

### Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – This is a short story. Develop it across several paragraphs, structuring it so that it has a background, main body and ending. Title the story creatively and in a way that is representative of its content. Place the title above the first paragraph.
2. Genre – This is a piece of narrative and descriptive writing. Develop the story freely with your imagination. However, make sure the plot is logical and that the instructions are being followed. Where appropriate, develop characters and use monologues and dialogues.
3. Language and formality – The style of a story submitted for competition needs not be formal. However, it should have rich descriptions and therefore lots of verbs and adjectives. The tone of the story depends on what it is about.
4. Organisation – Divide the story into a few paragraphs. Devote one or two to each of the following: background, development, climax, and ending. As background, include time, place and the people involved. Create a climax midway through the story that is unexpected enough to make a strong impression. At the end, deliver a message: e.g. love between humans and animals.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this story is animals and friendship. Draw on your own experience. Also refer to the following vocabulary for suggestions about ideas.

### Useful vocabulary and expressions

#### Verbs / verb phrases

cherish	珍惜
ensure	確保
fertilise	施肥
instruct	指引
propagate	宣傳
recall	回憶
slide	滑落
spared no effort	不遺餘力
stroke	輕撫
trim	修剪
weep tears of joy	喜極而泣

#### Nouns / noun phrases

ambassador	大使
company	陪伴
corrector	矯正器
delight	欣喜
drizzle	毛毛雨
enclosure	圍場
foodie	吃貨

intimacy	親切感
meadow	草地
orphan	孤兒
re-encounter	重逢
rehabilitation	康復
twig	細枝

#### Adjectives

adorable	可愛的
lush	蒼翠繁茂的
rewarding	令人滿意的
specific	特定的
sufficient	充足的
unremitting	不懈的
viral	病毒的

#### Adverbial phrases

In light of	鑒於
with the aim of	旨在