2025 Joy National Reading and Spelling Competition Proposal

1. Event Title
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2. Event Goals
   1. Inspire students to actively learn English with motivation and interest, encouraging them to memorize words and expand their vocabulary.
   2. Cultivate English skills, promote environmental awareness, and encourage participation in response to evolving trends and technologies.
   3. Integrate knowledge, skills, and attitude into the English learning process while embracing the spirit of lifelong learning.

3. Organizer
   Joy English Educational Foundation

4. Hosts
   Joy Educational Group, nationwide Joy English branch schools throughout the country

5. Competition Time Frame

Date	Content
6/11 (Wed.)	Website goes live.
8/11 (Mon.) – 8/29 (Fri.)	Online registration. All registrations must be completed online. Late submissions will not be accepted.
11/3 (Mon.)	Regional Competition: announcement of pre-event notice and venue details for the National Finals.
11/13 (Thurs.) 9:00 – 11/15 (Sat.) 16:00	**Online Mock Competition** The mock competition will be held at branch schools in the northern, central, and southern regions. It will be open for participation all day from 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15
12/7 (Sun.) 9:00–16:00	**Online Regional Competition** The competition will be held at branch schools in the northern, central, and southern regions. The system will close exactly at 4 p.m. If answers are not submitted before the deadline, they will be considered unanswered.
12/8 (Mon.)	Announce the National Competition pre-event notice.
12/21 (Sun.)	**National Competition** The competition will be held in Taipei on the event day.
All information related to the competition will be updated on the Joy English Spelling Competition website (http://spell.joy.com.tw) for branch schools to check at any time.	

6. Contestants

Competition Type	Eligible Participants
Regional Competition	Any elementary or junior high school student currently studying at any Joy English branch school in the country. Senior high students may not participate.
National Competition	Top three contestants in Groups D, E, and F. Starting from 2025, a replacement mechanism will be introduced. For details, please refer to Section 8 of this proposal: Registration Instructions and Competition Guidelines—National Competition Advancement and Replacement Rules.

7. Competition Category

1. The competition is divided into six major groups, with 100 questions in each category.
2. The questions are primarily based on Tales of Joy, Magic Joy, and the Word Power section from issues 298-309 of *Joy to the World* magazine. The scope of the questions is determined according to the corresponding proficiency level for each category.

Group	Proficiency Level	Scope of 90–95% of the questions	Extracurricular scope 5–10%	Notes
A	TJ7, 8	TJ2–6: Parent's Guide vocabulary words to be memorized (Words marked with ▪ are the ones to be memorized)		
B	MJ5, 6, 7	MJ1–4: Parent's Guide vocabulary words to be memorized (Vocabulary words for production from MJ1–4)	Word Power section in 298–309 issues of Joy to the World	
C	MJ8, 9, 10	MJ1–7: Parent's Guide vocabulary words to be memorized (Vocabulary words for production from MJ1–7)		
D	MJ11, 12, 13	MJ1–10: Parent's Guide vocabulary words to be memorized (Vocabulary words for production from MJ1–10)		The top three contestants in the Regional Competitions D, E, and F will directly advance to the National Competition.
E	MJ14, 15, 16	MJ1–13: Parent's Guide vocabulary words to be memorized (Vocabulary words for		

		production from MJ1–13)		• Round 1: Spelling elimination round, with the same scope as the regional competition. • Round 2: Listening and answering performance round, with no specific scope.
F	BM, English Proficiency Test Class	MJ1–16: Parent's Guide vocabulary words to be memorized (Vocabulary words for production from MJ1–16)		

8. Registration Instructions and Competition Guidelines

Mock / Regional Competition Registration	
Mock Competition	All contestants registered for the regional competition are eligible to participate in the mock competition.
Regional Competition	● Registration is conducted online and handled by branch schools on behalf of the contestants. Each category is limited to three contestants per school, and individual registrations are not accepted. ● Contestants must register based on their proficiency level as of Friday, August 29. ● For special cases such as early enrollment, late enrollment, or cross-level study, please register based on the desired proficiency level first. After registration, submit a tuition payment proof to the organizing committee for review. Once verified, the contestant's birth information will be adjusted in the system accordingly. ● Students who have completed TJ8 and are currently enrolled in MJ5 must register for Group B. (Refer to the spelling resource files: TJ1–TJ8 and MJ1–MJ4 vocabulary comparison charts for guidance.) ● Students who have completed TJ6 and are currently enrolled in MJ3 or MJ4 are not eligible to register for any of the aforementioned categories. ● Please carefully verify contestant information during registration. Any errors may affect the production of certificates, medals, and trophies. ● The Word Power section from *Joy to the World* magazine (Issues 298–309) will be gradually uploaded to the branch

