

Competition Terms and Conditions

1. By entering the competition you are agreeing to these competition terms and conditions.
2. The competition is being run by Dactyl Publishing Ltd.

Eligibility to enter

3. The competition is open to entrants who, on the closing date, are in Year 5 or Year 6.
4. In entering the competition, you confirm that you are eligible to do so, are eligible to claim any prize you may win, and you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.
5. The competition is free to enter.

How to enter

6. The competition entry must be received by 6:00pm on Friday 29th October 2021. Entries after that time and date will be considered invalid, and will not be reviewed by the judging panel.
7. To enter the competition, simply ask your teacher to scan and email your story to: competition@dactylpublishing.com. Entries must be sent from an official school email address and please remember to write your name on your entry.
8. Ideally, stories should be handwritten and have a minimum of 300 words, but failure to meet these two requirements will not invalidate your entry.
9. Dactyl Publishing will not accept responsibility should the contact details provided be incomplete or inaccurate.

The prizes

10. The author of the winning entry will receive a £100 book token. The winner's school will receive a contribution towards library resources of £500. Funds, up to a maximum of £500, will be transferred to the winning school by bank transfer upon receipt of appropriate evidence from the school confirming that library resources have been purchased.
11. There will be 10 runner-up prizes. Each author selected as a runner up will receive a £20 book token. There is no associated prize for the school of a runner up.
12. The winner will be selected by a panel of judges. The panel will include at least one person who is independent from and not connected to Dactyl Publishing Ltd. or its employees.
13. The prize is non-exchangeable, non-transferable and no cash or other alternative will be offered.
14. We reserve the right to substitute prizes with another prize of equal or higher value if circumstances beyond our control make it necessary to do so.
15. The decision of Dactyl Publishing Ltd. regarding any aspect of the judging, or in the selection of winning entries is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into about it.

Winner announcement

16. The winner will be notified by 30th November 2021 via the email provided on entry to the competition.

17. Dactyl Publishing Ltd. will attempt to contact the winner by email up to two times.

18. If the winner does not respond to the emails notifying them of their win within 14 days of the second email, they will lose their right to the prize, and Dactyl Publishing Ltd. reserves the right to choose and notify a new winner.

Receipt of the prize

19. Please allow 14 days for delivery of the prize, or alternative collection or delivery arrangements may be made through mutual agreement.

Data protection and publicity

20. Any personal data supplied to Dactyl Publishing Ltd. as a result of entering the competition will be held securely, and in accordance with Dactyl Publishing Ltd.'s Privacy Policy. Dactyl Publishing will never sell, share or disclose any personal data received by entry to this competition with any third party for any purpose.

21. Whilst the name of the winner and each of the runners-up will not be disclosed for child protection reasons, the winner agrees that their story will be published at www.dactylpublishing.com together with the name of the school they attend. Dactyl Publishing Ltd. reserves the right also to publish the entry and school of any runner up.

22. All entrants may apply for details of the winning entry by contacting us at info@dactylpublishing.com and the details released will be strictly limited to such information that can be disclosed within current data protection and child protection legislation.

23. An announcement of the winning entry will be made via Dactyl Publishing Ltd.'s website.

Limitation of Liability

24. Dactyl Publishing Ltd. does not accept any liability for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered by any entrants as a result of either participating in the competition or being selected for a prize, save that Dactyl Publishing Ltd. does not exclude its liability for death or personal injury as a result of its own negligence.

25. Dactyl Publishing Ltd. reserves the right to cancel the competition or amend these terms and conditions at any time, without prior notice.

26. The competition and these terms and conditions will be governed by English law and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.