

新竹市 113 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 Giving Tree*
2. *Lily's Colorful Painting Journey Through Challenges*
3. *The Aquatic Avenger: Sharky's Dental Mission*

The Giving Tree

Once, there was a tree that loved a little boy. The boy would come to the tree and play daily, eat apples, swing from its branches, and rest under its shade. The tree was happy to give the boy everything it had.

As the boy grew up, he came to the tree less often. Then, one day, the tree asked him why he was not coming to play anymore. The boy replied that he was busy and needed money to support his family. So, the tree suggested he could sell its apples and branches for cash.

The boy did as the tree suggested and could make some money. But as time passed, he wanted more and more from the tree. Finally, he asked for its trunk to build a house. The tree gave it to him.

Years went by, and the boy returned to the tree once again. He was now an older man, and the tree was a stump. The older man said he needed a place to rest, and the tree offered its stump even though it had nothing left to give.

The older man sat on the stump and realized how much the tree had given him. He finally understood the actual value of the tree's selfless love.

Giving without expecting anything in return is the greatest form of love.

Lily's Colorful Painting Journey Through Challenges

In a pretty village surrounded by hills, Lily is a young girl who loves to paint. Despite facing many problems while painting, she never gave up.

One day, while Lily was painting in her backyard, a strong wind knocked over her painting stuff, and dirt got on her painting. Lily felt sad, but she didn't give up.

Her friend Emma saw what happened and asked, "Are you okay, Lily?"

Lily nodded and said, "It's okay. I'll fix it."

With Emma's help, Lily faced other painting problems, such as her paintings drying up or her inability to paint what she wanted. But she kept trying.

One day, a teacher came to the village and held a painting contest. Lily decided to join, even though she was nervous. To her surprise, she won!

When Lily's mom hugged her and said she was proud, Lily smiled and said, "I couldn't have done it without your help, Mom."

After that, Lily kept painting and inspiring others, showing that you can overcome anything if you keep trying.

The Aquatic Avenger: Sharky's Dental Mission

In the depths of the ocean lived a unique shark named Sharky, who was passionate about dental hygiene.

With his trusty toothbrush, Sharky swam tirelessly across the coral reefs, spreading awareness among his fellow sea creatures about the importance of brushing teeth.

One day, when a clownfish colony faced a tooth decay crisis, Sharky began organizing a dental health workshop for the community.

Armed with his knowledge and enthusiasm, Sharky transformed into a toothbrushing superhero, teaching the clownfish how to care properly for their teeth and gums.

Thanks to Sharky's heroic efforts, the clownfish community embraced healthier oral hygiene habits, and Sharky became known far and wide as the toothbrushing shark superhero of the ocean.

Through Sharky's dedication and determination, the clownfish learned the importance of taking care of themselves, not just for their own sake but for the well-being of their entire community.

Just as the clownfish learned, we can make positive changes by taking small steps towards healthier habits, knowing that every effort counts towards a brighter and healthier future.