



## AF Exams

# Poetry Recitation Competition 2026

## Enrolment information

Alliance Française de Perth (AFP) is proud to announce its **115<sup>th</sup> Alliance Française Poetry Recitation Competition**.

Please read the information below carefully and be mindful that the deadline for enrolment is **Friday 15 May 2026**.

### 1. Competition guidelines

The competition is open to Primary school students in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Secondary school students in years 7, 8, 9 & 10.

French background speaker students are assessed according to a specific marking grid.

#### **For all candidates:**

Teachers must provide a video of each candidate enrolled.

The video must show the candidate in full body, reciting the poem without reading it.

- The poems must be learnt off by heart.
- The title of the poem and the name of the poet must be cited.
- Jury members will judge the candidates on their pronunciation, intonation and interpretation of the poem.
- Candidates are encouraged to use gestures, costumes and accessories!
- Videos must be submitted via WeTransfer to AFP by **Friday 15 May 2026**.

#### **Non-French background speaker students:**

A jury will watch the videos and select **20 finalists for each year group**.

Finalists will be invited to recite their poem at the final selection on **Saturday 27 June 2026** at Alliance Française de Perth, 75 Broadway, Nedlands.

The jury will select the three best candidates in each year level.



### **French background speaker students:**

As we are expecting a small number of enrolments, all Primary school candidates (Year 3 to Year 6) will compete together, and all Secondary school candidates (Year 7 to Year 10) will also compete together.

A jury will watch the recordings and select **10 finalists for Primary school** and **10 finalists for Secondary school**.

Finalists will be invited to recite their poem at the final selection on **Saturday 27 June 2026** at Alliance Française de Perth, 75 Broadway, Nedlands.

The jury will select the best candidates in each group (Primary and Secondary) of French background speaker students.

### **Teaching resources**

AFP provides teaching resources to all teachers who enrol their students in the competition to help them introduce the poems to the class and encourage their students to practise.

Teaching resources will include various engaging activities to do in class or in small groups.

### **Certificates and prizes**

#### Participation certificate:

A participation certificate will be given to each participant in the competition.

#### Finalist certificate:

A finalist certificate will be awarded to each candidate selected for the final selection which will take place on **Saturday 27 June 2026**.

The list of finalists will be displayed on the AFP's website.

#### Laureate certificate and prizes:

The three best students in each level, along with the best French background speaker student in each level, will be invited with their teachers and two guests at the prize giving ceremony which will take place on **Friday 30 October 2026**. They will be awarded a laureate certificate and a prize.

The list of laureates will be displayed on the AFP's website.

### **Calendar**

<b>Friday 15 May</b>	<b>Last day to enrol and submit the candidates' videos to AFP.</b>
Thursday 11 June	Publication of the list of finalists on the AFP's website.
<b>Saturday 27 June</b>	<b>Poetry Recitation Competition final selection</b>
<b>Friday 30 October</b>	<b>Prize giving ceremony for all the laureates</b>



## 2. Enrolment guidelines

### a. Go to [AF website - enrolment page](#) and follow the steps.

Download and fill in the Excel spreadsheet named “**NomEcole\_AF-Exams-Enrolment-Form-Poetry 2026**”, add the name of your school, then upload it.

- Use one spreadsheet for all candidates.
- Nominate one teacher to be the main point of contact between the school and AFP but indicate the teachers’ email addresses corresponding to their students.

### b. Submit the videos via WeTransfer

Videos can be shot with a video camera, a smartphone, an iPad, or even a webcam. The jury will not take into account the quality of the video. However, please note that background noises or bad quality sound might affect the jury’s ability to judge the pronunciation and intonation of the poem.

**Each video file should be named with the name and level of the candidate and the name of the school, i.e. YourSchool\_Year6\_John\_Dupont.mp4**

Teachers must submit videos via **WeTransfer**, please allow enough time to upload the videos, as it can take a while if you have lots of them. If you shut down your computer while uploading, it will not be complete.

**Send videos via WeTransfer :**

1. Save all your recordings in a folder named “YourSchool\_AF Poetry Recitation Competition”
2. Go to <https://www.wetransfer.com/>
3. Add the file and send it to [exam@afperth.com.au](mailto:exam@afperth.com.au)

If you have any issue sending the files, please send an email to [exam@afperth.com.au](mailto:exam@afperth.com.au)

## 3. Fees and payment

The registration fee is \$22 per candidate, including GST.

Payment is required within 30 days after issuing the invoice. Payment not received within this period will lead to the cancellation of the enrolments.

For further information, please contact the Alliance Française de Perth office on 08 9386 7921 or by email on [exam@afperth.com.au](mailto:exam@afperth.com.au)

Monday to Thursday - 9:00am to 6:30pm

Friday – 9:00am to 5:00pm

We thank you for your commitment and participation.



## AF EXAMS Terms and conditions

### French version

La participation de votre établissement scolaire à la prochaine édition des AF EXAMS – *Poetry Recitation Competition* dépend du respect des conditions rappelées dans ce document. Celui-ci vise à garantir l'équité entre les candidats-e-s et entre les établissements participants.