	school cloud/staff download area. Issues 298–306 are expected to be available by mid-June. Issues 307–309 are expected to be available by mid-September. ● Download Path for Related Resources: Branch School Cloud → Staff Download → File Download Section → 07. Academic Competitions → 03. National Reading & Spelling Competition
National Competition Advancement and Replacement Rules	
Advancement Criteria	The top three contestants in Groups D, E, and F of the Regional Competitions will directly advance to the National Competition.
Registration Confirmation	● The National Competition invitation will be sent on Monday, 12/8, the day after the Regional Competition. ● Advancing contestants must confirm their attendance by submitting the response form by Wednesday, 12/10 to complete their registration. ● The Contestant Portrait Rights Consent Form must be submitted by Wednesday, 12/17.
Replacement Activation	If an advancing contestant does not submit the attendance confirmation form by Wednesday, 12/10, or declines participation, they will forfeit their spot. The replacement process will be initiated by the organizing committee on Thursday, 12/11.
Replacement Order	Substitutes will be selected from the 4th place contestants from Groups D, E, and F of the regional competitions, ranked by their scores.
Replacement Contestant Registration	● Replacement contestants will receive the National Competition invitation on Thursday, 12/11. ● Contestants must confirm their attendance by submitting the response form by Sunday, 12/14 to complete their registration. ● The Contestant Portrait Rights Consent Form must be submitted by Sunday, 12/21.
Replacement Deadline	If a replacement contestant does not submit the attendance confirmation form by Sunday, 12/14, or declines participation, they will be considered to have forfeited their spot. The organizing committee will not proceed with further replacements.

Notes for Competition
● Contestants who do not attend the competition will forfeit their participation. Substitutes who were not officially registered will not be allowed to compete. ● <u>After the registration deadline, the organizing committee will conduct eligibility verification. The following violations will result in disqualification:</u> 1. Contestants registering for the wrong category, such as a higher-level student registering for a lower-level category or vice versa. 2. Using another school's quota to register. 3. Replacing a contestant after the registration deadline. 4. Competing on behalf of another person (contestant impersonation). 5. Participating from home or any unauthorized location instead of the designated competition venue. ● <u>If a branch school is found to have violated the above rules, the following penalties will apply:</u> 1. If discovered before the competition, the contestant's qualification will be revoked, and the branch school cannot replace them with another contestant. 2. If discovered after the competition, both the contestant and the branch school will be disqualified from awards and rankings. Any received awards will be revoked, and the next highest-scoring contestant will move up in ranking and receive the award. 3. The violation will be publicly announced in the competition bulletin.

Pre-Competition Training	
Mock Competition	● This takes place before the regional competitions. Contestants make use of the mock competition to familiarize themselves with the online computer-based competition method. ● It is recommended to take the test online at the branch school using a physical keyboard for input. If technical limitations prevent the test from being conducted at the branch school, an alternative venue may be arranged by the branch school as a unit. Individual participation from home or other locations is strictly prohibited. ● Please use the same location and setup for both the mock competition and regional competition in order to achieve the goal of having mock competitions.

Formal Competition	
Regional Competitions	● The contestants who get the highest number of correct answers will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the contestant who used the least amount of time will be the winner. ● For the regional competitions, it is recommended to take the test online at the branch school using a physical keyboard for input. If technical limitations prevent the test from being conducted at the branch school, an alternative venue may be arranged by the branch school as a unit. Individual participation from home or other locations is strictly prohibited. ● Please use the same location and setup for both the mock competition and regional competition in order to achieve the goal of having mock competitions.
National Competition	● This will be held in Taipei. Contestants will be the top three from Groups D, E, and F in the regional competitions. ● Each group will enter two rounds of competition: 1. Round One: Listen and Write Elimination Round (the top six students with the most correct answers will advance to the second round.) 2. Round Two: Listen and Answer Round (the top three students with the most correct answers will be the finalists.)

