

Amy is reading a news article about a young writer.



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Young writer wins international award

Jeff Chan, Hong Kong

Marcus Liu, 13, has won one of the top awards in the 'Write Better' competition. Marcus' short story about a blind man and his dog was inspired by his neighbour.

5 'The story is about Mr Wong and Tak Tak.
10 I see them almost every day. Tak Tak guides the way for Mr Wong every time I meet them. I can feel the great bond between them,' said Marcus. 'I was shocked to hear that I had won. I can't wait to collect the prize with my mum in
15 England next month. This has encouraged me a lot and I want to take this further by making it my future career.'

The 'Write Better' competition is opened to young writers between the ages of 8 and 16
20 around the world. Writers need to submit their poetry or short story entries on the Net and each piece is judged by a team of professional writers. The winners are rewarded with a certificate, a trophy and cash coupons for books.

Organiser of the competition, Olivia 25
Anderson, said, 'We have seen great talents around the world. The standard of their writing has improved a lot. The stories are **exhilarating**, creative, clear and inspiring. Four of the six winning entries were from 30
Asia.' The competition is held annually around January. Interested parties can visit www.writebettercomp.com for more details.

1. Circle the name of the reporter.
2. Underline the verb used in the headline.

Date:

A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. The best title for Marcus' short story is _____.

- A. *How to Take Care of Dogs*
- B. *Human and Canine Love*
- C. *A Lonely Neighbour*
- D. *Write Better for the Future*



Find out the main idea of the short story.



2. The word 'exhilarating' in line 29 means _____.

- A. boring
- B. exciting
- C. upsetting
- D. moderate



Understanding the tone of the writer helps find out the meaning of difficult words.

3. Which of the following about the competition is **TRUE**?

- A. The prize presentation will be held in America.
- B. Winners of the competition can get buffet coupons.
- C. Marcus will get the award with his mum in May.
- D. Olivia Anderson is a judge of the competition.

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. What is Tak Tak's duty?

5. Where do most of the winners come from?

C Complete the entry in an online forum with the words from the text. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

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I'm a big fan of Marcus. Although he is young, his story is so

⑥ _____ (adj.) that it makes me think more about the relationship between human and animals. I believe he will have a brilliant

⑦ _____ (n.) in the future as he's a really good writer. I would like

to ⑧ _____ (v.) my work to join the competition next year too!