# **Story Writing Book**

## 故事寫作手冊

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## "You can make anything by writing."

– C.S. Lewis

## 1 Types of stories 故事類型

#### As long as there have been people, there have been stories.

A story is a series of events combined together with a beginning, a middle plot and an end.

We are surrounded by stories: in our everyday life, in books, on the news. Some stories are long and some short.

We can write a story, we can tell a story, we can enact a story, and we can read a story.

Every story begins with a good idea.

In this booklet, we will learn how to write a story.

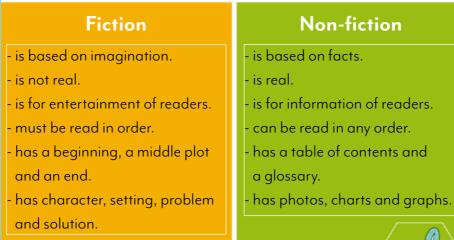
We learn about each other through stories.

Every story has a journey that starts in one place and ends up somewhere else.

Let's start this exciting journey to the world of story writing!



## Types of stories







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## 故事的類型



## Fiction vs. Non-fiction



An old King had three sons. He wanted to test them. One day he called them and said, "My sons, I am old and will die soon. I want to find out who will be the next king. I want each of you to get something that will fill this room completely."

John, the first son, got diamonds. But it filled only half the room. Jack, the second son, got cotton. But it was not enough to fill the room. Jason, the third son, got a lamp. His brothers laughed at the lamp.

When the lamp was lit, its light filled the entire room, even the tiny corners. The brothers were ashamed, but the King was very happy. Jason became the King when his father died.

Fiction

A lamp produces light and heat when it is lit. Its light can fill a dark room, even the tiny corners. Some lamps work with oil and are called oil-lamps. Some lamps work with electricity and use light bulb.

World's longest-lasting light bulb is the Centennial Light in California and has been burning since 1901.





年老的國王有三個兒子。他想考驗他們。一天他把兒子們都叫來並 對他們說:「我的兒子們,我年紀老邁,將離開人世。我想確認誰有 資格承繼王位。我要你們各自找到可以填滿這個房間的東西。」

大兒子John和二兒子Jack分別帶來鑽石和棉花,但都不能填滿整個 房間。小兒子Jason卻帶來一盞燈,哥哥們都嘲笑Jason。

當燈盞被燃亮時,整個房間都充滿了光明,甚至到微小的角落。他的兄弟們都十分羞愧,但國王十分高興。 Jason在他的父親去世後成為了國王。

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燈蓋在點燃後會發出光線與熱力。它的光足夠點亮一個黑暗的房間,甚至微小的角落。有些燈盞需要油才能運作,被叫作油燈。有 些燈盞需要電能才能運作,或需配以燈泡。

世界上持續最久的電燈是位於加利福尼亞州的「百年燈泡」,自 1901年開始至今仍在持續運作中。 "A writer, I think, is someone who pays attention to the world."

– Susan Sontag



## **Story elements**

Writing a story is exciting. All stories begin with an idea. All stories have:





### Parts of a story

#### The Lazy Donkey

Title of the story

One day a salt trader was returning to his village with his donkey. The trader had purchased a large bag of salt from the market. The donkey was loaded with the large bag on his back. On their way back, they had to cross a small river. The donkey accidentally slipped and fell. The river washed some salt away. When the donkey got up, his load was very light.

Beginning

Middle

End

From that day, every time they would return from the market with salt bags, the donkey would slip and fall deliberately in the river to make his load lighter. The trader lost a lot of money. So he decided to trade in cotton. Next time he purchased a bag of cotton from the market. On their way back from the market the donkey again slipped and fell in the river. He did not know that he was carrying bags of cotton instead of salt. The cotton did not wash away. Instead, it absorbed water and the load became very heavy.

From then on the donkey never slipped while crossing the river. The donkey learnt his lesson and the trader saved his money.

#### Characters: trader and donkey.

Setting: outdoor market and river.

Conflict: crossing river with heavy load.

