



ISA YOUNG STORYTELLERS COMPETITION

Open to EYFS - Year 4

Students are invited to write a story on the theme
'A Door to Somewhere Else'



DEADLINE

Thursday 29 April 2027

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Competition open to ISA Members Schools only

This competition invites EYFS and Year 4 pupils to work together to create a short story with the theme 'A Door to Somewhere Else'. The winning stories will be published in a book!

Year Groups and Eligibility

Only schools whose Head is a Member with ISA are eligible to enter ISA competitions. Any pupils competing must be on the main school's admissions register on the date of the event.

Our year groups follow the UK National Curriculum. For guidance on selecting the correct year group for your student(s), please refer to the UK system [here](#). When completing your application, please enter students according to the UK year group, even if your school uses a different age or stage structure.

Access and Inclusion

At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities as accessible as possible. We warmly welcome applications from all students, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities.

If a student (including those with an EHCP or on the SEND register) is working at a level that does not align with their chronological year group, or if your school prioritises developmental stages, skills, or personalised progression rather than fixed year groups, please do get in touch with us at the following email address hannah.lovegrove.campion@isaschools.org.uk. We are happy to discuss individual circumstances and advise on the most appropriate way to apply.

Accessible Formats

Alternative formats of these guidelines are available on request. Please let us know as early as possible if you require this, so we can provide the information in a format that works for you.

If you have any questions, please contact isaarts@isaschools.org.uk

HOW TO ENTER

Entries must be submitted via the online form on the ISA website [here](#) by **Thursday 29 April 2027** at the latest. Please note you will need to be logged in to your account to access the entry form.

- Each story must be accompanied by an illustration created by the students and must be submitted together as a single document, in either **PDF** or **Word** format. Stories must be typed (not handwritten) and fit on one **A4 page**.
- For entries, all files need to be submitted with the **school's name followed by the class/group/student's name e.g. SchoolName_Class/Group/StudentName**. This helps us identify clearly each class / group / student entry that has been submitted.
- Please only submit a photo/scan of the artwork, ensure no children appear in the illustration.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Schools can submit a **maximum of 3 entries per year group**. Therefore, all schools can submit **15 entries in total**. Schools are invited to create a story based on the theme '*A Door to Somewhere Else*'.

Please note that you do not need to enter the Book Cover Design Competition to enter the Young Storytellers Competition. However, you are welcome to enter both if you wish.

We encourage schools to run a competition in house and submit their best entries. Please note that some year groups might be combined for the judging process.

- **EYFS**
- **Year 1**
- **Year 2**
- **Year 3**
- **Year 4**

Rules

- Organise one or two sessions for your class or group to write their story. Encourage your students to discuss what will happen in each line of the story and write down their ideas.
- Each story **MUST** have a **title** and not exceed **250 words**.
- Stories can be written in any language, provided an English translation is given.
- **Each story must include one piece of artwork created by the students to illustrate their story in the same document.**
- Please ensure the **artwork is high quality** as successful entries will be published in a book.
- The story and artwork must be **portrait orientation only**.
- Individual or Group entries allowed.
- **AI generated entries will not be allowed in the competition.**
- Entries previously submitted to ISA Arts Competitions will not be accepted.
- All entries must be the participants' original work, which have never been published.