

Write edge

Draft 1

Discover. Write. Achieve.

An Achievement

The school ^{hosting} ~~is~~ ^{ASP!} ~~going to be~~ a speaking competition ^{in the school} soon. We have to choose one ^{you think} person to represent our class. In the count of three, point to someone who is ^{announced.} ~~announced.~~ ^{and} ~~suitable!~~ Mrs Tan ^{exclaimed} ~~exclaimed~~ as Class 1A threw their hands up in the air. "Three ^{finger shot out} ~~two~~!" Mrs Tan ^{exclaimed} ~~announced~~. Everyone ^{shot out} ~~shot out~~ their hands to point at ^{one particular} ~~a~~ student. Unbeknownst to me, everyone was pointing at me, grinning from ear ^{sat there} ~~to~~ to ear. I stood ^{my seat} ~~rooted~~ to the ground, eyes widened and shivered a bit. I have stage fright. I ^{could not} ~~cannot~~ even lie about it. Every time I faced a crowd, I either started crying buckets of tears or stay frozen, ^{stayed} ~~forgetting~~ everything I wanted to say or do. When I found out I have chosen, I really ^{SNT: shy!} ~~felt~~ like digging a hole and hiding in it. I knew I was doomed. Having no courage ^{say no to} ~~to~~ to tell Mrs Tan - she was ^{she as} ~~too~~ fierce, I reluctantly accepted ^{my fate.} ~~it.~~

Reaching home with a heavy heart, I ^{popped down} ~~sat~~ in front of my computer and started to research ^{endangered} ~~on~~ on the topic, animals. For the next few weeks, I ^{prepared a} ~~practised~~ my ^{speech and} ~~it~~ ^{first} ~~the~~ mirror and ^{then} ~~despite~~ my arduous hours of speech every day, in front of my parents. Even though I ^{encouraged me and} ~~practised~~ a lot, I still ^{was} ~~was~~ nervous and stammered. My parents ^{told me not to} ~~gave up~~ trying. Those words ^{etched in my mind} ~~etched~~ in my mind and I burnt the midnight oil ^{furiously, determined} ~~to~~ to win.

As the day of the competition rolled around, I ^{ran through my} ~~practised~~ memorising the script for the very last time. Other competitors lined up ^{at the side} ~~behind~~ behind one another,

looking very confident. I sucked in ^{trying to} ~~balls~~ balls of air, ^{calming myself down.} ~~I could~~ not let my class down. I had to do well. "Next up, June Lim from Class 1A!" ^{speakers became} ~~the~~ "A ^{excellent!} ~~stunning~~ ^{V.S.S!} ~~It was my time to shine.~~ Walking onto the stage, I glanced at the audience. I ^{SNT: Nervous!} ~~broke~~ in cold sweat and there were butterflies in my stomach. Oh no! I am nervous ^{What a huge} ~~Oh no!~~ I am nervous ^{crowd!} ~~on their~~ on their feet. I have to calm myself down. From the corner of my eye, I spotted my parents, ^{wildly} ~~cheering~~ cheering for me. ^{seeing them} ~~For some reason,~~ I ^{managed to} ~~plucked up~~ enough courage, I and my speech ^{surprisingly} ~~suddenly~~, I was not nervous and ^{new burst of} ~~did not~~ stammer when I recited my speech ^{in the blink of an eye.} ~~as~~ when I was done, I walked off the stage, as proud as a peacock. I was glad ^{what seemed like} ~~as~~ as the crowd ^{erupted into} ~~thunderous~~ thunderous ^{applause.} ~~applause.~~

During the award winning ceremony, participants stood on stage, praying ^{details!} ~~to~~ to win the golden, shiny trophy. After they announced ^{the} ~~third and second place~~ ^{y heart safe.} ~~I~~ knew that I would leave the school empty handed. "First place is... June ^{was certain} ~~Lim~~ from class 1A!" the emcee announced. My jaws ^{dropped} ~~dropped~~ as I cupped my ^{mouth with both} ~~mouth~~ hands on my mouth. When I came back to my senses, my eyes glittered with ^{had} ~~was~~ a dream come true! tears of joy. Receiving the grand trophy I longed for, I was relieved that ^{my hard work had paid off.} ~~my hard work had paid off.~~

This was the first achievement that I have received. Despite my ^{V.S.S!} ~~stage~~ stage fright, I did not let my friends down - and ^A ~~a~~ smile ^{was} ~~plastered~~ plastered onto my face ^{for} ~~the~~ the entire day.

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