

2021 IVY CUP INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH CONTEST

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Guidelines for Middle School



Part I Surprise Me (2 min for solo / 5 min for group)

The Surprise Me Talent Show could be any form, such as storytelling, speech, singing, dubbing, and drama, etc. Contestants could team up with others from the same age group up to 6 members (Each contestant needs to demonstrate English skills in the show).

The costumes and any props/materials involved in the performance should be prepared by the contestants.

The examiner may ask you some questions before/after the talent show. Please answer the questions in full sentences in English.

Here are some examples below. The samples are for reference only.

A. Contestant's talent show, costumes and personal information.

-What's your name?

-My name is Catherine.

-How old are you?

-I am 10 years old.

B. Questions from Part I Surprise Me (Q&A)

The examiner will ask you some questions, please answer the questions with full sentences in English.

*Here are some examples below which are for reference only.

Part I Surprise Me –(Q&A)

1. -What do you think of your English teacher? - I think she is really kind and helpful because...

2. -What do you usually do while you surf the internet? - I usually search for some information I need for the project in school.

3. -What did you do last week? - I went to a museum with my family to learn about the development of technology.

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4. -Why did you choose this topic for your speech? -Because...
5. -Which country would you like to study abroad in? -I want to study in...because...
6. -Do you have any online courses? What do you think of online courses? - I have some online courses, I think...
7. -Do you think that English will be useful for you in the future? - I think English will be extremely useful for my study and work in the future. It can help me learn about different cultures, make a lot of friends and earn more money in the future.
8. -How do you spend your holiday? -I usually spend my holidays reading, listening to music and playing tennis etc.
9. -What do you think is the best way to travel to Beijing? - I think it is good for me to take a plane to travel to Beijing because...
10. -Do you like music? -I like music. I have been playing the violin since I was 5 years old and I am really good at it. I like classical music and pop music. Music can make me relaxed and happy.
11. -What kind of TV program do you enjoy watching? - I enjoy watching a talk show with my friend because...
12. -What is your favorite subject? Why? -My favorite subject is...because...
13. -Do you like reading? What is your favorite book? And why? - I like reading. My favorite book is...because...
14. -How often do you go shopping with your friends? -I go shopping with my friends once a week.
15. -What do you enjoy doing with your family? - I enjoy having a picnic with my family on weekends.

Part II Convince Me (Spelling and Impromptu Speech)

The examiner will read or show the descriptions of some words based on different topics. What is the word for each one? The first letter is already there. There is one space for each other letters in the word. Contestants spell the word within 15s, then use it to make a 60s speech after 15s preparation. The examiner will ring the bell when the contestant can't spell the word within 15 seconds or spells the word incorrectly. The examiner will give the contestant the correct word then the contestant will have 15s to prepare for a 60s speech.

Sample answer A

6.0 points

Examiner: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C, and it has 8 letters.

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Contestant: It' s C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

The curtains in my bedroom are really old and dirty as they were bought when I was 6 years old. Thus, my dad bought new curtains for my bedroom last week as my birthday present, which it's colorful. They look soft and comfortable. My brother helped me hang them over the window. They go well with the overall style of my bedroom. I like withdrawing them and enjoying reading and eating some snacks beside the window when it's rainy. So does my brother. How relaxing it is! **(4 points)**

*The speech is not wordy, logical and coherent, and without any grammatical mistakes.

Sample answer B

5.0 points

Examiner: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C, and it has 8 letters.

Contestant: It' s C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

The curtains in my bedroom is really old and dirty as they bought when I was 6 years old. So that my dad buy new curtains for my bedroom last week as my birthday present which I like very much. They look soft and comfortable. My brother helped me hang them over the window. They go well with the overall style of my bedroom. I like withdrawing them, and enjoy reading and eating some snacks beside the window when it's rainy. So does my brother. How relaxing it is! **(3 points)**

*The speech is not wordy, logical and coherent, but with some grammatical errors.

Sample answer C

4.0 points

Examiner: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C, and it has 8 letters.

Contestant: It' s C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

The curtains in my bedroom is really old and dirty as they bought when I was 6 years old. So that my dad buy new curtains for my bedroom last week as my birthday present which I like very much. They look soft and comfortable. My brother help me hang them over the window. They go well with the overall style of my bedroom. **(2 points)**

Generally, the speech is basically logical, but the content is not rich enough and there are some grammatical mistakes.

Sample answer D

3 points

Examiner: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C, and it has 8 letters.

Contestant: It' s C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

My dad buy curtain. I like withdrawing them and enjoying reading beside the window when it's rainy. **(1 point)**

The speech is too short to present the contestant' s ability in using English. **(1 point)**

Sample answer E

2 points

Examiner: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C, and it has 8 letters.

Contestant: It' s C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

Fail to make a speech.

