

113 學年度國民中小學「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讀，抽題時間為比賽前四分鐘。

1. The Lazy Cat
2. The Ant and the Water Bottle
3. Benny, the Forgetful Bear

## 1. The Lazy Cat

Coco the cat was very lazy.  
She loved sleeping on her soft red pillow.  
All day long, she lay there dreaming of fish.

One sunny morning, Mini the mouse tiptoed across the floor.  
She saw Coco snoring.  
“Is this cat even alive?” Mini whispered.

Suddenly, Coco opened one eye.  
“Hey, I heard that,” she yawned.  
“Then catch me!” laughed Mini, running in circles.  
Coco rolled over.  
“Too much work... maybe tomorrow.”

Mini couldn't believe it.  
“You're supposed to chase mice like me!”  
Coco stretched.  
“I'm a new kind of cat—peaceful and proud.”

Mini grinned. She brought cheese and danced.  
“I bet I can build a house next to your pillow!”  
“Go ahead,” Coco mumbled, eyes closing again.

Later, Coco's owner walked in.  
“No mice caught, no dinner for you, Coco!”  
Coco's eyes shot open.  
“No dinner?” she gasped.  
Mini waved from her tiny house.  
“Good night, sleepyhead!”

That night, Coco's stomach growled loudly.  
“Tomorrow,” she said, “I'll catch *one* mouse.”

## 2. The Ant and the Water Bottle

It was a hot summer day, and Andy the ant was very thirsty.  
He spotted a half-full water bottle lying on the grass.  
“Perfect!” he said and crawled inside for a drink.

But when he was done, Andy realized something terrible—he couldn’t get out.  
The sides were smooth and slippery.  
He tried climbing, jumping, and even shouting.  
“Help! Is anyone out there?”

A grasshopper named Greg bounced by.  
“Whoa, you’re stuck in a bottle?”  
“Yes! Please help me,” Andy begged.  
Greg tilted his head.  
“Nah, I’m busy sunbathing. Maybe later.”  
And off he hopped.

Andy sighed.  
“I guess I’m on my own.”

He looked around and spotted a leaf floating nearby.  
He climbed onto it and shouted louder,  
“Help! I’m floating in a bottle!”

Hours passed. Then, a girl walked by.  
“Huh? There’s a leaf in my bottle... and an ant?”  
She unscrewed the cap and tipped the bottle gently.

Andy tumbled out onto the grass.  
“Freedom!” he shouted.  
He waved to the girl, who smiled and walked away.

Just then, Greg hopped back.  
“Oh hey, you got out? Who helped you?”  
Andy grinned, “Myself—and a smart human. Not bad, right?”

### 3. Benny, the Forgetful Bear

Benny the Bear was a very forgetful fellow.

He often forgot where he put things—his scarf, his socks, and even his snacks!

One chilly morning, Benny woke up hungry.

“Oh no! Where’s my honey jar?” he cried.

He checked under his pillow, behind the bookshelf, and even inside his shoe.

Nothing.

He ran to his neighbor, Sally, the squirrel.

“Sally! I lost my honey!”

“Again?” Sally sighed. “Did you check your cave?”

“I think so... maybe...” Benny mumbled.

They walked to Benny’s messy cave.

Clothes were everywhere. A pillow was wearing sunglasses.

“This place is a disaster!” Sally said.

Benny started tossing things.

Out flew a sock, a spoon, and a sandwich from last week—yuck!

“Here it is!” Benny shouted, pulling out his honey from under a pile of toy trucks.

Sally shook her head.

“You need to get organized, Benny.”

“But I like my system,” he grinned.

“What system?” Sally pointed. “Your bed is a canoe!”

That afternoon, Benny cleaned his cave.

He made boxes for toys, food, and socks.

He even labeled them!

The following day, he found his honey in five seconds.

“Being organized is kind of... sweet,” he said with a smile.