

## 2013 English Writing Contest School Students

### A. Proofreading (45%)

(You must find and circle the 15 mistakes in the sentences)

1. Proofread the story.
2. Circle the word/words with grammar and spelling errors and correct them.
3. Circle any incorrect punctuation marks and correct them.

1. I love sports. I practice soccer, basketball, and tennes. My favorite sport to

ANS: tennis is to play

2. play is soccer. I like sports because I get to play with all my friendz. My

ANS: friends

3. friends and I play soccer a lot. Al my friends on my team are good at soccer.

ANS: All

4. I want to be the best player on our team. Who is the best player on the team.

ANS: ?

5. Today we plaed our first game. This morning it was rainin and I was afraid

ANS: played raining

6. our first game would be canceled. Just before the game the rain cleared away

ANS: before

7. and the sun came out? The weather was perfect for our soccer game. The

ANS: ! perfect

8. other teim was big and fast but we won the game. I scored three goals. I have

ANS: team scored

9. never scored that many goales before. We won the gam because we practiced

ANS: Goals Game

10. hard. To celebrate we went out to dinner. I ordered a hamburgor with fries

ANS: hamburger

11. to eat and a cola to dink. It was so delicious! Today waz a great day.

ANS: drink was



**B. Writing a story (55%)**

(Use colored pen to **highlight** the vocabulary words that you use.)

**Directions**

1. Make up your own sentence by using the words from the vocabulary box.
2. Underline the words from the box when writing them.
3. You may use the same word more than once, as well as other words you have learned, to complete the sentence.
4. Remember, you need to use all the words/phrases in the vocabulary box to make your story as complete as possible.

**Vocabulary Box:**

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <u>passport</u> | 2. <u>time</u>     | 3. <u>visit</u>  | 4. <u>plane</u>     | 5. <u>hotel</u> |
| 6. <u>map</u>      | 7. <u>far away</u> | 8. <u>travel</u> | 9. <u>beautiful</u> | 10. <u>long</u> |
| 11. <u>boat</u>    |                    |                  |                     |                 |

A Place Far Away

Once upon a time, there was a man named Blaze. He was an ordinary man, living an ordinary life. But, he always had a spark of curiosity and a adventurous heart. One day, he was bored and tired of his normal life, doing the same things every day. So he decided to travel to a place far away. Blaze brought his passport and all his personal belongings, and took a plane to visit a mysterious place called "Oygiga."

Blaze got off the plane and found out, Oygiga was made of several small islands.



So he made a decision to sleep that night at the hotel beside the airport and rent a boat to visit a special island called "Long Island."

On the next day, Blaze was going to take an adventure at last! He hopped on the boat and sailed to Long Island immediately. Soon he was there, and he was fascinated. Long island was truly a beautiful place! He went in the jungle as fast as he could, searching for the taste of adventure. Then, he noticed many strange animals, a dog, a rabbit and a mouse. The dog had a really long tail (a meter long!). Even stranger, the rabbit, had really long ears (two meters long! so long that they dragging on the floor!). And the strangest, the mouse, had a really long nose (three meters! don't even imagine it!). Every animal there had a really long something! It was totally bizzarre! Blaze was so scared, and ran away as fast as he could.

But then he found out, he didn't have a map! He didn't know the way! Just when he was so frightened and didn't know what to do, a helicopter came, and saved him.

to the boat

Blaze was finally content with his normal life, and never went out for an adventure again.