Votre établissement, en la personne de son-sa représentant-e pour les AF EXAMS – *Poetry Recitation Competition*,

1. s'engage à fournir des informations correctes et valides concernant les candidat.es qu'il inscrit (notamment en ce qui concerne les *French Background Speaker students*) ;
2. s'engage à respecter les dates limites communiquées par l'Alliance Française de Perth ;
3. s'engage à respecter les modalités de récitation mentionnées dans les « *Competition guidelines* » ;
4. s'engage à respecter les modalités d'envoi des vidéos mentionnées dans les « *Video Submission Guidelines* » ;
5. s'engage à payer les frais d'inscription dans les délais mentionnés dans les « *Fees and payment* » ;
6. déclare être conscient-e que le non-respect de l'une ou l'autre de ces conditions pourra entraîner **la disqualification de l'ensemble des candidat.es de l'établissement** inscrits aux AF EXAMS – *Poetry Recitation Competition*.

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### English version

Your school's participation in the next AF EXAMS - Poetry Recitation Competition depends on compliance with the conditions set out in this document. The aim of this document is to ensure fairness between candidates and between participating schools.

Your school, in the person of its representative for the AF EXAMS - Poetry Recitation Competition,

1. undertakes to provide correct and valid information concerning the candidates' registration (in particular concerning French Background Speaker students);
2. undertakes to respect the deadlines communicated by Alliance Française de Perth;
3. undertakes to comply with the recitation procedures set out in the '*Competition guidelines*';
4. undertakes to comply with the '*Video Submission Guidelines*';
5. undertakes to pay the registration fees by the deadlines set out in the '*Fees and payment*' section;
6. declares that they are aware that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the disqualification of all the school's candidates registered for the AF EXAMS - Poetry Recitation Competition.



Alliance Française

Perth - Australie

# POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION

## 2026 POEM SELECTION

### Exploring the World Poems of Travel and Discovery

Cette année, dans le cadre du 115<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'Alliance Française de Perth, nous proposons quatre poèmes autour du voyage, de la découverte et de l'ouverture au monde. Ces textes, porteurs de sens, invitent à explorer, rêver et dépasser les frontières réelles et imaginaires.

Ces thèmes reflètent la philosophie et les missions de l'Alliance Française de Perth, qui œuvre depuis 115 ans à la promotion de la langue française et au dialogue interculturel. À travers le voyage géographique, intérieur ou imaginaire, nous encourageons la curiosité, l'imagination et la rencontre.

La poésie offre un espace privilégié pour cette exploration : elle permet de voyager par les mots, de ressentir, de réfléchir et de partager. En cette année anniversaire, ces quatre poèmes célèbrent une langue vivante, porteuse de liberté, d'élan et d'ouverture.

This year, as part of the 115th anniversary of the Alliance Française de Perth, we are presenting four poems centred on travel, discovery, and openness to the world. These meaningful texts invite readers to explore, to dream, and to move beyond real and imagined boundaries.

These themes reflect the philosophy and mission of the Alliance Française de Perth, which for 115 years has promoted the French language and fostered intercultural dialogue. Through travel geographical, inner, or imagined, we encourage curiosity, imagination, and encounter.

Poetry offers a unique space for this exploration: it allows us to journey through words, to feel, to reflect, and to share. In this anniversary year, these four poems celebrate a living language, one that carries freedom, energy, and openness.

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Years 3 & 4

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**Viens vite !**

**Sophie Claudel**

Prends ton sac et ta carte  
L'heure est venue, il faut qu'on parte.  
Nous ferons le tour de la Terre,  
Le Nord sera notre repère.  
A pied, à vélo ou en voiture,  
Nous voyagerons à toute allure !  
En scooter ou en hélicoptère,  
Nous serons des globe-trotters.  
Le monde entier nous attend  
Six continents, mers et océans.  
Tiens-toi prêt à embarquer,  
Viens vite, il faut y aller !



Years 5 & 6

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## La ronde autour du monde

Paul Fort

Si toutes les filles du monde  
Voulaient se donner la main,  
Tout autour de la mer,  
Elles pourraient faire une ronde.

Si tous les garçons du monde  
Voulaient bien être marins,  
Ils feraient avec leurs barques  
Un joli pont sur l'onde.

Alors on pourrait faire  
Une ronde autour du monde,  
Si tous les gens du monde  
Voulaient se donner la main.



Years 7 & 8

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## Liberté

Maurice Carême

Prenez du soleil  
Dans le creux des mains,  
Un peu de soleil  
Et partez au loin !  
Partez dans le vent,  
Suivez votre rêve ;  
Partez à l'instant,  
La jeunesse est brève !  
Il est des chemins  
Inconnus des hommes,  
Il est des chemins  
Si aériens !  
Ne regrettez pas  
Ce que vous quittez.  
Regardez, là-bas,  
L'horizon briller.  
Loin, toujours plus loin,  
Partez en chantant !  
Le monde appartient  
A ceux qui n'ont rien.



Years 9 & 10

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## En sortant de l'école

Jacques Prévert

En sortant de l'école  
Nous avons rencontré  
Un grand chemin de fer  
Qui nous a emmenés  
Tout autour de la Terre  
Dans un wagon doré  
Tout autour de la Terre  
Nous avons rencontré  
La mer qui se promenait  
Avec tous ses coquillages  
Ses îles parfumées  
Et puis ses beaux naufrages  
Et ses saumons fumés  
Au-dessus de la mer  
Nous avons rencontré  
La lune et les étoiles  
Sur un bateau à voiles [...]