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Sample answer F

0.0 points

Examiner: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C, and it has 8 letters.

Contestant: It' s C-.....(0 point)

Fail to spell the word and make a speech.

Quiz Bank for Middle School Group

1	This word means it's modern and well developed.	A _ _ _ _ _	Advanced
2	This person draws pictures.	A _ _ _ _	Artist
3	It's a set of rooms for living in, usually on one floor of a building.	A _ _ _ _ _	Apartment
4	If you have an accident, you may travel in this.	A _ _ _ _ _	Ambulance
5	This is the place where you catch a plane.	A _ _ _ _	Airport
6	It means someone who is good at sports such as running, jumping or throwing things.	A _ _ _ _	Athlete
7	It means that somebody is free to see or talk to people.	A _ _ _ _ _	Available
8	It means to plan or organize something in advance.	A _ _ _ _	Arrange
9	It's a science subject in which you learn about plants, animals, and people's bodies.	B _ _ _ _	Biology
10	A man who wears very smart clothes and makes a lot of money.	B _ _ _ _ _	Businessman
11	This is the day I was born.	B _ _ _ _	Birthday
12	It's the details of a person's family, education, experience, etc.	B _ _ _ _ _	Background
13	They are the things that you own which can be moved, for example not land or buildings.	B _ _ _ _ _	Belongings
14	It's a device for slowing or stopping a vehicle.	B _ _ _ _	Brake
15	It's a part of a tree that grows out from the main stem and on which leaves, flowers and fruit grow.	B _ _ _ _	Branch

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16	It means to think or say that somebody/something is responsible for something bad.	B _ _ _ _	Blame
17	A place where you can eat food. Usually, you collect food on a tray and sit down to eat it.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Cafeteria
18	It's a bit like a book, with all months of the year on it.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Calendar
19	It's a place to go camping.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Campsite
20	A very big church. It looks like a castle!	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Cathedral
21	The horizontal wall at the top of your room.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Ceiling
22	The full word for cm.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Centimetre/Centimeter
23	Some TVs have a lot of different these to watch.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Channels
24	In this science subject, you could make a bomb, play with fire or conduct experiments!	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Chemistry
25	A green or red, very spicy vegetable.	C _ _ _ _ _	Chilli/Chili
26	This word means that the middle point or part.	C _ _ _ _ _	Center
27	You can keep your clothes in this.	C _ _ _ _ _	Closet
28	People keep plates and bowls in here.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Cupboard
29	You go in here to have some of your lessons.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Classrooms
30	This is the most important city in a country.	C _ _ _ _ _	Capital
31	It is a person or animal that wins a competition.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Champion
32	It's a person who you work with.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Colleague
33	It's the part around the neck of a shirt, jacket or coat that usually folds down.	C _ _ _ _ _	Collar
34	It is a small electronic device or piece of software for calculating with numbers.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Calculator
35	It's an official document that may be used to prove that the facts it states are true.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Certificate
36	It's a piece of music or art, or a poem.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Composition

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37	It's a long narrow passage in a building, with doors that open into rooms on either side.	C _ _ _ _ _	Corridor
38	It means that the subjects that are included in the course of study or taught in a school, college, etc	C _ _ _ _ _	Curriculum
39	It's the period of time that you spend in your life working or doing a particular thing.	C _ _ _ _	Career
40	It is a journey by sea, visiting different places, especially as a holiday.	C _ _ _ _	Cruise
41	It is a person whose job is to make people laugh by telling jokes or funny stories.	C _ _ _ _ _	Comedian
42	It's connected with the buying and selling of goods and services.	C _ _ _ _ _	Commercial
43	It's a cloth bag filled with soft material or feathers that is used, for example, to make a seat more comfortable.	C _ _ _ _ _	Cushion
44	It means to say that you are annoyed, unhappy or not satisfied with somebody/something.	C _ _ _ _ _	Complain
45	It is a small room on a ship in which you live or sleep.	C _ _ _ _	Cabin
46	It is a place where two roads meet and cross each other.	C _ _ _ _ _	Crossroads
47	It is a printed form that you can write on and sign as a way of paying for something instead of using money.	C _ _ _ _	Check
48	It is a scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100°	C _ _ _ _ _	Centigrade
49	It is a person taking an exam or applying for a job.	C _ _ _ _ _	Candidate
50	It is a large official meeting, usually lasting for a few days, at which people with the same work or interests come together to discuss their views.	C _ _ _ _ _	Conference
51	It's the set of clothes you wear while you are performing.	C _ _ _ _ _	Costume
52	A very hot place where it doesn't rain much.	D _ _ _ _	Desert