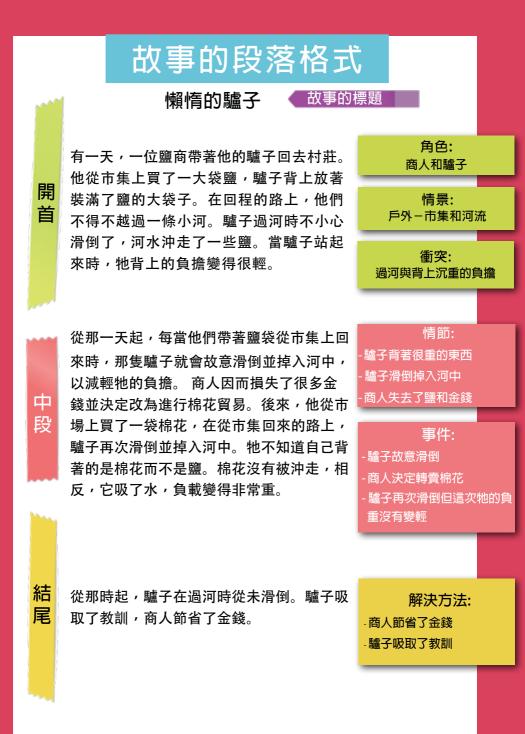
#### Plot: donkey carries heavy oad,

- donkey slips in the river,
- trader looses salt and money.

#### Event

donkey slips deliberately, trader decides to trade in cotton instead, donkey again slips but this time his load does not get lighter.

Solution: - trader saves his money, - donkey learns his lesson.



"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

– Benjamin Franklin



How to begin writing a story?

Our stories are built by our **ideas** and **thoughts** put in **words**.

Story writing is thinking, and thinking is not easy. Writing prompts can give you ideas to think and write.

Story writing is **expressing**, and we must express clearly using **story sequence**.

Connect your thought using connector or linking words to stretch sentences and build

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can help you to begin writing your story.

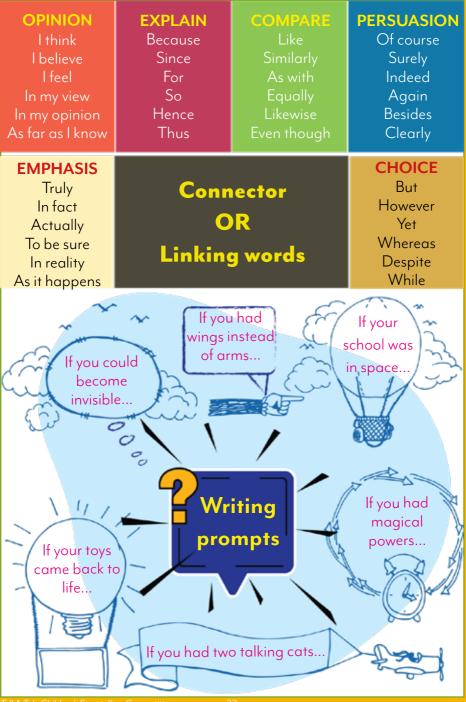


我們的故事由 概念及想法建立, 融合到**文字**當中。

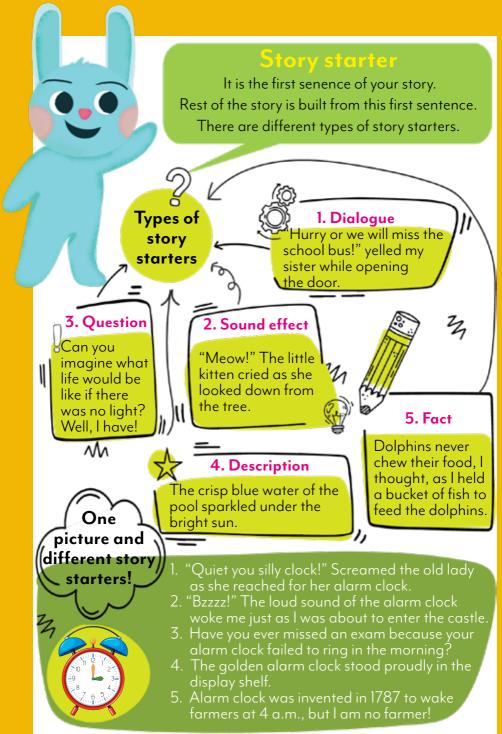
故事寫作是一個 思考的過程,可是 它並不容易。 寫作提示能提供不 同概念以幫助你去 思考和寫作。