9. Editing Contestant Information and Fee

Regional Competition

Editing Contestant information		
Time	**Editing path**	**Fee**
Registration 8/11 (Mon.)–8/29 (Fri.)	Spelling competition website / Registration	Free
Post-registration through regional competitions 8/30 (Sat.)–12/7 (Sun.)	Spelling competition website / Application	Processing fee $100
Reissuance of Incorrect Certificate Information		
Time	**Editing path**	**Fee**
1/5(Mon.)–2/27(Fri.)	Spelling competition website / Application	Processing fee $350

National Competition

Editing Contestant information		
Time	**Editing path**	**Fee**
Post-regional Competitions to National Competition 12/8 (Mon.)–12/21 (Sun.)	Spelling competition website / Application	Processing fee $200
Reissuance of Incorrect "Certificate/Trophy/Honor Image" Information		
Time	**Editing path**	**Fee**
1/5 (Mon.)–2/27 (Fri.)	Spelling competition website / Application	Processing fee $350

10. Awarding Guidelines

A score of 70 points or above in each category is required for a contestant to be included in the rankings.

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<tr><th colspan="2">Regional Competitions</th></tr>
<tr><td>Individual Award</td><td>

To encourage active participation and acknowledge the efforts of contestants, starting in 2025, the number of fourth-place awardees in Groups A, B, C, and D will increase to 10.
For each region (North, Central, and South), the rankings will be listed from highest to lowest, with the award distribution for each group as shown in the table below:

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<tr><th>Place / Group</th><th>First</th><th>Second</th><th>Third</th><th>Fourth</th></tr>
<tr><td>A, B, C, D</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>10</td></tr>
<tr><td>E, F</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>5</td></tr>
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The top four contestants in Groups A–F will receive medals, prizes, and certificates.
All contestants not in the top four, except for those who score zero, will receive a printed "Award of Excellence" certificate.
Electronic certificates will no longer be issued, and printed certificates are expected to be mailed by the end of January.
Starting in 2025, medals for all groups will be standardized to a common design. Medals, prizes, and related items are expected to be mailed by the end of December.

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<tr><td>Group Award</td><td>

A "point system" will be used for scoring, based on the award rankings of contestants in Groups A–F from each branch. Points are awarded as follows:
1st place: 4 points; 2nd place: 3 points per contestant; 3rd place: 2 points per contestant; 4th place: 1 point per contestant.
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The branch schools that win the Group Award will receive a trophy and a banner. Both the trophy and banner are expected to be mailed by the end of December.

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<tr><td>Individual Award</td><td>
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<tr><th>Place / Group</th><th>First</th><th>Second</th><th>Third</th><th>Honorable Mention</th></tr>
<tr><td>D, E, F</td><td>1</td><td>Tie</td><td>Tie</td><td>Every contestant (excluding the top three)</td></tr>
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The top three contestants in Groups D–F will receive a trophy, certificate, and honor image file.
Commemorative T-shirts will not be given this year.
All contestants outside the top three, except those with a score of zero, will receive an honor medal and a printed certificate.
Trophies will be awarded directly to the winners on-site, while the bronze plaques will be mailed separately to the branch schools.
Printed certificates are expected to be mailed by the end of January.

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<tr><th colspan="2">Rankings Announcement Time</th></tr>
<tr><td>Regional Competition</td><td>2025/12/08 (Mon.) 17:00–2026/1/9 (Fri.) 17:00</td></tr>
<tr><td>National Competition</td><td>2025/12/24 (Wed.) 17:00–2026/1/9 (Fri.) 17:00</td></tr>
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11. Methods of Promotion

Methods	Content	Time
Paper	Competition posters will be posted at branch schools.	Will be mailed out with the July magazine.
Spelling Website / News App	Competition information will be published on the Spelling website and the News App.	Updates will be announced in real-time.

12. Competition Rules and Notes

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<tr><td>Question Format</td><td>

Question types include:
① Look at a picture and spell the word ② Vocabulary in context
③ Cloze dialogue ④ Cloze paragraph ⑤ Vocabulary according to the definition
There are a total of 100 questions, one point each, for a total of 100 points.
Questions are delivered in English and include the first and last letter of the vocabulary word.
Structure and number of questions for each Group:

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<tr><td>Group A</td><td>80</td><td>20</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Group B</td><td>30</td><td>45</td><td>25</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Answering Method</td><td>

The competition will be held through computers online and last 30 minutes.
Contestants will answer based on the given pictures or words and type in the full word using the physical keyboard (including the first and last letters.)
Before sending out the answers, contestants can go back and edit answers from previous questions.
Take note of capitalizations. Apart from proper nouns and words that start a sentence, use lowercase letters.
Please answer using the American spellings presented in the textbooks.

