國一英語朗讀比賽題目

The Lion and the Mouse　獅子與老鼠



One warm morning, a big lion is sleeping under a tree. The forest is quiet, and the sun is shining. A little mouse runs across the grass. He is looking for breakfast, but he does not see the lion's tail.

Oops! The mouse steps on it.

The lion opens his eyes and jumps up. "Who is making noise?" he roars. He puts one big paw on the mouse.

"Please don't hurt me!" the mouse cries. "I am sorry. I don't want to wake you up."

The lion looks down at him. "You are so small! Why should I let you go?"

"Because I can help you one day," says the mouse.

The lion laughs. "You? Help me? I am the king of the forest!"

"I know," says the mouse. "But small friends can do big things."

The lion thinks for a moment. Then he moves his paw. "All right. You can go."

"Thank you! I will not forget your kindness!" the mouse says and runs home.

A few days later, the lion is walking near the river. Suddenly, a large net falls on him. He tries to run, but the ropes are too strong. He cannot get out.

"Help! Can anyone hear me?" he calls.

Some birds hear him, but they fly away. A rabbit sees the net, but he is afraid. The lion feels tired and alone.

Then a small voice says, "I am here!"

It is the mouse. He runs to the lion and looks at the ropes.

"Can you really help me?" asks the lion.

"Yes, I can. Please be patient," answers the mouse.

He uses his little teeth to bite the ropes. It is hard work, but he does not stop. At last, he makes a big hole. The lion stands up and walks out of the net.

"Thank you, my friend," says the lion. "I am big and strong, but today I need your help."

The mouse smiles. "We all need help sometimes."

From that day on, the lion is kind to animals big and small. He knows that a true friend is important, no matter how small.

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The Tortoise and the Hare 龜兔賽跑



One sunny morning, a hare runs through the forest. He is very fast, and he knows it. He laughs at the other animals because they cannot run like him.

"Look at my long legs!" he says. "No one in this forest can beat me in a race."

A tortoise walks slowly past him. "You are fast," says the tortoise, "but being fast is not everything."

The hare laughs. "Do you want to race with me? You are so slow!"

"Yes," says the tortoise. "Let's race to the big tree near the river."

The animals come to watch. A fox stands at the starting line and says, "Ready, set, go!"

The hare runs away like the wind. Soon, he is far ahead of the tortoise. He looks back, but he cannot see his friend.

"This race is too easy," he thinks. "I have time for a little rest."

He sits under a tree and eats some sweet grass. The sun feels warm, and the birds sing softly. Before long, the hare closes his eyes and falls asleep.

The tortoise is still walking. Step by step, he moves along the road. He sees flowers and small stones, but he does not stop. He knows the finish line is far away.

After some time, he passes the sleeping hare. "I must keep going," he says quietly. "Every step brings me closer."

At last, the hare wakes up. "Oh no! How long am I asleep?" He jumps to his feet and runs as fast as he can.

Near the big tree, the animals begin to cheer. The tortoise is only a few steps from the finish line.

"Run! Run!" the hare shouts to himself.

But it is too late. The tortoise reaches the tree first. Everyone claps, and the tortoise smiles.

"You win!" says the hare. "I do not understand. I am much faster than you."

The tortoise answers, "You are fast, but I never stop trying."

The hare looks down. "You are right. Next time, I will not laugh at others or waste my time."

From that day on, the hare learns to respect every animal, big or small, fast or slow.

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The Boy Who Cried Wolf 狼來了



A young boy lives in a small village near a green hill. Every morning, he takes his sheep up the hill to eat grass. He watches them all day and brings them home before dark.

At first, the boy enjoys his job. He likes the fresh air, the flowers, and the blue sky. But after a few days, he feels bored.

"There is no one to talk to," he says. "I want to have some fun."

Then he gets an idea. He stands on a rock and calls, "Wolf! Wolf! Please help me! A wolf is coming!"

The people in the village hear him. They leave their work and run up the hill. Some carry sticks, and some carry ropes.

"Where is the wolf?" they ask.

The boy laughs. "There is no wolf! I am only joking!"

The people are not happy. "Do not play games with us," says an old farmer. "A

wolf is dangerous."

The next day, the boy feels bored again. He remembers how fast the people run to help him.

He calls, "Wolf! Wolf! Come quickly!"

Again, the people run up the hill. Again, they find only the boy and his sheep.

"Got you!" the boy laughs.

"This is not funny," says the farmer. "We need to know when you really need help."

A few days later, the boy sees something moving behind the trees. A big gray wolf comes out of the forest. It looks at the sheep and walks closer.

The boy's hands begin to shake. "Wolf! Wolf!" he cries. "Please come! This time it is real!"

The people hear his voice, but they do not run. "He is joking again," they say.

The boy calls again and again. He waves his arms and tries to keep the sheep together. The wolf chases the sheep, and they run in different directions.

At last, the wolf goes away. The boy finds most of his sheep, but one is missing. He sits on the grass and cries.

That evening, the farmer comes to help him look for the lost sheep.

"I am sorry," says the boy. "I tell lies, and now no one believes me."

The farmer answers, "People need to trust your words. You can begin again by telling the truth."

From then on, the boy speaks honestly, even when the truth is hard.

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The Ant and the Grasshopper 螞蟻與蚱蜢



Summer is here, and the days are warm and bright. A little ant lives near a field of green grass. Every morning, she goes out to find food. She carries small pieces of grain back to her home.

Near the field, a grasshopper likes to sing. He jumps from leaf to leaf and plays in the sunshine.

"Hello, Ant!" he calls. "Why do you work so hard? Come and sing with me!"

"I like singing," says the ant, "but I need to get ready for winter."

"Winter?" the grasshopper laughs. "It is summer! We have lots of time."

The ant smiles and keeps walking. She finds another piece of grain and carries it home.

Day after day, the ant works. Sometimes the grain is bigger than her head. Sometimes she feels tired. But she knows that cold days will come.

The grasshopper sings in the morning and dances in the afternoon. "Life is wonderful!" he says.

One day, dark clouds fill the sky. The wind becomes cold, and the leaves begin to fall. Soon, winter arrives.

Snow covers the field. The grasshopper looks for food, but there are no green leaves and no fresh plants.

"I am so hungry," he says. "What can I do?"

Then he remembers the ant. He walks through the snow to her little home and knocks on the door.

The ant opens it. "Hello! You look cold. Please come inside."

"I spend all summer singing," says the grasshopper. "Now I have no food. Can you help me?"

The ant thinks for a moment. She has enough food for herself, but not much more.

"I can share some food with you today," she says. "But we both need to be careful."

"Thank you," says the grasshopper. "I am sorry I did not listen to you before."

The ant gives him warm soup and some grain. They sit together and talk about next year.

"When spring comes," says the grasshopper, "I will collect food every day. I can still sing after my work is done."

The ant nods. "That is a good plan. Work and play are both important."

The grasshopper smiles. He learns that having fun today is good, but getting ready for tomorrow matters, too.