

Bullying UK Creative Writing Competition Rules

1. Who can enter this competition?

The competition is open to all UK residents (including residents of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man). You must be aged between 6 and 18 years on the closing date **13 November 2015** in order to enter. Family Lives reserves the right to request proof of age for entrants as well as parent's or guardian's consent. Only one entry per person or family can be submitted.

2. What you need to do to enter this competition

You may wish to use a computer or you can write freehand. If writing freehand, pieces of paper must not be bigger than standard A4 size. The creative writing entry must be the entrant's own original work, not defame, nor breach any copyright. All submissions must include: name, date of birth, address including postcode and telephone number and email address of the entrant AND their parent or guardian. Entrants should ask their parent/carers or teacher for permission to enter this competition. Submission details can either be included in your email with your submission or, if written in free hand, please include full details on a separate sheet of paper in clearly legible writing. All entrants and their parent/guardian must enter the competition **by post to: #writeitout Competition, BullyingUK, Endway House, Endway, Hadleigh, Essex, SS72AN**
Or send via email to webcoordinator@familylives.org.uk with '#WriteltOut competition' in the subject box.

3. When you need to send your entry to this competition

Entries must be RECEIVED by no later than **17:30 (5PM)** on **13 November 2015**. Late or illegible entries will be disqualified. Family Lives cannot take any responsibility for any technical failure or malfunction, including but not limited to any affecting postal services, which may result in any entry being lost or not properly registered or recorded.

4. Consent to enter the competition

By submitting an entry for the competition, entrant's parent/guardian are deemed to have given consent for the entry to be published free of charge by Family Lives, in all media, including television, print and internet, for all purposes as it wishes.

5. Competition categories and entry criteria

All entries will be judged in the first instance by members of Family Lives. This first judging panel will decide which entries should be put forward to the second stage judging. The first judging round will select the 10 best entries in each of the following categories:

- **Category 1: Entrants aged 6 - 11**
- **Category 2: Entrants aged 12-18**

The second judging stage will look at the 10 best entries in each age category and be carried out by a panel of Family Lives and external judges. This panel will consider the 5 best entries for each age. Please do not use any swear words or rude words on your entry.

6. Competition prizes

1st Prize: A Pilot Pen UK educational pack containing **FriXion erasable pens and colouring pens and a range of rollerball pens, fountain pens and whiteboard markers.**

Runners Up: Pilot Pen UK will provide pens for all runner up entrants

7. Explanation of prizes

The prizes will be as stated. The prizes cannot be transferred and there is no cash alternative. In the event of any of the winners being unable to be contacted, after reasonable attempts have been made or if any is found to be in breach of the rules or fails to take up their prize for any reason, including illness, unavailability, licensing difficulties, Family Lives reserves the right to offer the prize to a runner-up in the relevant category but it is not obliged to do so.

8. Final decision

Family Lives' and the judges' decision as to the winners is final. No correspondence relating to the competition will be entered into.

9. Notifying competition winners

The winners will be notified within 30 days of the close of the competition by either post /telephone/email, as per the contact details provided in their entry.

10. Post-competition publicity

Entrants may be asked to take part in post-competition publicity for Family Lives.

11. Competition cancellation or rule changes

Family Lives reserves the right to cancel the competition or change any of these rules (including the judging panel) at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside of its control.

12. Use of personal details

Family Lives will only ever use personal details for the purposes of administering this competition, and will not publish them or provide them to anyone without permission. You can read more [here](#) about Family Lives Privacy Policy.

13. Consent from parents or guardian

The parent/guardian of an entrant is deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions when consenting to the application of the relevant entrant.

14. Terms and conditions

These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales.

So get out your pens and #writeitout