

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 according to the theme ('My Robot Friend') given in the prompt.
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. Use direct speech for lively narration. Write in the simple past tense and in the first person.
4. Organisation – Divide the story into a few paragraphs. Devote one or two to each of the following: background, development, climax, and resolution. 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.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this story is friendship and artificial intelligence. Draw on your own experience. Also refer to the following vocabulary for suggestions about ideas.

Useful vocabulary and expressions

Verbs

deform	變畸形
disguise	偽裝
enslave	奴役
envelop	包圍
hover	盤旋
massacre	屠殺
overhear	無意中聽到
seize	捉住
slip	溜
squat	蹲下
stun	震驚
surrender	投降
wade	跋涉

Nouns / noun phrases

brawl	鬧事
bruise	淤傷
comrade	同伴
drone	無人機
quarry	採石場
retinue	隨從

safe haven	安全區
sewage	下水道
shovel	鏟
survivor	倖存者
uprising	起義

Adjectives

brutal	殘暴的
previous	先前的
ruined	荒廢的
scrawny	骨瘦如柴的
solitary	獨居的

Adverbs

dimly	朦朧地
eventually	最終

Others

in panic	在驚慌中
to some extent	某程度上