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<tr><td>Scoring Method</td><td>

The contestant with the highest number of correct answers is the winner. In the event of a tie, the contestant who used the least amount of time is the winner.
The following will count as incorrect answers and earn no points:
1. Using an account other than that of the registered contestant.
2. Failing to provide an answer.
3. Having spaces or punctuations in answers.
4. Using numbers or full-width letters.
5. Using capital letters, apart from proper nouns and words that start a sentence.
6. Failing to click "send answers."

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<tr><td>Important Notes</td><td>

Contestants are strictly prohibited from participating individually at home or any unauthorized location. Violations will result in disqualification.
Mobile devices such as phones and tablets are not allowed for answering questions in neither the mock competition nor the regional competition.
On the day of the competition, contestants are not allowed to bring dictionaries, electronic dictionaries, translation devices, translation pens, smartwatches, mobile phones, or other electronic devices.
During the competition, looking around, talking to others, or any form of cheating is strictly prohibited.
Important notice: Each competition account can only be logged in once.
Do not refresh or close the window during the test. Doing so will prevent you from logging back into the competition page and continuing the test.
The test should be taken in a quiet and secure space within the branch school, free from distractions. A stable Internet connection must be ensured. If technical issues such as computer crashes or network disconnections occur and disrupt the test, the branch school will be responsible for handling the situation.
If the competition cannot be conducted at the branch school due to equipment limitations, an alternative venue may be arranged as a unit of the branch school. Individual participation from home or other locations is strictly prohibited.
Before the mock competition, the branch school must prepare equipment that meets the specifications listed below (please pay special attention to the highlighted requirements in red):
<table>
<tr><td>Operating System</td><td>Windows 7/8/10</td></tr>
<tr><td>CPU</td><td>Intel@Core i3 or higher</td></tr>
<tr><td>RAM</td><td>4 GB or more</td></tr>
<tr><td>Hard drive space</td><td>5 GB or more</td></tr>
<tr><td>Internet equipment</td><td>16M/3M or higher broadband network
※ It is strongly recommended to use a wired Internet connection to prevent Wi-Fi stability issues from affecting the contestants' performance.
※ Please use <u>Speedtest</u> before the competition to check if the Internet speed meets the required standards.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Display</td><td>Graphics card that supports DirectX 8.0</td></tr>
<tr><td>Peripherals</td><td>Physical keyboard and mouse</td></tr>
<tr><td>Browser</td><td>Latest version of Chrome/Firefox/Opera/Safari</td></tr>
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		※ It is strongly recommended to use Windows operating system during the competition.
	Clear browser cache	To ensure a smooth competition experience, it is recommended to clear the browser cache (Cookies) before the competition begins. Below are the steps to clear the cache in Google Chrome: **Step 1**: Open **Chrome** on your computer. **Step 2**: Click the **More** icon (three dots in the upper right corner), then select **Settings.** **Step 3**: Under **Privacy and security,** click **Cookies and other site data.** **Step 4**: Click **See all cookies and site data,** then select **Remove all.** **Step 5**: Click **Clear all** to confirm the deletion.

National Competition

- The competition consists of two rounds and is conducted in English:
  Round 1—Listen and Write Elimination Round. The top six contestants with the most correct answers advance to the next round.
  Round 2—Listen and Answer Round.

Competition		Mode	Method	Number of questions/turns	Answering time per question	Number of Winners / Rankings
Round 1	Listen and Write Elimination Round	Listen and Write	Contestants in the same group compete simultaneously	15 questions	ten seconds	six contestants (advancing to Round 2)
Round 2	Listen and Answer Round	Listen and Answer	Contestants in the same group answer questions in order	ten turns (When all six contestants on stage have completed one question, it is considered one turn.)	one minute	Top three

- Contestants who do not check in by the designated time will be considered to have forfeited.
- Contestants are required to wear the Joy red T-shirt during the competition. Failure to do so will result in a five-point deduction from their total score.
- Contestants are not allowed to say their school name or their own name on stage. Any violation will result in disqualification.

