

# Writing competition

Reading is magic and can transport you to amazing and curious places.

Write a short story about a wonderful and magical place.

## The Three Wizards

In a little cabin at the top of a hill, there lived 3 Wizards;

A Tall and Skinny Wizard;

a Short and Stout Wizard;

and a Wizard who was just Average.

These wizards were the best of the best, because they were total book nerds. And, they all had one desire; the desire to be taken to places beyond their wildest imagination.

One random day, the Tall and Skinny Wizard mentioned, "Oh why can't we just make a potion that takes us places instead of using our magic all the time?"

This astonished the other 2 Wizards, because they had never considered it. The Average Wizard then took a dusty old manuscript from a bookshelf, while saying he remembered there was something about a "travelling potion" inside the book. After a few seconds of flicking pages, the Short and Stout Wizard read out the ingredients for the potion:

- *A Melon of Knowledge*

(A melon that makes you the smartest person in the world... temporarily)

- *A Bookberry*

(a berry in the shape of a book)

- *A Bookworm*

(Simply, a worm that wears huge glasses, and lives inside a book).

The Average Wizard then recalled that he had been to the places, where the ingredients were located. Leading the way, they flew off with their vacuums to travel to their first destination, Aisa, the only place where Melons of Knowledge grow. Only problem is, in order to get a melon, they had to defeat, the Nus.

The 3 wizards landed in Aisa, and at the spot where the melons grow. They were about to cast a spell to lift the melon out of the ground, when they, themselves, got lifted high into the air instead. When they turned their heads around, a splash of light was thrust onto them! Then followed by a loud thump! It was Nus!

The Average Wizard cast a mirror spell, just in the nick of time, for the next light strike, and it rebounded back to Nus. The wizards could see it rolling on the ground, covering its eyes from the blinding light, and groaning. The 3 Wizards then finished pulling the melon from the ground, and before they flew off, the Average Wizard relieved the creature of the mirror spell.

Off they went to their second destination, Rewolf. Like with the melons, they had to go up against the Retaw, but on the bright side, the Retaw was much nicer. You just needed to present a gift in exchange, otherwise, it would make a wall around the Bookberries, and it'd be impossible to get one.

Upon arriving unto where the Retaw was standing, the Tall Wizard immediately stretched out their gift, and kneeled in front of the gigantic Retaw, looking like an ant compared to it. The kind Retaw accepted, and hugged the wizard with its widely enormous arms, he felt like he turned into jelly. After the near-death, but affectionate hug, the Retaw handed a Bookberry to the 3 grateful Wizards. As they left on their vacuums, they waved back at the Retaw, whose smile was beaming like a bright beacon.

The Wizards' final destination was Eporue, where Bookworms dwell. The Bookworms, themselves, are nice, but they are regularly trampled by the really mean-bulky Teah. Reaching Eporue, they immediately saw a Teah about to squash a Bookworm, that was running for its life (with its book strapped to its back). The 3 Wizards quickly stepped in, cast a stunning spell on the Teah, and teleported the Bookworm back to its clew.

But the Teah recovered instantly, and started trampling all over the Short Wizard, flattening him. Then, grabbed and squished up the Tall Wizard and blew him up like a balloon. And, as the Teah was in the middle of crushing the Average Wizard, a barrage of dirtballs rained on and knocked out the Teah.

When the wizards looked up, they were surprised to see an army of Bookworms squirming around and saluting at the 3 Wizards, who saluted back with a big smile on their faces. The Wizards cast a wall that would keep the Teahs from bothering the Bookworms ever again. As for the Bookworm that they saved, it was willing to go with them, so they took off on their vacuums.

During their flight back, the Tall Wizard realised that he had become short and stout; the Short Wizard was turned tall and skinny, and the Average Wizard was in an irregular shape.

Back at their cabin, they were preparing to cook the ingredients when they noticed that the Bookworm was missing, they needed it to recite a special passage. The Average Wizard found that it had wandered off to their library, and was reading a book that he was not familiar with.

The Average Wizard noticed that the Bookworm was so absorbed, that it looked like it was in another world. "What are you reading?" the Wizard asked.

The Bookworm, surprised to see the Wizard, "Oh! I was just reading this book about a wizard like what you guys are! I was just so immersed in it that it took me to another place!"

Awestruck, the Wizard said, "Wait hold on... Thanks Bookworm! Keep reading!" and, hurriedly left.

"What did I do?" wondered the Bookworm, then it just shrugged and continued reading.

The Average Wizard burst into the room, startling the other 2 Wizards when he exclaimed out of thin air that they didn't need a potion to travel to places! They could just read a book!

Silence filled the room, then followed by a great "WWWWHHHHAAATTT??!?" from the other two.

Average Wizard recounted what the Bookworm had told him that made him realise, thanks to the magic of reading, they could travel to literally anywhere!

The Short Wizard asked what are they going to do with the unfinished potion. Wriggling into the room, the Bookworm stated that the potion could be used to revert the wizards to their normal size and weight by drinking the potion.

When the 3 Wizards went back to normal, the Bookworm decided to join the Wizards on their adventures. They travelled to many places thanks to the magic of reading.

Amazingly, they even met a banana, a chicken and a mushroom, who all lived together in a gingerbread house and, also, loved books!

The 3 Wizards learnt that the Magic of Reading is Everywhere, and wherever you go, Reading is powerful.

*The End.*