



## **BBC's 500 Words – the UK's largest children's writing competition – is now open for entries!**

Children are encouraged to write a story they'd love to read themselves in no more than 500 Words. **Entries are open until 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.**

The competition is split into two different age groups – 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. 50 finalists will be invited to a glamorous [grand final](#) at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities and [win prizes](#), with gold winners also claiming 500 books for their school library.

It's incredibly important to us that children of all abilities and backgrounds are able to take part in the competition; therefore each school that enters a story and receives 50% free school meals or more, is entitled to a £50 National Book Token and three £10 book tokens for their pupils.

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