



# 2009 Telugu Vocabulary Contest

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**Objective:** To promote Telugu language reading and writing among the second generation while nurturing their competitive spirit and fostering teamwork.

**Date:** Saturday, April 18, 2009

**Time:** 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM

**Location:** Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375  
(South of 10 Mile between Novi Road and Taft)

**Coordinators:** Detroit Telugu Association Executive Committee, Detroit Telugu Literary Club.

**Program:** Registration and Arrangements – Starts at 12:30 PM  
Prayer and Opening remarks by DTA President – Sharp at 1:00 PM  
Writing competition for ages 8 to 17 – Starts at 1:15 PM  
Vocabulary competition for ages 3, 4 and 5 – Starts at 1:15 PM  
Vocabulary competition for ages 6 to 9, 10 to 12, and 13 to 17 – at 2:00 PM  
Poem recitation competition for all ages - at 4:00 PM  
Vote of Thanks – At 5:00 PM  
Prize Distribution – At 5:15 PM

**Cost:** \$3 per participant in the competition and can be paid at the Venue.

**Eligibility:** Children between the ages of 3 and 17.  
Children born outside US and immigrated within the last 3 years from Andhra Pradesh may be tested as a separate group.

### **Registration details:**

To register, send an e-mail to [DtaContact@yahoo.com](mailto:DtaContact@yahoo.com) with the Name of the child, age, phone number, e-mail address, whether the child is born in US and if not, age of migration to US. Also, see the Registration form on the Website for the required information.

**Groups:** All contests are between individuals only.



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**Ages 3, 4, and 5** – Words from **Level 1** List

**Ages 6 to 9** – Words from **Level 2 and 3** Lists

**Ages 10 to 12** – Words from **Level 2 and 3** Lists

**Ages 13 to 17** and children of all ages immigrated in the last 3 years

- Words from **Level 3 and 4** Lists

**Ages 8 to 17** – Writing Telugu Words and Sentences

**All ages** - Telugu poetry recital

### Format for Vocabulary:

Word Translations (Telugu to English and English to Telugu)

Sentence Constructions (in Telugu using the translated word)

Three rounds with each round having English to Telugu and Telugu to English translations, and sentence construction using the Telugu word

### Format for Writing:

Writing 20 Telugu words that are dictated

Writing 10 Sentences that are dictated

### Format for Poetry recital:

Recite the randomly given poem from the list of poems posted on DTA website without mistake.

### Scoring for Vocabulary:

Following are the guidelines that might be subject to change:

- Contestant who received the question scores 2 points for word translation and 2 points for a complete meaningful sentence using the word
- All second chance answers get 1 point each for translation and sentence construction

### Scoring for Writing competition:

- Each correct answer for word gets 1 point
- Each correct answer for sentence gets 2 points
- Top 3 scorers that win most points out of Total possible 40 are the winners.



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- If there is a tie, organizers reserve the right to conduct a second round of competition, if time allows.

### Scoring for Poetry recital:

- Each mistake adds a point. Contestant with least score wins.

The contestants and everyone accompanying them must follow all the rules mentioned below. These rules might be subject to change upon the approval of the coordinators.

### General Rules:

- Pre-registration is required to participate in the contest.
- Deadline for registration or cancellation is **Sunday, April 12, 2009**. We encourage registration or cancellation through the emails provided.
- All disputes that arise must be handled professionally and must be notified to a DTA Executive Committee member immediately.
- The Judges of the competitions will try to resolve the issue at the best and when needed must be escalated to a DTA Executive Committee member.
- DTA Executive Committee reserves the ultimate authority to rule on all disputes.
- Suggestions to improve the quality of the competitions must be submitted in writing to a DTA Executive Committee member.
- All the contestants and everyone accompanying them must stay silent during the competition proceedings.

### Rules for the Vocabulary competition:

- Each contestant will be given a word for translation within 15 seconds. Upon correct translation, the contestant can score bonus points by framing a Telugu sentence using the word within 15 seconds following translation. If the contestant who was given the question first could not answer within 15 seconds, the question goes to the person on the left (clockwise) and must be answered immediately. If this contestant also could not answer, the question continues to go to the contestants on the left until all the contestants had a chance to answer. Except for the contestant who got the question first, all subsequent contestants have to answer immediately and also have to say the sentence without any delay. If the contestant who translated the word could



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not come up with the sentence, the chance ends there and doesn't go to the next person.

- The second question goes to the contestant on the left. The Telugu half of the round is complete when all contestants get a first chance to answer a question.
- The English half of the round goes exactly as described in the above two steps, except that English words are to be translated into Telugu words and the Telugu sentences constructed must use the translated Telugu word.
- The second round starts with the Telugu half followed by the English half from the other end of the contestants and proceeds to the right (anticlockwise). The third round proceeds exactly like the first starting from the first contestant and proceeds clockwise.
- With each round the difficulty of the words is expected to increase.
- At the end of the three rounds, the scores are tallied and First, Second, and Third places are determined from the highest scorers. In case of a tie for any or all three positions, tie-breaking rounds will be conducted only to the tied teams to determine their places. Each tie-breaking round consists of both the Telugu and English halves as described above.

### Rules for the Writing competition:

- The proctor will dictate 20 words and contestants has 1 minute per word to complete writing that word.
- Following that, 10 sentences will be dictated and contestants again has 1 minute per sentence to complete writing.
- Contestants will return the sheets and judges will evaluate them.
- Top 3 winners will be decided based on the score.
- If there is a tie, a second round of competition will be conducted if time allows.

### Rules for Poetry recital competition:

- A randomly selected poem from the list of 20 poems posted on DTA website will be given by the judge. Only the first two words of the selected poem will be spelled out by the judge.



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- The contestant has to start recitation of the given poem within 10 seconds. A delay of more than 10 seconds results in automatic loss of turn and adds a point. The next person gets another randomly selected poem.
- Each mistake or a pause of 5 seconds during recitation of the given poem add a point. A pause of more than 10 seconds during recitation adds 2 points and results in loss of turn.
- After two rounds (one from left to right and the second from right to left), contestants are ranked according to the points and least scorers are declared winners. In case of a tie for any position, a tie breaker round (with each person getting at least two chances) will be conducted with the second level of 10 poems posted on the DTA website.
- Contestants are encouraged to memorize all 30 poems posted.

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### Suggested reference material:

The following dictionaries are considered as standards for the competition:

1. Telugu to English Dictionary by C. P. Brown
2. English to Telugu Dictionary by C. P. Brown
3. vyaavahaarika bhaashaa padakOSamu by Budaraju Radhakrishna
4. Access the Brown Dictionary at: <http://dsal.uchicago.edu/dictionaries/brown/>



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The contestants are encouraged to consult the above dictionaries in preparation for the competition. They can be purchased from <http://www.telupu.com> or from any major booksellers in Andhra Pradesh.