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53	You need this book to find out the meaning of a word.	D_____	Dictionary
54	If the plane is late, it is this.	D_____	Delay
55	To say what something looks like.	D_____	Describe
56	It means to say something officially or publicly.	D_____	Declare
57	It means to become smaller in size, number, etc.	D_____	Decrease
58	It means to protect somebody/something from attack.	D_____	Defend
59	It means that somebody is very pleased.	D_____	Delighted
60	It means that making you feel shocked, upset or angry.	D_____	Disgusting
61	It means that you are very sad and without hope.	D_____	Depressed
62	It's an area of a country or town, especially one that has particular features.	D_____	District
63	It means that it's far away in space or time.	D_____	Distant
64	If we don't understand, our teachers do this.	E_____	Explain
65	It is a tool or object used for an activity or purpose.	E_____	Equipment
66	It's someone whose job is to design, build or repair machines, engines, roads, bridges, etc.	E_____	Engineer
67	It means that producing the result that is wanted or intended.	E_____	Effective
68	It is a group of officials led by an ambassador who represent their government in a foreign country.	E_____	Embassy
69	In this type of weather, it is difficult to see where you are going.	F_____	Foggy
70	These are the people I know and like.	F_____	Friends
71	This is a large area of trees.	F_____	Forest
72	It means that buildings, services, equipment, etc. are provided for a particular purpose.	F_____	Facility

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73	It means to attract or interest somebody very much.	F _ _ _ _ _	Fascinate
74	It means to stop feeling angry with somebody who has done something to harm, annoy or upset you.	F _ _ _ _ _	Forgive
75	It means two weeks.	F _ _ _ _ _	Fortnight
76	It means a structure from which water is sent up into the air by a pump, used to decorate parks and gardens.	F _ _ _ _ _	Fountain
77	Many people put these on when they want to read something.	G _ _ _ _ _	Glasses
78	It gives you information about places you visit.	G _ _ _ _ _	Guidebook
79	It's a room or building for showing works of art, especially to the public.	G _ _ _ _ _	Gallery
80	This is a place where doctors work.	H _ _ _ _ _	Hospital
81	It's for drying hair after you wash it.	H _ _ _ _ _	Hairdryer
82	You go to this place to sleep when you are not at home.	H _ _ _ _	Hotel
83	It means that all the events happened in the past.	H _ _ _ _ _	History
84	You must travel over water to get to this.	I _ _ _ _	Island
85	This word means that you do not want or need anyone else to help you.	I _ _ _ _ _	Independent
86	This word means that you are able to learn and understand things easily.	I _ _ _ _ _	Intelligent
87	It is the ability to create pictures in your mind.	I _ _ _ _ _	Imagination
88	It's one of the things from which something is made, especially one of the foods that are used together to make a particular dish.	I _ _ _ _ _	Ingredient
89	It means that happening or done without delay.	I _ _ _ _ _	Immediate
90	It's someone whose job is to write for newspapers.	J _ _ _ _ _	Journalist
91	It's an act of traveling from one place to another, especially when they are far apart.	J _ _ _ _ _	Journey

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92	It's everything you can see when you look across a large area of land, especially in the country.	L _ _ _ _ _	Landscape
93	It's a substance that flows freely and is not a solid or a gas, for example, water or oil.	L _ _ _ _	Liquid
94	It's a room for waiting in at an airport, etc.	L _ _ _ _	Lounge
95	This is very high and there is often snow on the top of it.	M _ _ _ _ _	Mountain
96	It is a person who plays a musical instrument as their job or hobby.	M _ _ _ _ _	Musician
97	When you don't feel well, you may have to take this.	M _ _ _ _ _	Medicine
98	It's a person whose job is to repair cars.	M _ _ _ _ _	Mechanic
99	It's used after amounts to show that the amount is the highest possible.	M _ _ _ _ _	Maximum
100	It's extremely attractive and impressive.	M _ _ _ _ _	Magnificent
101	It's a line of hair that a man allows to grow on his upper lip.	M _ _ _ _ _	Mustache/Moustache
102	It's a color between yellow and brown in color.	M _ _ _ _ _	Mustard
103	It is a document consisting of news reports, and photographs published every day or every week.	N _ _ _ _ _	Newspaper
104	It's the legal status of belonging to a particular nation.	N _ _ _ _ _	Nationality
105	It's typical, usual or ordinary; what you would expect.	N _ _ _ _	Normal
106	It's bad or harmful.	N _ _ _ _ _	Negative
107	It's a job or profession.	O _ _ _ _ _	Occupation
108	It's a large group of people who play various musical instruments together.	O _ _ _ _ _	Orchestra
109	It's not unusual or different in any way.	O _ _ _ _ _	Ordinary
110	This means attractive or nice to look at.	P _ _ _ _	Pretty

