



## Concours Francophonie 2010

*Quand la Francophonie s'acrostiche... Ou Quand l'acrostiche se francophonise...*

Dear Francophile friends,

For the occasion of the International Day of Francophonie 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010, The Alliance Française in Dublin invites you to put your thinking cap on and to write a poem which plays around with the names of Francophone countries.

### What is an acrostic?

An acrostic is a poetic process based on writing a poem in which the first letter of each line makes up a new word, for instance, the theme of the poem or the name of the person to whom the poem is dedicated. Here is an example about France: (author unknown)

**F**rance, mon adorable sœur  
**R**avie de pouvoir t'aimer  
**A**uprès de toi j'ai connu le bonheur  
**N**os confidences, notre complicité  
**C**ombien de rires, combien de pleurs  
**E**t combien de tendresse tu m'as donné

### How to take part?

This competition is open to everyone, children, teenagers and adults. All you need is to use the first letters of a Francophone country in order to create either:

- ❖ A group of words related to Francophonie, for the beginner levels
- ❖ A small text (poetic or not) about Francophonie for more advanced levels.

In order to simplify your research, have a look at the Francophone map on:

<http://www.francophonie.org/-Etats-et-gouvernements-.html>

Please send your works to [primary@alliance-francaise.ie](mailto:primary@alliance-francaise.ie) before Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Results will be announced on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Do not forget to give your name, age, nationality, class and contact details if we need to contact you.

Plenty of prizes to win! So get writing and good luck!

