



# THE YOUNG MATHEMATICAL STORY AUTHORS (YMSA) COMPETITION

📖 ✨ Are you a maths whiz with a storytelling spark? ✨ 📖 Dive into the enchanting world of numbers and narratives with the Young Mathematical Story Authors Competition 2026! Craft your own mathematical story picture book and let your imagination take center stage.

✓ Calling all creative minds aged 4-11 from around the globe!

✓ Submit by: March 13, 2026

Unleash your creativity and problem-solving prowess! Whether your tale is a spellbinding adventure or a captivating mystery, let Maths be the star of your story!

## Key Details:

- For the 4-7 age group: Keep it to **four** A4 pages (excluding covers).
- For the 8-11 age group: Limit your masterpiece to **eight** A4 pages (excluding covers).
  - Invent unique characters and create hand-drawn illustrations to ensure originality.
- Link the mathematical concept to solve a problem in a meaningful context (e.g. aligned with one of the Sustainable Development Goals).
  - Your story should focus on one mathematical concept to show depth and breadth of understanding. (e.g. addition or shape).
- Send your entries to Ms. Tanya tape@patana.ac.th by March 13, 2026. Your story should have a front cover with the **title** of the story, **your full name**, **age** and **school** on the front cover. It should also have the page numbers on each page and be submitted in portrait/vertical format.

## Discover more at:

COMPETITIONS - MathsThroughStories.org

## Judging Criteria from the competition organisers:

### 4-7 years old

- Ability to come up with an engaging and original story (with a beginning, middle and end)
- Ability to show how the chosen mathematical concept is used to solve a problem
- Ability to use a combination of words, numbers and drawings to show the mathematical concept in the story
- Ability to present your story clearly and the mathematics accurately (e.g., quality of drawings, neatness of presentation, mathematical correctness, etc.)

### ● 8-11 & 12-16 years old

Ability to come up with an engaging and original story (with a beginning, middle and end)

- Ability to show how the chosen mathematical concept is used to solve a problem in a meaningful context (e.g., a problem that is aligned with **one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs]**)
  - Ability to use a combination of words, mathematical symbols/notations and images to show the mathematical concept in the story
- Ability to explain the chosen mathematical concept in the story clearly without assuming readers' knowledge of the concept
- Ability to present your story clearly and the mathematics accurately (e.g., quality of drawings, neatness of presentation, mathematical correctness, etc.)