

-LitFest 2k19

26th Dec to 2nd Jan.

Prizes worth 8k.

Love writing? Or just been bitten by the Lit Bug?

Elan & nvision 2019 is back with yet another exciting edition of LitFest. This time, with seven quirky contests! Put your thinking cap on and let your creative juices flow. It's time for the wordsmith in you to shine.

Entries accepted from 12 AM, 26th Dec to 11:59 PM, 2nd Jan.

No matter your appearance, circumstances, configuration or take on the world: if you enjoy writing or creativity in any form, LitFest is for you. You are free to express your creativity within the few restrictions needed not to be offensive to anyone.

General rules:

1. All entries are to be mailed to litfest@elan.org.in unless otherwise specified in the contest's rules.
2. Entries will be accepted from 12AM, 26th December, 2018 upto 11:59PM, 2nd January, 2019.
3. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Any sort of cheating or unoriginality could lead to disqualification.
4. Stick to the word/character restrictions.
5. The organisers' decision is final in any issue that might arise.

Memeify!

Meem? Maymay? Doesn't matter. Memes unify not divide. If you've got memes in any shape, size, colour, origin that can unite laughter; get those guns blazing. Get your Drake's prepped, Pikachu's all energized and Kowalski's all worked up: The war is about to begin with the annual Meme Event of LitFest!

Rules:

1. Please don't employ your imitation skills here, not appreciated.
2. You're encouraged to sacrifice your 'friends' for the sake of victory, provided they're laughing their way to the grave. If you're deviating from the standard template, be sure that you have the permission to do so.
3. All entries are to be in English.
4. Post your memes on Facebook with the hashtags #memeify and #LitFest2k19. And mail us the link at litfest@elan.org.in.

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Sweetheart

Ah, Love!

The stuff innumerable songs, poems, stories and novels are made of. What is it about love that captures our imagination and thoughts in a way nothing else can?

We are looking to find the next Raj Malhotra and Jane Eyre and here's how you can be known as the most charming and eloquent romantic of them all. Tell us in your own words what love is to you and/or what it did to you. You can gush about someone who stole your heart, about that failed summer love or even that dark twisted tale of how Mr. Perfect stole the love of your life away from you!

So, turn to face the romantic in you and pen down your supercalifragilisticexpialidocious tale on love!

Rules:

1. In the world of love, the number of words shouldn't be an upper bound! However, it would be lovely if the participant would restrict it to a word limit of 800 per entry.
2. Stealing one's love is a truly dark deed and can turn any relationship sour. We deal with any sort of plagiarism in a similar vein. Any sort of cheating or unoriginality can lead to disqualification.
3. The entries will be judged based on their creativity, originality, language, and other criterias used to judge literary entries. However, in sweetheart, the most important aspect is the passion that is put into making the tale - Even if the tale has broken English or is a very simple tale of falling in love - if the passion can be felt through those words, it'll be given more points!
4. Please refrain from tagging actual people in your entry and if you're writing about sensitive topics, do so with care. Tagging people and insensitive remarks about real life people/events could lead to a disqualification if not properly justified.
5. Though there'll be only one winner, there'll be a special mention to the stories that caught our attention like but not restricted to: The most outrageous, funniest tale and the one that made us cringe so hard, we folded into ourselves and died. (too much?)
6. Email your entries to litfest@elan.org.in.

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Tweet a tale

Harry Potter series: 1,084,170 words. Vikram Seth's A Suitable Boy,: 453,840 words.
Paradise Lost: 93,525 words.

But you do not have those many words to impress us.

Make it funny, make it tragic, make it romantic, make it everything and anything you want it to be. But all in under 280 characters.

Show us the sweet tweets penned by the writer in you!

The rules:

1. Every single character including not only letters and numbers, but also spaces and other punctuation counts. Exceeding the 280 character limit will cost you points.
2. Needless to say, all content must be original and previously unpublished.
3. The organizers' decision is final in any issue that arises.
4. You may submit upto three entries, as long as they are submitted separately.
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Spin with Six

Let a tale tumble out, hitting these 6 check points.

