



How to run a competition

Children like to take part in competitions and they are a good way of making pupils in your school think about road safety. Here are a few tips to help you.

Get ready

First of all think about the type of competition you would like to do. It could be design a poster, word search, poem, story, quiz, or anything else you can think of.

Make sure it is simple

Think about the age group you are aiming at.

Think about the type of things they might like, and be able to do.

Set a closing time for entries

Make sure each entry has a name, age, and class written on the back of each entry.

Prizes

For most of these you should draw a winner from all the correct entries. You might like to get someone from outside the school to judge your competitions.

You need to think about what the prizes will be. You might get a prize from the school, you could ask a local shop or company or you might get something from your Road Safety Officer. It does not have to be a big prize, it could be a pencil, ruler or an activity book. It would be good if it was about road safety.

Ideas for competitions

For Infants

Being safe in a car > Dot to dot colouring

Keep yourself safe in traffic > Colouring

For Middle School

The Green Cross Code > Unscrambling sentences, word search

For Upper School

Bicycle word search

Crossword

How to set up a notice board

Ask your teacher or Head Teacher if you can have a notice board in the school to put up posters, notices and competitions.

Make sure your board is in a place which is easily seen by everyone in the school.

Give your board a heading. You could call it 'Junior Road Safety Notice Board'.

Make sure your board is bright and well set out. Change it regularly. Keep it simple.

Often you will be given display materials. However, you can display your own pictures and notices to go along with the current theme.

You can also use the board to display any good work that children in your school have done.





How to speak at assembly

SPEAKING IN ASSEMBLY

1. Don't panic!
2. Take a deep breath before you begin.
3. Read your message slowly and clearly.
4. Look up every so often.
5. You could always ask your friends to help you.



Follow the '4P' guide

Permission

Always ask permission from your class teacher or Head teacher to take part in an assembly as they may be able to help you.

Plan

Always work out a plan for your assembly. You will have to decide whether you want to do a fashion show, a short play, a song, a talk or a poem.

You may also have an idea of your own. You could also get other pupils from your class or other classes to help you.

Prepare

Give yourself plenty of time to prepare your assembly. You may have to get help from other pupils or other adults. Sort out costumes or props you may need and make any posters, banners, etc. You may need to do two assemblies – one for the infants and one for the upper school.

Practice

Give yourself plenty of time to practice your assembly. Try and ask for some time to get together with your helpers and go through the material you have prepared.