故事寫作是 表達想法, 若要清楚表達, 就必須運用 故事排序。

使用關連詞或連接詞 能串連你的想法, 以助延伸句子和建立屬 於你的故事。 故事啟發 能幫助你 開始寫作 你的故事。





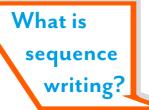




"As a writer, you should not judge, you should understand."

- Ernest Hemingway

## 4 Story sequencing 故事排序

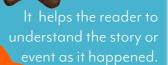


Identify each part of a story (beginning, middle and end) and write them in order in which they occured.

> recipes are written in a sequence?

Did you know that

It helps the writer to retell a story or event as it happened.



Transition words to help with sequence writing:



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#### 1. Story sequencing using pictures









Look at the pictures carefully and think:

- **Who** are the main characters ?
- Where is the story taking place?
- What problem does the main character face?
- **Why** did the problem happen?
- When faced with the problem what did the character do?
- **How** was the problem solved?

#### 2. Story sequencing using transition words



### 1. 以圖畫作故事排序









- 細看圖片並思考:
- <u>誰</u>是主角?
- 故事發生於 <u>哪個地方</u>?
- 主角面對<u>甚麼</u> 問題?
- <u>為甚麼</u>會發生 這個問題?
- <u>當面對這個情</u> <u>況時</u>,主角怎 樣處理?
- <u>如何</u>解決圖中 發生的問題?

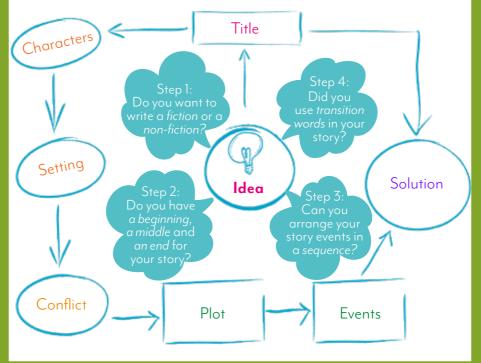
### 2. 在故事排序中加入轉折詞





### Put your ideas into a story using a **STORY MAP!**

A story map will help you to organise your thoughts as you write your story.





"Authors do not choose a story to write, the story chooses us."

- Richard P. Denney

## 5 Story creator 故事創作者

### Who is telling the story?

A story is told by a **character** in the story, or by a **narrator** who may or may not be in the story. The one telling the story is the **voice of the story**.





When a **character** tells the story: - the story is written in 1<sup>st</sup> person. - the story uses pronouns like:

l, me, my, us, we.

character tells the story only
 from what he/she sees, thinks and
 feels. It is his/her point of view.

"When **we** reached the shore, **my** little bird flew happily chirping as **I** stood on **my** treasure box proudly holding **my** sword in **my** hands."

When a **narrator** tells the story: - the story is written in 3<sup>rd</sup> person; - the story uses pronouns like: *he, she, they, them, their.* - narrator tells the story from what he/she sees, thinks and feels. It is his/her point of view.

When the ship reached the shore, *his* little bird flew happily chirping as the pirate stood on *his* treasure box proudly holding *his* sword in *his* hands.