Ever made a story out of random, unrelated things? Here's perfect thing for you.

Rules:

1. You will be given 6 random words and all you have to do is use them in your composition.
2. You cannot change the form of the word eg. 'sit' cannot appear as 'sitting' in your story.
3. You will get a bonus if you are able to use the six words in exactly the same order as given.
4. The length of the composition should be more than 430 and less than 470 words. We will count each word so be careful.
5. Email your entries to litfest@elan.org.in.

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Status Check

You've read them, shared them and maybe even uploaded them at some point in the recent past.

Statuses and Stories!

Take a memorable moment from your past or present and write a short description that connects to the picture of that time period.

Be crisp and creative in your story.

Humorous or not- make sure you're honest about it.

Teeny Tiny Details

1. Upload only 1 (unedited, unfiltered) photo to go along with your story. Pick out those treasured moments, and pour your heart out!
2. Use your own photos and refrain from using quotes- create your own, it's your status.
3. Feel free to have the story and photo on any subject! Be a buzzing bee or a soaring eagle. Show us your perspectives!
4. The word limit for the story is 500 Characters. Make the most of it.
5. (optional for bonus points) Put it up as your story on Instagram/Facebook/Whatsapp, tag us and take a screenshot of it and mail it to us.
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Bing It

I'm glad we're having a rehearsal dinner.
I rarely practice my meals before I eat.

Until I was 25 I thought the only response to "I love you" was "Oh, Crap!"

I'm not great at advice.
Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?

Always thought of yourself as the 'King of Sarcasm' ?
Or as one with a way with words??

We present before you Bing It, a contest for the 'NOT so verbose' crowd out there.

It could be a scathing insult, a sarcastic comeback or a romantic one-liner for your bae.

The only catch (Isn't there always one?) :

- 1.You've got just 25 words.
- 2.To provide context, you can give a description (not included in the word limit) of the situation, use a comic strip or a picture.
- 3.Be original.
- 4.Don't ramble.
- 5.No racial or discriminatory slurs.

P.S You can have as many entries as you want to as long as they are separate ones.

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Chaotic Rhapsody

We've all at some point in our life tried to pen a story but to our dismay, did not have the drive in us to create a cohesive piece of art. Thus, we introduce to you, Chaotic Rhapsody, a story unlike anything before it, bringing together a community of diverse people with unique and singular ideas together for a story of unparalleled scale.

Here, the coordinators will conjure up the start of a story which will be posted in the page. Now, you, the contestants are given the task of continuing this tale in any way you desire within the given word limit. Once posted, other participants can either choose to continue your story, or any one of the parallel stories posted on the page. Thus, the branch widens and deepens with anyone being able to take up any part of the tale, and giving it their own direction.

And for all you lazy asses, here's a TL;DR:

Pick any story you like that's posted on the page, and continue it!

So, come join the chaos that is going to ensue as we branch and intertwine an epic of a story that is going to be Chaotic Rhapsody.

Rules:

1. Word limit per entry - 100 words
2. There entry can be of any form- it can be a poem, a rhyme, a paragraph- anything you want it to be.
3. A participant can choose anyone's entry to continue, I repeat, *anyone's* entry. You can even make entries that merges multiple storylines. Take note that their entry (daughter entry) should be consistent with all the entries part of the chain that make up the story.
4. A person can have a maximum of three entries.
5. While posting your entry, tag all the parent posts and chaotic rhapsody.
(#numberofparents #parententryname (s) #yourentryname #chaoticrhapsody).For example, if you post an entry C that continues from both A and B, it should be tagged #2 #A #B #C #chaoticrhapsody
And make sure to tag your friends too, and ask them to join in the chaos!
6. An entry will be judged based on it's creativity, language, originality and coherence.
7. The larger the number of daughter chains/entries, more the points that will be awarded. However, number of daughter chains is not the deciding factor in picking the winner. An entry with less number of daughter chains/entries might win because of the content and quality of writing.

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