

LISTENING PRACTICE 8

Listen and fill in the blank with NO MORE THAN THREE words

Are you writing a short story for our next fiction competition? As it's the 10th of March, there are just five weeks to go until the (1) _____ of the 15th of April. The best story will be selected on May 2nd to be (2) _____ in this year's collection.

Sometimes writers entering contests think that if there is a word limit, they need to write to the maximum (3) _____ permitted. For this competition, that's 10,000 words, but you don't need to write up this much. There is no (4) _____, which means you could write (5) _____ 500 words and still be considered.

However, if you're more (6) _____ writing a short story, we would recommend you enter our sister competition, the Stratford Flash Fiction Competition, which is for stories of 3,000 words and under. As I said before though, don't worry: you may be selected to be published in the winner's anthology even though your story is very short: last year's best story 'Mind if I join you?' by young Danish writer Agnes Jepsen, was just (7) _____. You can buy our past years' story collections from our website www.novelsnpoems.com in (8) _____, while this year's will also be available in (9) _____ from major online stores, too: if you buy it from our website, however, you'll only have to pay 8 pounds 50 as there will be a (10) _____.