

# KidEx Do-It-Yourself National Challenge 2020

## Activity description and self-learning manual

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Activity 25: Record video of child reciting own written poem/"shayari"

12-17 years

Language & Communication



Ask the child to self-write an original poem or "shayari" on the theme "Life is beautiful"

The poem / "shayari" should be at least 4 lines / sentences long

Ask the child to recite the chosen poem / "shayari"

Record video of child reciting

Submit the entry as per the guidelines

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#### Skill development milestone

The child is capable of proofreading homework for spelling, grammar, and logic. They start categorizing information to make better sense of it. They continue to build on ability to communicating effectively in classroom and playground social settings. Their thinking process becomes rational, logical and concrete resulting in improved communication and articulation of thoughts.

They start liking to read non-fiction books and magazines on topics of interest. They respond to media messages and develop increasing ability to analyze those messages.

The child is developing strong likes and dislikes, opinions regarding right and wrong and therefore, he/she may be eager to enter heated arguments and discussions or may seem to communicate less at times. The child is competent to better explain, describe, sum up, and argue. They are capable of intelligent back-and-forth conversations. Many kids especially boys will often fine-tune their identity by picking arguments that help them verbalize their thoughts on moral issues.

The child can express their feelings as well. They may choose to communicate less, with parents at least but they have an opinion and can let you know their opinion if they desire. They learn to speak in longer, more complex sentences. They can adapt their talking style. They use sarcasm and humor as well. Teen tells and writes involved, colorful stories.

They are starting to zero in on body language and tone of voice, and not just what is being said. Teen keenly tunes in to others' verbal and body language and reads facial expressions.

#### Activity description

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The child needs to compose a poem or shayari of minimum 4 lines/sentences in length. The theme for the same should be “Life is beautiful”.

The child is required to recite the poem or the shayari.

When you feel that the child is ready to submit his/her entry, record a video of the child reciting the poem / shayari.

The video should be submitted as an entry as per submission guidelines.

You may share the video with family (1<sup>st</sup> circle), relatives & close friends (2<sup>nd</sup> circle) or acquaintances (3<sup>rd</sup> circle) as desired by you. Or post the videos on social media (public), if you wish, with the hash tag #KidExDIYChallenge or #KidExDIYNationalChallenge.

## Submission guidelines

1. Keep the total video size less than 20 MB
  - a. Higher resolution camera creates large size video files
  - b. Android users can install & use Camera MX player to record smaller size video files
    - i. Camera MX player can be downloaded from [here](#)
  - c. Iphone users should change resolution setting by going to Settings -> Camera & selecting lowest resolution from “Record Video” option
2. You can upload the video file at <https://www.kid-ex.com/diy-nc>
3. Kindly ensure you have registered for the event for us to assess the submission. If not registered, please visit <https://www.kid-ex.com/diy-reg> to register.

## Self-learning manual

Common mistake and things to keep in mind in this activity are:

1. Some people will write to write and not have an overall theme established before beginning.
2. Lacking rhythm. Some young poets believe breaking up their prose into lines makes up for the lack of rhythm. It doesn't.
3. Forcing rhymes. Not all poems need to rhyme.
4. Not reading aloud. Even if your poem isn't meant to be read aloud, do it anyway.
5. Not editing. No poem is perfect the first time around.
6. Not using appropriate pauses while reciting the poem/”shayari” resulting in less than desired engagement with audience

Key coaching tip to excel in this exercise is that let the child look at it as a fun activity. Ask the child to feel free to experiment & express himself/herself.

Brainstorm and have a basic outline in mind before starting. Try to keep meter in mind when writing. Reading your poem aloud is a great place to start when editing. And, if you ever wish others to read your writing, editing the poem first will help you. Read good poetry and a diversity of poetry. Read good children’s poetry. The reason for doing this is that this type of poetry is usually imbued with a fantastic meter and innate melody much more than adult pieces- they are also full of image and sheer joy conveyed in a simple structure.

You can refer to this [article](#) for more detailed inputs.

You can refer to this [video](#) for detailed inputs on how to recite poem.

Key benefits of this exercise are:

1. Improves vocabulary
2. Improves comprehension
3. Improves verbal communication

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4. Improves creativity

## Entry evaluation guidelines

The maximum point for this activity is 30. Every entry would be rated as either:

1. Master (M): 100% score
  - a. The child can write an original piece & recite it in an engaging manner
2. Intermediate (I): 80% score
  - a. The child can write an original piece & recite it in a low-engaging manner
3. Beginner (B): 50% score
  - a. The child can write an original piece but cannot recite it completely
  - b. The child chose someone else's written piece but could recite it in an engaging manner
4. Not applicable (NA): 0% score
  - a. All other submission cases
  - b. No submission.