## 誰在說故事?

故事通常由其中一個<u>主角</u>, 或由一個在故事裡擔任或 沒有擔任角色的<u>旁白</u>去敍述。 敍述故事的人就是<u>故事的靈魂</u>。





當一個<u>主角</u>敍述故事時: - 故事是由第一人稱敍述。 - 故事中的代名詞主要是:我、 我的、我們、我們的。 - 角色在說故事的時侯只會描述他看 到的、想到的和感受到的事情。那 些事情都是他的想法。

「當我們到達陸地的時候,<u>我的</u>小 鳥一邊嘰嘰喳喳地叫、一邊高興地 飛翔。與此同時,<u>我</u>自豪地站在<u>我</u> 的寶藏上揮動<u>我</u>手上的寶劍。」

#### 當一個<u>旁白</u>敍述故事時:

- 故事是由第三人稱敍述。
- 故事中的代名詞主要是:他、她、 他們、他們的。
- 旁白在說故事的時侯會描述他看到的、 想到的和感受到的事情。那些事情都 是他的想法。

「當船隻到達陸地的時候,<u>他的</u>小鳥一 邊嘰嘰喳喳地叫、一邊高興地飛翔。與 此同時,海盜自豪地站在<u>他的</u>寶藏上揮 動<u>他</u>手上的寶劍。」



Did you know that there are three types of story writing?

#### Narrative writing

- It tells a story (fact or fiction).
- It has events in order.
- It has a beginning, middle and end.
- It has character, setting and plot.
- It explains who did what, when, why and how.

#### **Opinion writing**

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- It tells what the writer thinks.
- It focuses on an idea.
- It gives reasons for or against the idea.
- It uses examples provide a better understanding of the idea.
- It has a beginning, middle and end.
  - The writer is present in the story.

#### Informative writing

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- It tells what the writer has learned.
- It focuses on one topic.
- It is based on facts.
- It uses diagrams and maps to support the facts.
- It explains how, why and what.
- The writer is not present in the story.

## 你知道有三 種故事寫作 的類型嗎?

## 記敍形式

- 它敍述一個故事(事實或虛構)
- 它有一些有序列的事件
- 它有開首、中段和結尾
- 内容包含了角色、情景和情節
- 文章中會說明誰在甚麼時侯做了 甚麼、原因和如何去做

#### **議論形**式

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- 它表達作者的想法

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- 文章集中於表達一個觀點
- 内容包含了同意或不同意 這個觀點的原因
- 文中會提出不同例子去支 持整個觀點
- 它有開首、中段和結尾 - 作者會於故事中出現

## 說明形式

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- 它說明作者所學習到的事
- 文章集中於一個主題
- 内容是根據事實所寫
- 它使用圖表來支持這些事實
- 文章說明如何、為何和何事
- 作者不會於故事中出現

## Types of story writing

The dog and the bone



One day a little dog was walking home with a large bone in his mouth. On his way he walked by a river.

#### Narrative writing

He looked down at the river and saw another dog with a big bone in his mouth. "I want that bone too", he thought. So, he bent down and opened his mouth to grab the other bone from the river. But just as he opened his mouth, his bone fell into the river!

The poor dog had lost his bone because of his greed.

Opinion

writing

Do you believe in the saying "Too much greed results in nothing"? Well I do! I have a pet dog called Bow. One day I took him for a walk. He was carrying a bone in his mouth. As we crossed a river, Bow saw his reflection in the river. Greedy Bow wanted the bone he saw in the river. When he opened his mouth to grab the bone, the bone in his mouth fell into the river. Bow lost his bone! Hence I believe that "too much greed results in nothing."

#### Informative writing

I have a pet dog called Bow. Bow is a small dog. He has big brown spots and a big black nose. He is 1 year old. Did you know that dogs are the most popular pets in the world? I take Bow for a walk everyday. He can see in the dark. Dogs can dream. They also have 1,700 taste buds. No wonder he loves to eat and sleep all day long!

## 故事寫作的類型



有一天,一隻小狗咬着牠的骨頭回家。回家的路上,牠經 過一條河流。

牠往水裡看,發現有另一隻狗嘴裡咬着另一根更大的骨頭。牠心想:「我也想要那根骨頭喔!」然後,牠彎下身及張開口想咬着水中那另一根的骨頭。但當牠張開口的一刹那,牠原本口中咬着的骨頭就掉到水中!

