

1st MINI SAGA CONTEST



And here are the **WINNERS** of the first **MINI SAGA CONTEST** at the *EOI de Santiago de Compostela* and at the *Sección de Sar*. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners and thank you to all the students who have participated either as writers or judges.

Thursday, 23rd April: **SECCIÓN DE SAR**

CATEGORY: Intermediate

WINNER: *The Lonely Village* by Natalia Santamaría Vila

The Lonely Village

It was a stormy night! He went for some cigarettes; I don't know what to do right now!

There was nobody in the street; all houses were empty.

In the café there was no one either, "I'm so bored..." He took a cigarette. "I should not have killed them all!"

2nd BEST: *Cutting Edge Mobile* by Maite Mosquera Noya

Cutting Edge Mobile

Before setting off, I made a list of items to take to the breathtaking valley, like this cutting edge mobile. Once there, we had no signal! It would have been better to break my mobile rather than my leg...A piece of advice: the best travelling companion is a carrier pigeon.

3rd BEST: *Loneliness* by Lucía Lago Pazos

Loneliness

The scarf Kate's wearing falls. Nobody stops to pick it up. Kate does. She moves some footsteps away and the scarf falls again. A girl gives it to her.

- *Thanks! I'm Kate*
- *Mary*
- *- Would you like...?*
- *- I'm in a hurry*

Kate moves on some footsteps and dropped her scarf again.

FINALISTS:

- ***Go on*** by María Curros Ferro

Go on

When Maggie and Joe met in a hospital waiting room, nobody could imagine what would happen later. They fell in love but life is a game and Joe moved the wrong counter. He died from an overdose; so one must live each day as if it were the last one.

- ***A Haunted House*** by Ana Salvado Caneda

A Haunted House

She had lost the bet so she had to sleep in a haunted house. While she was alone in front of the house, she heard several noises inside. She opened the door slowly and when she went in, a pack of black cats went downstairs. She went out running frightened.

Category: Advanced

WINNER: *Noise at Midnight* by Ana Sende Rey

Noise at Midnight

He arrived home from work. His wife was already in bed. He fell asleep, but woke up after a while.

"I've told you many times I don't want the dog to sleep with us", he said.

"The dog's outside", she replied sleepily.

"Then, who's snoring under the bed?"

2nd BEST: *Utter Loneliness* by Marta Rodríguez Varela

Utter Loneliness

It was already New Year's Eve and there were no colleagues to eat out with. No friends to go clubbing with. No family to celebrate the New Year with. In her mobile phone, only one contact. She dialled but the network was engaged: she was even too busy for herself.

3rd BEST: *To live or not to live* by Cristina Fraga Otero

To live or not to live

Peter used to have a healthy lifestyle. There were only two habits he was worried about: smoking and drinking on Saturday.

Yesterday he read a sentence which radically changed his mind: One cigarette makes life two minutes shorter. One whisky...four minutes. One working day makes life eight hours shorter.

FINALISTS:

- ***Breathless*** by Yago González Rozas

Breathless

When his hand surrounded her neck she was trembling. He was so calm moments ago that she didn't see where it came from. She just felt how the air that was in her lungs was leaving her, she couldn't do anything about it. He was indeed such a good kisser.

- **Deadly Mushrooms** by Cristina Fraga Otero

Deadly Mushrooms

My uncle John was an expert naturalist. On his way home, after picking mushrooms, he met Peter the brave: "Can I eat them?" Peter asked him. "Sure you can, but these ones only once". Peter ate one indeed but his poison killed him before he could eat another one.

- **The Danger of Humans** by Ana Bautís Nieto

The Danger of Humans

The little dinosaur put herself to bed. She was aching all over. Against her parents' advice, she had gone to the nearest human village. Many times had she been told how dangerous humans were and how true it was!
Humans were a danger to her belly. They were so indigestive!

- **The Day Had Come** by Senda Reguera Panizo

The Day Had Come

He had been waiting for so long for summer to come!
After cold months at the boarding school, all he wanted was to go to the beach. He was about to plunge into the water when he heard a voice:
"David, wake up! It's your first day of school!"

