The GCHQ National Language Competition

All you need to know about the GCHQ National Language Competition

The National Language Competition (NLC) is a virtual competition for teams of 13-14 year olds from around the UK to compete against each other to solve language-based challenges and score points.

With the NLC, GCHQ aims to inspire language learning by encouraging students to discover their aptitude for learning languages.

This year's competition has now closed. And the winners will soon be announced on GCHQ channels.

For further information or to join our mailing list, please contact nlc@gchq.gov.uk.
Explore more for information on **Sample Challenges** and **FAQs**





Previous Winners

Read all about the winners of previous NLCs:

2025 – National Language Competition 2025 winners and the regional winners.

2024 – National Language Competition 2024 winners and the regional winners.

2023 – National Language Competition 2023 winners and the regional winners.

2022 – National Language Competition 2022 winners.

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