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500 words, the annual short story competition for children aged five to 13, has launched on Chris Evans's BBC Radio 2 Breakfast Show.





[500 Words 2018 link](#)



Be treated like royalty at Henry VIII's home!

For 2018's 500 Words Final on Friday 8th June the location is the stunning **Hampton Court Palace!**

EVERY ENTRANT will be entered into a ballot to receive tickets to attend this special event, and the Top 50 finalists will automatically receive invitations.




The prize will include a ride around the palace in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!



Plus Tea on the Thames on the Queen's rowbarge, Gloriana!

The judging panel will choose gold, silver and bronze winners in each of the two age categories - five to nine, and 10 to 13.

Livia Turner, last year's gold winner in the 10 to 13 age category, said it had been "an amazing year", adding: "There's even talk of my story becoming an animation!"



**Entries will be judged on the following
criteria: - Originality - Plot -
Characterisation - Language - Enjoyment**



Where do I start?

There are lots of ideas, tips, story writing lessons and past winning entries on the BBC2 500 Words website.

[Link: BBC 2 500 Words Website](#)

The winners in each age category will also receive:

Gold Winners - Chris Evans' height in books
(plus 500 books for their school)

Silver Winners - HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books

Bronze Winners - Their own height in books





[LINK: WINNING STORY 2017, READ BY DAVID WALLIAMS](#)

How To Enter

- All stories must be submitted via the online form on the BBC website.
- Parents will need to submit all entries.
- Google BBC 500 Words 2018.
- Then Follow the instructions.

**Entries are open NOW until 7pm on Thursday
22nd February.**



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What are you waiting for?