



Language Fest 2024

Guidelines

1. Competition Background:

This year marks the 6th year of Language Fest in its current format. The aim of the competition is to encourage learners who are studying a language to showcase their language skills. Students are able to enter the speaking category or the poster category. Students may even enter both categories should they wish.

1.1 Aim of Competition:

The competition enables participants to showcase the fruits of their language learning. It is an opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas in language, and the speech preparation or poster creation process provides a valuable learning experience.

1.2 Competition Format:

Students are required to register for the speech or poster competition via www.ltant.org. They are then required to send the link to their competition entry to ltantconnect@gmail.com by the upload date.

2. Division & Length of Entry:

2.1 Speech Competition:

Division	Open to:		Time Limit
A	Primary School - Transition - Year 6 Group Presentation	Primary school students studying language (Maximum 5 students in a group)	2 - 3 minutes
B	Middle Years - Year 7-9 Group Presentation	Year 7 - 9 students studying language (Maximum 5 students in a group)	3 - 4 minutes
C	Lower Primary – Transition – Year 3 Individual Speeches	Transition - Year 3 students studying language	1 - 2 minutes
D	Upper Primary - Year 4-6 Individual Speeches	Year 4 - 6 students studying language	2 - 3 minutes
E	Middle Years - Year 7-9 Individual Speeches	Year 7 - 9 students studying language	2 - 3 minutes
F	High School Senior Year 10/ Stage 1 Individual Speeches	Year 10/ Stage 1 students studying language	3 - 5 minutes
G	High School Senior Stage 2 Individual Speeches	Students studying Stage 2 language	3 - 5 minutes
H	Background Speakers – Primary Individual Speeches	Background speakers at Primary school	2 - 3 minutes
I	Background Speakers – Secondary Individual Speeches	Background speakers at Secondary school	3 - 5 minutes



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2.2 Poster Competition:

Division	Open to:		Word Limit
A	Primary School – Transition – Year 3	Primary school Year T-3 students studying Language	Minimum 10 words
B	Primary School - Year 4-6	Primary school Year 4-6 students studying Language	Minimum 20 words
C	Middle School – Year 7-9	Middle school Year 7-9 students studying Language	Minimum 50 words
D	Senior School – Year 10-12	Senior school Year 10-12 students studying Language	Minimum 100 words

2.3 Possible Speech/ Poster Topics:

The subject, content and form of the speeches are left open to each contestant. Entrants who have competed in previous competitions may not use the same content as previous years.

The theme for 2024 posters is: *The Olympics*

Students may choose their own topic or use one of the prompts below for their speeches:

- A. Contemporary Issues:
- B. When I travelled to.....
- C. My ideal holiday destination
- D. A profile of a famous person
- E. My Dream Weekend
- F. Self-Introduction and Hobbies
- G. Interview

*Indonesian language students should visit www.naila.org.au to see suggested categories.

** Japanese language students who are participating in NihonGO will need to check the competition details if they plan to enter into both competitions as the specifications are different. For more information about NihonGo, please visit www.sydney.jpf.go.jp/language-for-learners/contest/nihongo-presentation-fest/

2.4 Eligibility:

- Students must enter one of the background speaker language categories if they are a background speaker of the language.
- If entering the speech competition, students must submit a video of them speaking, rather than adding audio to a PowerPoint.
- Students are permitted to compete in Language Fest 2024 if their language teachers are members of LTANT. Teachers need to check who holds their institutional membership as to which students are permitted to enter competition.

3. Upload:

Please ensure that when the links are shared with the student's entry that the link is accessible by anyone. Please see the **Upload Guidelines Appendix** on page 4.



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4. Judging Criteria:

Content and Structure of speech/ poster 50% (structure development, originality and uniqueness, message impact, justification, engagement)

Vocabulary and Grammar 30% (grammar and expression, language variety, pronunciation and intonation)

Preparation & Originality 20% (delivery, enthusiasm and fluency/visual presentation)

4.1 Judging & Judges

Judges will be from the field of language education and members of the language speaking community and will decide the winners. Judges will determine the place allocated to each contestant in the order of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. In case of a draw, the judges will determine the outcome through discussion. If judges suspect the use of translation tools, e.g. Google Translate or Chat GPT, the entry will be disqualified. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The content of the judges' discussion is not open to the public at any time.

5. Award Announcements:

Language Fest results will be released on 13th September 2024 along with the 2024 Competition Report. An email will be sent to the language teacher with the school's results. Students who receive a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing will be announced on www.ltant.org

5.1 Prizes:

All contestants will receive a participation certificate. Prizes will be awarded in each division for those who place 1st, 2nd & 3rd. The prizes will be delivered to the school following the competition.

5.2 Media:

Uploaded videos and posters may be used in publications such as promotional videos for future contests. All participants are asked to consent to this activity in the application form on www.ltant.org

6. Key Dates:

15th – 26th July – Registration Open

23rd August – Uploads close (links to be sent to ltantconnect@gmail.com by this date)

6th September – Judging Closes

13th September – Competition Results Announcements

* No late entries will be accepted.