那隻可憐的小狗因為自己的貪心而失去了牠的骨頭。

你相信「貪心反而令我們最後甚麼也得不到」嗎?我相信!我有一隻名叫小寶的小狗。有一天,我帶牠去散步, 牠口中咬着一根骨頭。當我們經過一條河流,小寶從水中的倒影上看到自己,貪心的小寶想得到那根倒映在河流上 的骨頭。當牠張開口想咬着那根骨頭的同時,牠口中的骨 頭就掉到水裡。小寶失去了牠的骨頭!所以我相信「貪心 反而令我們最後甚麼也得不到」。



記敍形式

我有一隻名叫小寶的寵物狗。小寶是一隻小狗,牠身上有 啡色的大圓點,亦有一個黑色的大鼻子。牠現時一歲。你 知道狗是世界上最受歡迎的寵物嗎?我每天都會帶小寶到 街上走走,牠在黑暗中也可以看到事物。狗也會做夢的, 牠們更有一千七百個味蕾,怪不得小寶無時無刻都這麼喜 歡吃東西和睡覺呢!

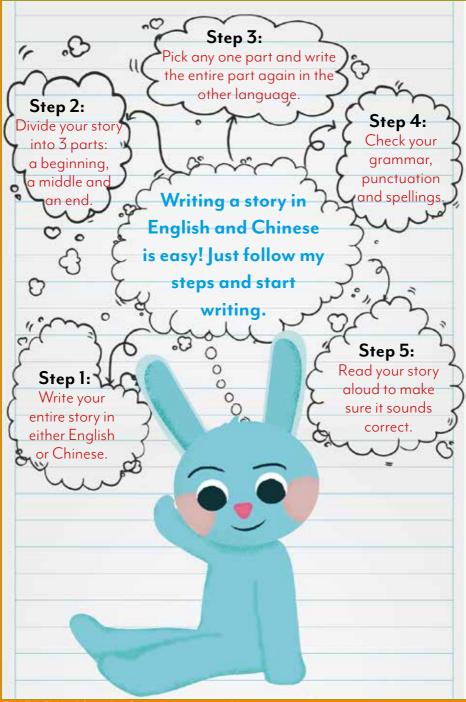
議論形式

"Writing is the best way to talk without being interrupted."

-Jules Renard

# How to write a story in English and Chinese? 如何用英文及

中文寫故事?





## Let us try writing!

Steps 1 and 2

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#### Write a story in one language and divide it into three parts The Fisherman And The Little Fish

A poor fisherman, who lived on the fish he caught, had bad luck one day and caught nothing but a very small fish.

The fisherman was about to put it in his basket when the little fish said, "Please spare me, Mr. Fisherman! I am so small, it is not worthwhile to carry me home. When I am bigger, I shall make you a much better meal."

But the fisherman quickly put the fish into his basket. He said, "I would be foolish to throw you back. You may be small, but you are better than nothing at all."

Steps Pick one part of the story and translate into a second language.

3 and 4 漁夫很快把魚放到籃子裡,說到:「如果把你放回去我就太愚蠢了。你將來可能會是大餐,但現在總比甚麼都沒有好。」

#### Step Now read the story aloud.

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**漁夫與他的小魚兒** 貧窮的漁夫,靠捕魚維生。一天他十分倒 楣,只抓到了一條小魚兒。

-個故事並把它分為三個部分。

漁夫正打算把小魚兒放到籃子裡的時候,小 魚兒便說:「放了我吧,漁夫先生。我這麼 小,不值得你帶回家。等我長大了,我會成 為更好吃的美食。」

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選擇故事的其中一個部分並翻譯為另一種語言。

-種語言寫

嘗試以-

But the fisherman quickly put the fish into his basket. He said, "I would be foolish to throw you back. You may be small, but you are better than nothing at all."

#### 現在大聲讀出故事内容。

步驟 1及2

步驟

3及4

步驟

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/ 貧窮的漁夫,靠捕魚維生。一天他十分倒楣,只抓到了一條小魚。漁夫正 打算把小魚放到籃子裡的時候,小魚便說:「放了我吧,漁夫先生。我這 麼小,不值得你帶回家。等我長大了,我會成為更好吃的美食。」

But the fisherman quickly put the fish into his basket. He said, "I would be foolish to throw you back. You may be small, but you are better than nothing at all." "Writing is easy. All you have to do is cross out the wrong words."

