

Writing competition

Step into a symphony of stories!

Imagine a world where books burst open and amazing characters from every kind of story leap out!

Write a short story about a wonderful world filled with colourful characters. (Limit of 3 pages per entry.)

The Gemstone Hunt

THUMP! An adult elephant was walking through the forest but then suddenly a colourful rainbow zoomed across the sky. The elephant was curious, so she decided to run across the rainbow. When she finally got to the end of the rainbow, she saw a huge portal that swirled with colours.

She carefully placed one foot inside the portal with excitement. Slowly, she walked through the portal and on the other side was a world of fairies! She started to float and then transformed into a fairy! She had a bright yellow dress and a pastel yellow shirt with ruffled sleeves. Two different fairies came towards her. One had a forest green outfit and the other had a sky-blue outfit. Their names were Mina and Lilly. Mina was the green fairy and Lilly was the blue one. They named the elephant fairy Sunny because she was in yellow.

Just then another portal appeared but at the top there was a message that said: *'If you wish to pass you have to collect 3 fairy gemstones'*. A fairy gemstone was a special gem that improves your powers. Mina told Sunny that she had the power of sunlight. Her power was nature and Lilly's power was water.

Lilly explained that Sunny's gemstone is yellow, Mina's was blue hers was green. They split up to find the gemstones. Sunny went left, Lilly went right and Mina went straight. Suddenly a bright yellow gem came floating

towards Sunny. It floated above her head and turned into a crown. She rushed back to their meeting spot and waited for the others.

Lilly was wandering alone in the mine waiting for her gem to find her. Then she spotted a note on the wall that read: *'Hit the colour gems on the wall. If you hit them in the correct order, you will receive your fairy gemstone'*. Lilly burst with excitement. She started to play and surprisingly she got them all correct on her first try. She received her fairy gemstone and ran back to the meeting spot. Sunny was already there. When she got there Lilly's gem floated above her head and turned into a crown too.

Mina was still looking for her gemstone. She came to a mossy part of the cave and on the wall, there was a message that read: *'If you collect all 3 colour nature gems that show on the wall, you will receive your fairy gemstone'*. Mina found all of them with excitement and returned them to the spot where she found the writing. She got her fairy gemstone. While she was walking back to the meeting spot, she wondered if the others were already there. While she was walking, her gem floated to her head and turned into a crown.

They returned to the portal and found a note on the floor. Sunny flew down and grabbed it. It said: *If you want to go through the portal, you must follow where this riddle leads you. I am painted by nature in rows bright and wide, where colours like oceans all ripple and glide, bees hum above me, the sun shares its powers with me, Step past the old gate to find me-What am?'*

Mina guessed that was a field of flowers! They passed and once the gems were in place, the portal opened and they returned to Fairy Land.