- Teachers and parents are not allowed to give any hand gestures or verbal reminders to the contestants in the preparation area or during the competition. No second person is allowed to participate or echo the content of the contestant's performance. Any violation will result in disqualification.
- To avoid disturbing the contestants, children aged six and under (including six years old) are not allowed to enter the competition venue. Photography and videography are prohibited during the competition. If individuals do not comply with the staff's request, they will be asked to leave the competition venue.

Listen and Write Elimination Round	
Question Format	● The contestants in the same group will compete simultaneously. Each question has a time limit of ten seconds for answering, with a total of 15 questions. ● After the question is presented, the timer will start.
Answering Method	● The contestants will write the word they hear on a tablet or whiteboard and show their answer within ten seconds.
Scoring Method	● The winner will be determined by the number of correct answers after all 15 questions. ● The top six contestants will advance to the second round, the Listen and Answer Round. ● In case of a tie, the competition will continue until the top six contestants are determined.
Notes	● The following situations will be considered incorrect answers and will not be scored: (1) Answering before the prompt is completed. (2) Not showing the answer or failing to show the answer within ten seconds. (3) Spelling errors. (4) Incorrect capitalization format (except for proper nouns, all words should start with lowercase letters). (5) Illegible handwriting that makes it impossible for the judges to determine the answer. (6) Exhibiting distracting behavior, such as looking around or turning back, during the competition. (7) Errors in line breaks, with scoring guidelines as follows: ① Do not split a word across lines (e.g., "oran" on one line, "ge" on the next). ② Words can be split across lines (e.g., "hot" on one line, "dog" on the next), but do not split a word itself.
Listen and Answer Round	
Question Format	● Contestants will draw their order of answering before stepping onto the stage and will draw their questions on stage in sequence. In each round, each contestant will answer one question. When all six

	contestants have answered once, it will be considered one round, and there will be a total of ten rounds. ● After the question is presented, a one-minute countdown will begin for the contestant to answer. A bell will ring one time at 50 seconds as a reminder, and two times at the end of one minute. ● Within the 50 seconds, contestants may request the announcer to: (1) Repeat the word (e.g., "Can you repeat the word?") (2) Use the word in a sentence (e.g., "Can you use the word in a sentence?")
Answering Method	● The contestant's answering method is as follows: Word + Spelling + Word (e.g., joy, j-o-y, joy). (1) When answering, the volume should be loud enough, and each letter must be clearly pronounced for the judges to recognize. (2) If the contestant answers within 50 seconds, the announcer will ask whether it's the final answer (e.g., "Is that your final answer?"). The contestant may choose to revise their answer before confirming. Once the contestant confirms with "YES" that it's their final answer, they can leave the microphone and return to their seat (without waiting for the full one-minute time). (3) If the contestant answers after 50 seconds and doesn't confirm their answer, the last answer given will be considered the final answer.
Scoring Method	● After 10 rounds, the results will be calculated based on the number of correct answers. The contestant with the most correct answers will be the winner. ● If there is a tie, an overtime round will be held until a champion is determined (2nd and 3rd place may be tied).
Notes	● The following situations will be considered incorrect answers and will not be scored: (1) Failure to answer in the required format. (2) Spelling errors. (3) Not answering or failing to answer within one minute. (4) Answering with a volume too low or unclear speech, making it impossible for the judges to assess.

Tiebreaker Round

- Contestants will answer in order. The correct answer will allow the contestant to proceed to the next round, while an incorrect answer will result in immediate elimination (those eliminated in the same round will share the same rank).
- If all contestants in a round answer incorrectly, they will all retain their qualification and proceed to the next round.
- If only one contestant answers correctly in a round, they may challenge the champion word. If the challenge is successful, they will become the champion of the competition. If the challenge fails, they will continue to compete with the contestant s who answered incorrectly in the previous round.

- An example of a tiebreaker round is as follows:

Contestant		A	B	C	D	Explanation
Tie-breaker Round	Round 1	X	X	X	X	All four contestants answered incorrectly. Continue to Round 2.
	Round 2	O	O	X	X	C and D are eliminated and get the same ranking.
	Round 3	O	X			Only A is correct, so A can challenge the champion word.
	Challenge the champion word	O				If A is correct, A becomes the champion.
		X				If A is incorrect, they keep competing with B in the Round 4.
	Round 4	O	O			A and B keep answering until there is a winner.