

Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)
2024-2025 Set Pieces for Asia Division

Monologue
Born in 2015-2016

Choice A
Time Limit:
3 minutes

Hansel from Hansel & Gretel's Gingerbread House

By the Brothers Grimm (An adapted version)

HANSEL: Gretel... Gretel... are you awake yet? No... still fast asleep. It's still very dark in here, and the trees seem so tall... like giants fingers pointing to the sky.

It's so quiet. I can hear you breathing, Gretel... and the odd rustle of leaves in the trees... but, nothing else at all. That seems so strange. I always expected forests to be full of insects, birds and animals. Father says that wolves live in the darkest, deepest part of the forest...

Now which way should we go? There's a little track just ahead. Still sleeping? Well, I won't be long. This is not easy to follow. It's very overgrown but... what an amazing smell! Where is it coming from? I can smell chocolate, marzipan, peppermint, and best of all, gingerbread! I must be imagining things.

Gretel! Gretel! Come on! Over here! I've discovered a house! It's amazing! It's incredible! It's made of gingerbread! Mmmm this tastes so good! It's gingerbread! The whole house is made of gingerbread! I'm not dreaming. I can smell it! I can taste it! Mmm... I was so hungry. Oh! Oh, I'm so sorry ma'am. I didn't mean to start eating your house!

- The End-

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Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz

By L Frank Baum (An adapted version)

DOROTHY: Auntie Em! Auntie Em! Oh dear Toto — the cyclone is coming closer. What shall we do? We haven't time to get down to the shelter. Ouch! That hurt! There goes the window! There's swirling dust everywhere! The house is spinning up through dust!

Look Toto! Watch out! We're not on the ground any more, Toto! There's the chicken coop! And an old lady sitting in a rocking chair. Knitting! She's flying through the sky! And look - there's a cow! Just floating past! And the rowing boat!

Whoops! That was a tree! And it nearly hit me! We must be up inside the cyclone! There's Miss Gulch, Toto - on her bicycle. Quick Toto - hide! She mustn't see you! She hasn't forgiven you for chasing her nasty old cat! I hate her! Oh Toto - look - the bicycle - it's changed into a broomstick! And her clothes - she's wearing a flying robe - and a pointed hat! Has she gone, Toto? I'm scared. Everything is spinning round us! We're falling through the air. We are going to crash!

Toto... I have a feeling we are not in Kansas any more. We must be over the rainbow.

- The End-