

Diary Entry



Jennifer is writing a diary entry about joining a contest.

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Sunny

Dear Diary,

Today was my first time to participate in a speech contest. I felt very nervous before I went on stage. While I was waiting for my turn to perform, I talked to the other participants. Their English was so fluent!



'Our next contestant is Jennifer Lee.' The audience **applauded** enthusiastically when I went on stage. I started to give my speech. 'When the sky sla...' I forgot my words and started to mumble. All the people fixed their eyes on me and I could hardly breathe. Suddenly, I saw a girl waving at me. She was my best friend Kate! She encouraged me and said loudly, 'Come on, Jennifer. You can do it!' I told myself to do my best and not to panic. Then, I continued with my speech by putting more emotion into it. 'Tomorrow is another day!' I said. When I finished the last sentence, everyone stood up and cheered.

I didn't think I could win a prize as I missed out some words. However, the result was beyond my expectations. 'The second runner-up is...Jennifer Lee!' I couldn't believe my ears when the judge read aloud my name! Kate came and gave me a big hug. 'Well done, Jennifer!' she said. I was moved to tears!

I am grateful to my English teacher, Mr Wong, for inviting me to take part in the contest. I must also thank my friends, especially Kate, for their support. Without their encouragement, I wouldn't have given it a try.

This is really the most unforgettable experience that I've ever had. I'll challenge myself to more English contests in the future!

A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. How many speech contests has Jennifer taken part in before?
 A. Zero B. One C. Two D. Not mentioned

2. Read line 9. What does the word 'applauded' mean?
 A. Talked B. Sang a song
 C. Waved the hands D. Clapped the hands

3. Jennifer _____ during the speech contest.

- A. was very relaxed at first
 B. did not try to calm herself
 C. did not remember the words
 D. did well and won the second prize

Q3

What does 'the second runner-up' mean?

4. Put the following events in the correct order.



- A. ① → ② → ③ → ④ B. ① → ③ → ② → ④
 C. ② → ① → ④ → ③ D. ③ → ④ → ① → ②

5. Which of the following about Jennifer is NOT true?

- A. She was touched by Kate's support.
 B. She did not think she could get a prize at first.
 C. She would not take part in more English events from then on.
 D. She wanted to thank Mr Wong for asking her to join the contest.

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

6. How did Jennifer feel when she was given a prize?

7. Why did Jennifer thank her friends?

Q6

Read line 19. Think of a word to describe her feeling.