– Mark Twain





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## Writing process

To write a good story you should have a writing plan. For a good writing plan you must ask these questions:

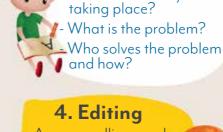
#### 1. Prewriting

What is my story about?
Who is going to read it?
How do I begin my story?
How do I want to write it?
Should I make a story map for my story?

### 3. Revising

- Does my story have a title?

- Does my story have a beginning, a middle and an end?
- Does my story follow an order of events?
- Do I need to add more details to my story?
   Is my story clear?



 Are my spellings and punctuations correct?

2. Writing

Who are the characters

in my story?

- Where is the story

- Have I used correct grammar?
- Have I used complete sentences?
- Have I asked someone to read my story?

#### 5. Submission

Is my story typed or handwritten?
Is my story within the word limit?
Is my story in the prescribed font?
Have I filled the story submission form?

## 寫作步驟

要寫一個好故事你需要一個寫作計劃。 制作好的寫作計劃你需要問以下的問題:

## 1. 寫作前

- 我的故事關於什麼? - 誰會閱讀我的故事? - 我要如何開始我的故事? - 我打算如何寫這個故事? - 我要為我的故事做一個故事 地圖嗎?

### 3. 重看及修正

- 我的故事有標題嗎?

- 我的故事有開首、中段及 結尾嗎?
- 我的故事是一系列有序列的 事件嗎?
- 我需要為我的故事加入更多 細節嗎? - 我的故事内容清晰嗎?

## 2. 寫作時

- 我的故事中有什麼人物? - 我的故事在那裡發生? - 故事中有什麼難題? - 誰解決了這個難題及 如何解決的?

### 4. 編輯

- 我的拼寫和標點符號 正確嗎?

- 我的文法正確嗎?
- 我有使用完整句子嗎? - 我有請別人閱讀過我 的故事嗎?

#### 5. 提交時

- 我的故事是電腦輸入還是手寫的?

- 我的字數在範圍内嗎?
- 我使用的是正確的字體嗎?
- ·我填寫了比賽報名表格了嗎?

## Story submission checklist for the competition

My story has a title.

For my typed story in English I have used font "Times New Roman", 12 points.

For my typed story in Chinese I have used font "DFKai-SB" or "PMingLiU", 12 points.

My handwritten story is clear and legible.

I have filled the story submission form.

My story is within the word limit.

My story submission deadline is on or before 25 February 2021.

My story is original and has not been published anywhere till now.

I am from	Category 1 (P1-P2)		Category 2 (P3-P4)		Category 3 (P5-P6)	
writing my story in	Group <b>A</b>	Group <b>B</b>	Group <b>A</b>	Group <b>B</b>	Group A	Group <b>B</b>
English only	80-100 words	60-80 words	100-120 words	80-100 words	120-150 words	100-125 words
Chinese only	300-350 words	150-200 words	350-400 words	200-250 words	400-450 words	250-300 words
Part English	40-60 words	20-40 words	60-80 words	40-60 words	80-100 words	60-80 words
Part Chinese	100-150 words	60-80 words	150-400 words	80-100 words	200-250 words	100-120 words

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比賽故事提交備忘清單												
我的故事有標題。												
如我的故事以中文書寫,我使用了字體"標楷體"或"新細明體",												
└─┘大小為12。												
□ 我填寫了比賽報名表格。												
☐ 我的字數在範圍内。												
▲ 3000000000000000000000000000000000000												
▲ 我的故事是原創作品,並且未曾於參與比賽前,於任何地方以任何 形式出版。												
我所屬的組別	<b>類別一</b> (小一至小二)		<b>類別二</b> (小三至小四)		類別三 (小五至小六)							
我選擇的語言	組別 A	組別 B	組別 A	組別 B	組別 A	組別 B						
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