



Hereby inviting participants
to the 13th annual
Tall-Tale-Tellin' Competition



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CATEGORIES:

TASKS:

SCORING:

		A1, A2, or B1	B2, C1, or C2			CRITERIA		Points
8-13 yrs	A	C	TASK 1	LONG-PREPARATION ACTIVITY		Format: e.g.; intro, body and conclusion; rhetorical devices, such as metaphor, alliteration, pathos, etc.; plausibility of events according to the story's reality		20
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A modern adaptation of a classic children's story will be brought to be recited to the audience To be composed by the competitor without help after receiving these parameters Length: 500 words and 5 minutes maximum Full text should be submitted to the judges 		Language: e.g.; ease of comprehension; grammatical accuracy; pronunciation and enunciation; lexical choice		20
14-19 yrs	B	D	TASK 2	SHORT-PREPARATION ACTIVITY		Non-verbal communication: e.g.; posture; hand gestures; eye-movement, including note-to-audience ratio; masking nervousness		20
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitor will be given criteria, then will create and recite story Approximately 15-20 minutes will be given to each competitor to prepare Full text or notes are acceptable 		Creativity and content: e.g.; perspective; new ideas follow the flow seamlessly; underlying point, meaning, or moral; originality; avoiding clichés		20
A:	A1, A2, or B1 level, aged 13 or younger		TASK 3	IMPROVISATION ACTIVITY		Overall impression: e.g.; confidence; making audience comfortable; attitude; rapport; interest developed		20
B:	A1, A2, or B1 level aged 14 or older			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All competitors or only top finishers will participate depending on number of contestants and constraint of time Competitor will interact with judges and/or other competitors, without having time to prepare Task may be excluded depending on time 		Max per round		100
C:	B2, C1, or C2 level, aged 13 or younger							
D:	B2, C1, or C2 level, aged 14 or older							

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The number of categories may be adjusted depending on the number of participants, and any competitor may be moved into another category depending on his/her language skills
- Categories C and D should include those who have lived in an English-speaking country for an extended period of time, have a high-level of proficiency in English, or simply are native-speakers
- 3–5-minute presentations are recommended
- Notes are permitted during presentations—competitors are encouraged to engage the audience and to avoid reading verbatim with their eyes glued to their notes
- Please **strictly avoid** the use of profanities or vulgarities—if questionable, don't use the word/phrase/concept
- Note criteria for the "long-preparation activity" as this is the activity which each competitor should have ready to present upon arrival**
- Each school may send two competitors per category and must provide an adult chaperon unless otherwise approved by the organizer(s)
- Competitors are expected to exhibit excellent behavior: i.e., being respectful to all other competitors, not using mobile phones, encouraging and supporting other competitors, etc.
- Lunch will be available—free of charge for competitors and chaperons—and choice between meat or vegetarian dish should be indicated on RSVP document
- To be held on Friday, June 12, at Česká 10, Bratislava (Check-in will be from 07:30-08:00)**
- Please RSVP by June 1 (requests received after the deadline will be considered **but not guaranteed**)

RSVP document should be emailed to brooks.guetschow@gmail.com (subject: 2025-26 Tall-Tale-Tellin' RSVP)