



Competition Terms and Conditions:

1. This competition is promoted by HarperCollins Publishers Limited ("HarperCollins"), 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF.
2. This promotion is open to all schools globally except for employees of HarperCollins (or their parent, subsidiaries or any affiliated companies) and their immediate families, who are not allowed to enter the competition.
3. You must be over 18 to submit the entries for this competition.
4. How to enter: register your interest on the competition webpage www.collins.co.uk/bigcatwritingcomp before sending your digital files to collins.international@harpercollins.co.uk. You must register online before sending in your digital submission. Hand-written paper applications will not be accepted.
5. All entries must be original works.
6. The opening date for registration is Friday 7 June 2019 and opening date for entry submissions is Monday 9 September 2019. The closing date for entries is midnight Friday 20 December 2019. No entries received after this date will be accepted.
7. No purchase necessary.
8. Only three entries per age category allowed per school (Category 1: Ages 5-7, Category 2: Ages 8-11). In the event of more than 3 entries being submitted for each category, only the first three entries will be accepted.
9. The competition is open to schools across eight different regions including Africa, Americas, Asia, Australasia, Caribbean, Europe, Middle East, UK and Ireland.
10. There will be two regional finalists in every region (one per age category) and these regional finalists will win a regional prize each. Then the regional finalists will be shortlisted to go up against each other for the grand final overall prize (of which there will be 1 grand final winner per age category). 18 prize winners in total.
11. The prize for each regional finalist is to have the winning stories published on the Collins website, a Collins Big Cat goodie bag (including 10 Collins Big Cat readers and other eco-friendly goodies), £200 worth of Collins books of your choice, and an engraved shield.
12. The grand final winner will also win a trophy for their school, as well as have their story transformed into a video and read out by a Collins Big Cat author, posted on the Collins website and on our social media channels.
13. The prize is non-refundable, non-transferable and subject to availability. No guarantee is given as to the quality of the prize.
14. No cash or prize alternatives are available.
15. HarperCollins reserve the right in their reasonable discretion to substitute any prize with a prize of equal or greater value.
16. The winner of both rounds of the competition (regional and grand final) will be chosen by a panel of Collins Big Cat author adjudicators and notified by email no later than Monday 3 February 2020.
17. The prize will be delivered to the winner once the winner has confirmed their acceptance of the prize and provided evidence of parental consent to the winning child's work having been entered into the competition.
18. Any application containing incorrect, false or unreadable information will be rejected.
19. HarperCollins' decision as to who has won the competition shall be final.
20. To obtain details of the prize winner after the closing date, please write to Collins Primary Marketing Department, HarperCollins Publishers, 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9FG.
21. The entry instructions are part of the Terms and Conditions for this competition.
22. By entering the competition, you are agreeing to accept these Terms and Conditions. Any breach of these Terms and Conditions by you will mean that your entry will not be valid, and you will not be allowed to enter this competition.
23. By entering this competition, you are agreeing that, if you win, your name and entry may be a) used for the purpose of announcing the winner and/or distributed to individuals who request details of the winner and/or b) in any related publicity by HarperCollins, without additional payment or permission.
24. Any personal information you give us will be used solely for this competition and will not be passed on to any other parties without your agreement. HarperCollins' privacy policy can be found [here](#). For the avoidance of doubt, it is the school's responsibility to obtain the necessary parental consent for entries into this competition.
25. HarperCollins reserves the right to publish any of the submissions made into the Collins Big Cat series. This would be discussed with the school, parents and child involved. Publication of the winning entries will be subject to a separate contract between the author of the winning entry and HarperCollins.
26. Under no circumstances will HarperCollins be responsible for any loss, damages, costs or expenses arising from or in any way connected with any errors, defects, interruptions, malfunctions or delays in the promotion of the competition or prize.
27. HarperCollins will not be responsible unless required by law, for any loss, changes, costs or expenses, which may arise in connection with this competition and HarperCollins can cancel or alter the competition at any stage.
28. Any dispute relating to the competition shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
29. Before you submit your pupils' entry please ensure you have obtained parent/guardian permission to enter their submission to this competition and for their child's entry to be published on the Collins website and transformed into video as envisaged by clauses 11 and 12 above. You can do this by ticking the relevant box on the registration page on the website.