

# COMPETITIONS

## READING

Last Saturday the representatives of three classes of my school took part in the annual final English Competition organized by our English teachers. Its aim was to stimulate the spirit of learning English among students. The competition was sponsored by the Students' Parents Society. Mrs. Lien, our English teacher, explained the competition's rules to the students.

"...To participate in the contest, you have to work in groups of three. Each group must complete five activities in all. On completion of each activity, you will have to answer the questions on the worksheets within two minutes. The judges will observe and score your performance. The maximum score for each activity is 15 points. At the end of the competition, the judges will announce the total score of each group. The group that gets the highest score will be the winner. The winner will be awarded a set of CDs for studying English and an Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary. Now, let's start our competition."

Hung, Thu and Nga were the members of Group A. They quickly read the questions and tried to find out the answers. At first, things went smoothly. They almost completed the five activities. But in Activity 5, Hung had difficulty reciting the poem. He could not remember the last sentence. Time was up, and the judges announced the results. The winner was Group B, which got 70 points; Hung's group got 65, and Group C got 60. Thu felt a bit disappointed. Hung apologized for not being able to complete the poem. But Nga made it better by saying "For me the most important thing was our participation in the competition and the enjoyment we had from it".

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER: The definitions of the red words/ phrase

The firm has **representatives** in every major city.

They spent their **annual** holiday in Da Lat

The players have a very strong team **spirit**

The article can be used to **stimulate** discussion among students.

I spent three hours **in all** waiting for buses last week.

The engine is running **smoothly** now



## True or False



In activity 5, Hung could not remember the first sentence.

After having achieved the highest score, Group B became the winner of the competition.

Group A finished the game with the points of sixty-five

The writer's Headmaster explained the competition's rules to the students.



## Filling the missing words / phrases



The representatives of three classes of  
the (writer's) school took part in  
\_\_\_\_\_ last

Saturday.

The students had to observe and score the  
students' performance. The \_\_\_\_\_ score for  
each activity was 15. At the end of competition  
they would \_\_\_\_\_. The group  
that got the highest score would be the winner.

The winner would be awarded  
\_\_\_\_\_ for studying  
English and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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