Any questions? Please contact LTANT at ltantconnect@gmail.com

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Upload Guidelines Appendix:

Entry Requirements

To enter, candidate/ teacher needs to:

1. Fill in the registration form online and submit 26th July 2024.

For more information, please visit our website www.ltant.org.

Registration form link:

2. Create a short speaking video according to the category requirement.

3. Students upload video to education one drive, personal one drive, YouTube, Vimeo or other file sharing service.

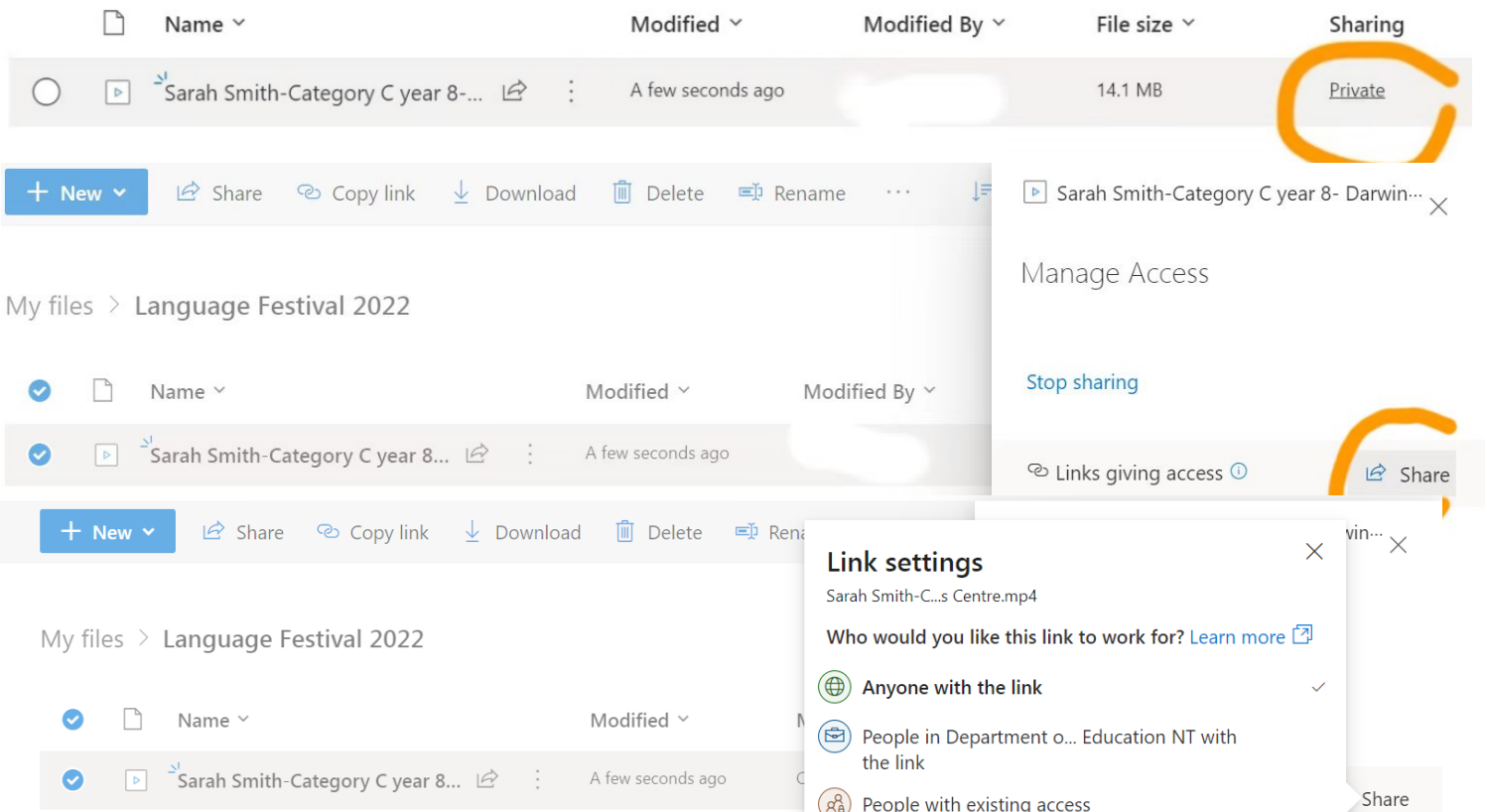
Please name your folder according to the format, Name- Category- Language-School

e.g. Sarah Smith- Category C year 8- French -Essington School

Make sure the link is able to access by anyone who have the link.

***If the link is unable to be opened by LTANT the student entry will not be eligible**

For education one drive, below are the steps show you how to share the link of the video with those who have the link.



The screenshot illustrates the steps to share a video file in OneDrive. It shows a file list with columns for Name, Modified, Modified By, File size, and Sharing. The 'Sharing' column for the file 'Sarah Smith-Category C year 8-...' is circled in orange. A context menu is open over the file, with the 'Share' option circled in orange. A 'Link settings' dialog box is also open, showing the option 'Anyone with the link' selected, which is also circled in orange.