel and the results will be made public around two weeks later.

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- 3.2. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, the Time to Talk Public Speaking Competition will be conducted in a different format this year. The same prizes will be awarded for both rounds. Gathering will be discouraged so video recordings will be the form of entry as per the contingency plan. Only schools which have entered the competition will be eligible to compete in the revamped competition.

4. Schedule of Events and Submission Deadlines

Schedule	Event	Related Document
Mid September 2021	Invitation to take part in Time to Talk	Email/fax from the NET Section.
Late October 2021	Conditions and Regulations on EDB website and NET Scheme e-Platform	Conditions and Regulations
24 October, 2021 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Briefing session (online)	EDB Training Calendar System (TCS) notification – online application (Course Code: CDI020210867)
12 November, 2021	Public speaking workshop for teachers: Competition Series: Speaking with Purpose – From Public Speaking to Teaching Public Speaking (refreshed) (online)	EDB Training Calendar System (TCS) notification – online application (around 1 month before event)
30 November, 2021	Deadline for submission of entry forms	Time to Talk Competition Entry Form
December, 2021 to March, 2022	Round 1 to be held in schools	
29 April, 2022	Public speaking workshop for teachers – 21st C Lit Skills Series: Mastering English Public Speaking (New)	EDB Training Calendar System (TCS) notification – online application (around 1 month before event) (Course Code: CDI020220711)
14 June, 2022 July, 2022	Competition and prize-giving ceremonies (if restrictions allow)	Email from the NET Section, CDI, EDB, to notify schools of the confirmed date

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5. Expectations

5.1 Schools:

- are strongly encouraged to send one or preferably two English teachers (one of whom may be the NET) to attend the professional development workshop on public speaking on 12 November, 2021;

5.2 Teachers will need to:

- attend the briefing session on 24 September, 2021;
- hand out and collect parental consent forms for the NET Section to take images of students for later possible use for educational purposes and for uploading to the Internet;
- participate fully in all public speaking activities at the professional development workshop;
- use what they have learnt to prepare their students for the competition;
- facilitate and check the pre-recorded submission prior to entry
- organise to meet the RNC online for school support if needed; and
- organise a Round 1 online (secondary only)(or between schools)

5.3 Students will need to:

- participate fully in any training sessions organised by their teachers in preparation for the competition;
- participate in Round 1 of the competition online (or between schools);
- take part in the competition by giving a public speech, in a team, for 3 – 5 minutes (online submission: 14 June, 2022)

6. Conditions of Entry

6.1 The deadline for submission of entry forms is **30 November, 2021**.

6.2 Online Entries must be submitted by **14 June, 2022**.

6.3 The briefing session will provide teachers with competition details and regulations and may introduce a few public speaking activities. Schools entering the competition must attend the briefing session.

6.4 There will be a mandatory workshop on teaching public speaking. Please refer to the EDB Training Calendar System (TCS) for **online application**.

6.5 Schools will be expected to take part in school support. RNCs will visit the schools to offer different types of support, including consultation sessions, in-class support and school-based teacher training workshops whenever appropriate. This support can continue online in light of the pandemic suspensions.

7. Topics

7.1 Schools must choose one of the following topics. The topic may be the same or different for Rounds 1 and 2.

- Science and Technology:
 - Innovation - leading the way
 - We dream, We hope, We achieve
- Relationships:
 - “Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow” : Albert Einstein
 - “Let your hopes, not your hurts shape your future” : Robert H Schuller

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- Arts, Culture and Humanities:
 - Charity begins at home - helping others and helping yourself
 - “Creative thinking inspires ideas, ideas inspire change” : Barbara Januszkiewicz
- Current Affairs:
 - “There is some good in the world and it is worth fighting for” : Tolkien
 - “The best way not to feel hopeless is to get up and do something”: Barack Obama

7.2 Teams must show evidence of research for their speeches.

7.3 Resources used for their research must be cited in the presentation (e.g. PPT slides) used.

7.4 Teachers are expected to encourage their students to research the topic as thoroughly as possible by reading relevant materials.

8. Student Participants

8.1 Each school can enter one team with 2 – 4 participants for Round 2 (finals). Primary students may enter 2 teams

8.2 The team can be made up of students from any year level or a combination of year levels.

9. Presentations in Round 2 (Finals)

9.1 Teams must submit a pre-recorded entry.

9.2 Avoid reading a speech. Camera work is very important and you must look at the camera.

9.3 The speech must be 3 – 5 minutes.

9.4 Teams are responsible for staying within the time limit

9.5 Students should present their speech with some slides to accompany what they are saying. This should be done in the context of the group speech. Using zoom seems to be a good way to accomplish this. Non-copyright music **is** allowed if it significantly contributes to the speech.

9.6 Small props are allowed if they significantly contribute to the speech.

10. Adjudication

10.1 For Round 1, the judging panel must comprise at least two people. For Round 2, there will be at least two representatives from the EDB and outside organisations.

10.2 The decision of the judging panel will be considered final. No correspondence will be entered into after the results have been announced.

10.3 Student speeches will be assessed on the criteria below.

A. Use of spoken English	intelligibility, fluency, stress, intonation, range of vocabulary, grammar, signposting
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B. Use of voice	expression of emotions, voice projection/audibility, pace, pitch, pause
C. Content	ideas, structure, examples, entertainment value, evidence of research skills
D. Presentation style	awareness of camera, gesture, eye contact,
E. Use of IT	connection to presentation, written English, selection of images (if applicable)
F. Teamwork	All students interacting meaningfully with one another, contributing significantly to the presentation; fair distribution of content, smooth turn taking

11. Awards and Certificates

Awards and prizes will be given as below:

Team awards and prizes for Round 2 (Finals):	
1 st Prize	Book coupons + team trophy + individual trophies + certificates
2 nd Prize	Book coupons + team trophy + individual trophies + certificates
3 rd Prize	Book coupons + team trophy + individual trophies + certificates
Merit	Book coupons + team trophy + individual trophies + certificates
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Other:	
Every team member	Certificate of Participation
Team awards and prizes for Round 1:	
Team and individual trophies will be provided for schools to present to students for the same prizes as above.	
Every team member	Certificate of Participation (template to be provided for schools to provide certificates)

12. Reminder of Submission of Entry and Forms

Deadline	Related Document
On or before 14 June, 2022	Entry sent to EDB at luanahasell@edb.gov.hk , together with the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 'Permission for the Use of Images' form • Completed 'Pledge and Team Name List' form

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Within 3 working days after the competition	A soft copy name list must also be submitted through Google Forms. This soft copy name list will be used to issue the Prize Winners' Certificates and the Certificates of Participation. Teachers are responsible for the accuracy of the names. Certificates of participation will be posted out to the competition contact teachers within one month of the competition.
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Entries and forms can be emailed to Ms Luana HASELL at luanahasell@edb.gov.hk.

13. Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact Ms Luana HASELL at 3549 8337 or by email at luanahasell@edb.gov.hk.