For any queries, you may Whatsapp us at +91-7303755886 or email us at [info@kid-ex.com](mailto:info@kid-ex.com).

## About KidEx

KidEx is a company founded by Kapish Saraf & Amritanshu Kumar (IIT Kharagpur & IIM Calcutta alumni). KidEx aims to create a platform to enable holistic & comprehensive development of every child by partnering with their parents in a logistically convenient manner for the parents. KidEx offers multiple extra-curricular activity classes for kids in physical & digital form (basis screen time guidelines) to enable child's holistic development.

### Live Classes

Cognitive Development	Physical Development	Language & Communication	Creativity & Imagination
✓ Chess	✓ Yoga	✓ English	✓ Guitar
✓ Science (Class 8 to 10)	✓ Bolly-fitness	✓ Mandarin	✓ Film-Making
✓ Chemistry (Class 11 & 12)		✓ French	✓ Fine Arts (Sketching / Painting)
		✓ German	
		✓ Spanish	

*Note: Upcoming classes include Academics, Robotics, Coding, Dramatics, multiple Dance & Music, Social Etiquette etc.*

Should you be interested in undertaking any of the classes or knowing more about our offerings, kindly reach out to us at +91-7303755886 (call / WhatsApp) or email us at [info@kid-ex.com](mailto:info@kid-ex.com)

**KidEx will offer all learning solutions to parents under one umbrella.** KidEx would soon launch a suite of digital products aimed at making child-raising easier & more fun for parents.

## About KidEx Do-It-Yourself National Challenge

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The event is an effort to spread awareness regarding *need for all rounded development of the child*. This is also, designed keeping in mind the current external scenarios where lockdown/no lockdown, social distancing practices would continue & schools/colleges might be shut for a few months which would require parents to find non-screen time learning opportunities for the child while demanding lesser time for parents allowing them some breathing space for themselves.

The event is open to all Indian citizens in India or abroad across age groups of 3 to 17 years. Basis the submitted entries, for every age, a leader board would be created & declared.

You may share your entries (video/images) with family (1st circle), relatives & close friends (2nd circle) or acquaintances (3rd circle) as desired by you. Or post the videos on social media (public), if you wish, with the hash tag **#KidExDIYChallenge** or **#KidExDIYNationalChallenge**.

## Prizes & certificates

We will conduct two versions of the event for all interested parents. Parents can decide whether they want their child to participate in the paid version or the free version of the event. Entry charge for paid version of the event is INR 500 for every child.

Paid version participants would be eligible for:

1. Prizes for winners across all age category
  - a. Number of winners linked to number of paid version participants
  - b. 50% of registration fees to be distributed as prize to winners
2. Winner & participation certificates
3. Assessment score for every submitted entry & leader board position summary

Free version participants would be eligible for:

1. Assessment score for every submitted entry

Even participants interested in paid version would be required to pay the amount after 7<sup>th</sup> May allowing them opportunity to participate first & then, decide.

## **Important notes:**

**1. Re-submission:** KidEx will provide weekly status on Tuesday / Wednesday for all entries made till Sunday midnight of previous week. KidEx DIY aims to inculcate culture of self-learning & 1% improvement every day in each & every child. If you wish to re-submit the entry for any activity to give the kid an opportunity to better her/his performance and aim for M, we would be supportive and do not mind the additional effort on our part to re-do the assessments. Feel free to re-submit the entry.

**2. Conversion to paid version:** Should you wish to convert to paid participation (Rs 500/- only), or make payment for your paid participation, simply visit <https://rzp.io/l/KidExDIY> and make the payment by providing your registered email address, mobile number & child name. KidEx team will ensure that your payment is duly recorded & reflected in your participation.

**3. Respecting your choice:** If you have been registered with KidEx for more than 7 calendar days as unpaid participant and have not submitted even 1 entry, we will respect your choice and will not share challenges with you going forward. Should you wish to re-start receiving challenges, simple make submission for any one challenge or convert to paid participation.

**4. Unsubscribe option:** Should you wish not to receive DIY events email from KidEx, simple send an email with subject "Unsubscribe" from your registered email address to [info@kid-ex.com](mailto:info@kid-ex.com).