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111	It's a person who is traveling in a car, bus, train, plane or ship and who is not driving it or working on it.	P _ _ _ _ _	Passenger
112	It means being connected with a job that needs special training or skill, especially one that needs a high level of education.	P _ _ _ _ _ _	Professional
113	It means that lasting for a long time or for all time in the future.	P _ _ _ _ _	Permanent
114	It's something that is wrapped in paper or put into a thick envelope so that it can be sent by mail or given as a present.	P _ _ _ _	Parcel
115	It's a shop, or part of one, that sells medicines and drugs.	P _ _ _ _ _	Pharmacy
116	It's the state of being poor.	P _ _ _ _ _	Poverty
117	It's a person who introduces the different sections of a radio or television program.	P _ _ _ _ _	Presenter
118	It means to make something or somebody ready to be used or to do something.	P _ _ _ _ _	Prepare
119	It's a loose jacket and trousers worn in bed.	P _ _ _ _	Pyjamas/Pajamas
120	It's an amount or a number of something.	Q _ _ _ _ _	Quantity
121	It's a written list of questions that are answered by a number of people so that information can be collected from the answers.	Q _ _ _ _ _ _	Questionnaire
122	When you arrive at a hotel or a campsite, you go here first.	R _ _ _ _ _	Reception
123	This person writes about events in a newspaper.	R _ _ _ _ _	Reporter
124	This is when you say something again.	R _ _ _ _	Repeat
125	It's a piece of equipment that you use to hit a ball in sports such as tennis.	R _ _ _ _	Racket
126	It means to make something less or smaller in size, quantity, price, etc.	R _ _ _ _	Reduce
127	It's a member of your family, like your aunt or uncle.	R _ _ _ _ _	Relative

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128	It means that somebody can be trusted to do something well and you can rely on.	R _ _ _ _ _	Reliable
129	It's a careful study of a subject, especially in order to discover new facts or information about it.	R _ _ _ _ _	Research
130	During one of these, it rains a lot and it is very windy.	S _ _ _ _	Stormy
131	This is often made of wool, and keeps you warm in cold weather.	S _ _ _ _ _	Sweater
132	A person who can pick up heavy things is this.	S _ _ _ _	Strong
133	You speak like this when you speak loudly.	S _ _ _ _	Shout
134	This word means to stay alive.	S _ _ _ _ _	Survive
135	It's a person who works in an office, working for another person, dealing with mail, and phone calls, keeping records etc.	S _ _ _ _ _	Secretary
136	It means the activities involved in protecting a country, building or person against attack, danger, etc.	S _ _ _ _ _	Security
137	It's money that employees receive for doing their job, usually paid every month.	S _ _ _ _ _	Salary
138	It's your name, written in your own characteristic way, often at the end of a document to indicate that you agree with what it says.	S _ _ _ _ _	Signature
139	This of a coat, shirt, or other items of clothing are the parts that cover your arms.	S _ _ _ _	Sleeve
140	It's s a large sports field with rows of seats all around it.	S _ _ _ _ _	Stadium
141	It is something that you buy or keep to remind you of a holiday, place, or event.	S _ _ _ _ _	Souvenir
142	It means a line or edge continues in the same direction and does not bend or curve.	S _ _ _ _ _	Straight
143	It is an unexpected event, fact, or piece of news.	S _ _ _ _ _	Surprise

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144	It's the achievement of something that you have been trying to do.	S _ _ _ _ _	Success
145	It's an idea or advice you put forward for someone to think about.	S _ _ _ _ _	Suggestion
146	It is a young person between 13 and 19 years old.	T _ _ _ _ _	Teenager
147	You wear these on your feet when you do sports.	T _ _ _ _ _	Trainers
148	When you want a drink, you feel like this.	T _ _ _ _ _	Thirsty
149	You must buy this before you travel.	T _ _ _ _ _	Ticket
150	When you prepare for a sport or competition, you may need to do this.	T _ _ _ _ _	Training
151	It is the measurement in degrees of how hot or cold a thing or place is.	T _ _ _ _ _	Temperature
152	It's a small solid mass of medicine which you swallow.	T _ _ _ _ _	Tablet
153	It's a place where vehicles, passengers, or goods begin or end a journey.	T _ _ _ _ _	Terminal
154	It is a thick substance which you put on your toothbrush and use to clean your teeth.	T _ _ _ _ _	Toothpaste
155	It is a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.	T _ _ _ _ _	Tourist
156	You can refer to problems or difficulties as it.	T _ _ _ _ _	Trouble
157	This is very useful for the rain.	U _ _ _ _ _	Umbrella
158	It is a long journey on a ship or in a spacecraft.	V _ _ _ _ _	Voyage
159	It's someone who never eats meat or fish.	V _ _ _ _ _	Vegetarian
160	If a number of things are described as this, they are very different from one another.	V _ _ _ _ _	Various
161	You look through this to see outside.	W _ _ _ _ _	Window