- **The Upper Level Company** by Miguel Ángel Fernández Morales

The Upper Level Company

He had warned her to take the *Upper-level* bus in order to reach his village before nine. John was eager to meet her before he had to go on duty at half past nine. The time came but she didn't arrive on time; she had enjoyed the sights, though.

Friday, 24TH April: EOI Santiago de Compostela

Category: Intermediate

WINNER: *The event that changed my life* by Patricia Iglesias Pereira

The event that changed my life

It was the time! Everything was ready. He arrived and told me:
"Open you legs!"
I had never heard anything like that before! I opened my legs and started to feel pain. I thought "It doesn't matter". I shouted and then he told me:
"Congratulations, it's a boy!"

2nd BEST: *Retirement for an old man* by Mercedes Andrade, Laura Rodeiro, Nicanor Fuertes

Retirement for an old man

It was before Christmas. Santa had received a lot of letters. He didn't know how to get so many presents. He thought: "Nowadays it's terrible! Houses don't have chimneys"
He felt tired and he needed holidays...
He sent the letters back with a note: "Write to the Three Wise Men".

3rd BEST: *A Short Love Story* by Andrea Martínez Baladrón

A Short Love Story

The princess walked alone, completely lost. Her father had just died and she had been exiled. Her only possession was a letter. "Our love will be forever".
Suddenly, a dragon attacked her. But a shadow turned up, killed it and ran into her arms. And both women were together forever.

FINALIST: Andrés Camilo Villamor Fraiz (Intermediate 2 group 7)

Consciousness in Unconsciousness

It was happening...whiskey, live Jazz, pleasant conversation and especially...her. Suddenly...cold sweat, dizziness, too much alcohol? Impossible, it was his first glass! While he was falling down, this phrase resounded on his head: "It's as important to prepare to reach success as to be prepared when it comes".

Category: Advanced

WINNER: *The Kiss* by Rocío Figueroa Guisande

The Kiss

He was kissing her passionately. Despite this, he could not feel his lover's heartbeat. Never had the marble been so soft and warm. Never a kiss so sadly cold. No matter how much time had gone by, he would never forgive Rodin, who had made them from a lifeless stone.

2nd BEST: *Under the Sheets* by Rocío Figueroa Guisande

Under the Sheets

She was naked under the sheets. He approached stealthily and started to take away the sheets softly. He had never seen so sensuous a woman lying down in front of him. However, he knew that he wouldn't have any opportunity to love her as he worked as a forensic scientist.

3rd BEST: *Nightmare* by Vanesa Pol Hermida

Nightmare

I woke up with an unpleasant feeling. I've been having nightmares during weeks. In my dreams I always see my wife crying, facing a wall. When she leaves I see the flowers and I understand. My name was written on a red band. I hadn't woken up after the accident.

FINALISTS:

- ***Fear of the Unknown*** by María del Carmen Manuela Aboy Pardal

Fear of the Unknown

- "No! I don't wanna go!"

Fall had arrived and all the leaves on the tree were falling, except a stubborn little leaf which didn't feel like having adventures.

- "The sugar I make will sweeten your wintertime! Let me stay!"
It struggled but it was dropped into a new unexplored world

- ***The First Day of Holiday*** by Rocío Figueroa Guisande

The First Day of Holiday

She was lying on the ground; the grass, soft and wet, caressed her naked arms. It was getting late and she remembered her mother would be waiting for her. She slowly opened her eyes to the burning sun. Her ears ached terribly. By her side, the car was still burning.

- ***Summary of SCUM Manifesto*** by Rocío Figueroa Guisande

Summary of S.C.U.M. (Society for Cutting Up Men) Manifesto

The male is a biological accident: the Y gene is an incomplete X gene; so the male is an incomplete female. Consequently, males are dispensable to females.

However, men — in their delusion of usefulness— enable themselves to try and justify their existence by digging holes and then filling them up.

- ***Take Care Who You Sleep With*** by Rocío Figueroa Guisande

Take Care Who You Sleep With

She woke up startled because of the barks. The electric had gone off. In the darkness, she tried to open the drawer to take the torch. All of a sudden, she felt a cold sweat and terrible pain. The blood started to run over her. The dog had stopped barking.