

GROWSMART STORY WRITING COMPETITION 2018 | MARKING MATRIX

	CRITERIA (1 mark each)	√	COMMENTS
CONTENT	1. Evidence of planning and /or drafting		
	2. Length/number of words in accordance with requirements of the topic (Grade 4: minimum 300 words; Grade 5: minimum 400 words; Grade 6: minimum 500 words)		
	3. Content developed in a clear and creative manner		
	4. Content shows impressive insight into topic		
	5. Ideas are thought - provoking and mature		
STRUCTURE	1. Excellent structure; creative and interesting introduction, body and conclusion		
	2. Evidence of author's name, title of the book and summary on the back cover		
	3. Paragraphs are linked by good connectors and have excellent internal cohesion		
	4. The climax of the story is a turning point for the character/s		
	5. A well-presented, neat and legible final presentation		
VOCABULARY	1. Vocabulary is above the expected level		
	2. Creative, expressive and diverse use of vocabulary		
	3. Accurate use of vocabulary in the context of the topic		
	4. Choice of words are highly appropriate		
	5. Displays critical awareness of the impact of language		
GRAMMAR	1. Almost no grammatical inaccuracies		
	2. No / minimal punctuation errors		
	3. Commonly used vocabulary spelled correctly		
	4. Very few errors in spelling of creative vocabulary above the required level		
	5. Style, tone and register is highly suited to the topic		
ORIGINALITY OF TEXT	1. A good description of the characters		
	2. An interesting atmosphere or tone in the story		
	3 & 4 (2 marks). Evidence of the use of figurative language such as similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification to make the story more colourful		
	5. An interesting and entertaining reading experience		
ARTISTIC CREATIVITY	1. Illustration on the cover grabs the reader's attention		
	2. Use of colour contributes to the emotions/mood in the story		
	3. Illustrations / Drawings clearly link to the story		
	4. Characters / Scenes are creatively illustrated		
	5. Illustrations / Drawings are detailed, creative and well thought through		
TOTAL		30	