



**HIPPO 2020**

**8<sup>th</sup> International English Language Olympiad**



**HIPPO 1**

**Reading**

**Semi-final Round**



Time allowed: **30 minutes**

There are **5** tasks.

Answer all the questions.

Use pen.

Remember to transfer your answers onto  
the answer sheet.

# TASK 1

Choose the correct answer a) or b) to complete the sentences.

## EXAMPLE

An **astronaut** is somebody who:

- a) teaches children how to count.
- b) goes to space in a rocket.

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An **adventure** is:

- a) an exciting and fun experience.
- b) a task that you have to do at school.

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If somebody is **brilliant**, they:

- a) need to try harder with their work.
- b) are really clever or very good at something.

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If something **disappears**, you:

- a) can no longer see it or find it.
- b) looks much nicer than it did before.

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If you **improve** something:

- a) it means that you made it worse.
- b) it means that you made it better.

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A **journalist** is:

- a) a person who writes articles for newspapers.
- b) a notebook where you write about your life.

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A **waiter** is a person who:

- a) brings you food and drinks in a restaurant.
- b) prepares the meal you eat in a restaurant.

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If you have **several** friends, it means that you have:

- a) lots and lots of friends.
- b) more than two but not very many.

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If somebody is **unfriendly**, they:

- a) try to become your friend.
- b) don't want to be your friend.



## TASK 2

Choose the correct answer a), b) or c) to complete the sentences.

### EXAMPLE

I like working with animals. When I grow up, I'm going to be a .....b)..... .

- a) doctor       b) farmer      c) teacher

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I am really ..... that you came to visit me.

- a) kind      b) pleased      c) honest

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You should ..... the books to the library this week.

- a) return      b) borrow      c) remember

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If your bike is broken, try to ..... it.

- a) right      b) repeat      c) repair

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She really likes silver, let's get her a ..... for her birthday.

- a) necklace      b) scarf      c) handbag

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Please put the clean clothes away in the .....

- a) lift      b) wardrobe      c) shower

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I really enjoyed that meal, it was .....

- a) lucky      b) friendly      c) delicious

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We can't buy you a new bike right now, wait ..... next month.

- a) during      b) since      c) until

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I didn't understand the task, so the teacher ..... again.

- a) explained      b) explored      c) offered



## TASK 3

Choose the correct answer a), b) or c) to complete the dialogues.

### ANNA AND DAD:

#### EXAMPLE

**Dad:** Anna, when is your school trip?

- Anna:** a) We're going to London.  
b) It's on Wednesday.  
c) It was OK.

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**Dad:** Do you need to take any food with you?

- Anna:** a) I don't like it.  
b) I think we do.  
c) It is quite expensive.

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**Dad:** No problem. What would you like me to make?

- Anna:** a) I'll pack a warm jumper.  
b) Just sandwiches and some fruit.  
c) I don't like that idea.

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**Dad:** What time will you get back that day?

- Anna:** a) In the late afternoon.  
b) I think it starts at four o'clock.  
c) I'll need to be on time.

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**Dad:** Great. Don't forget to take your new camera with you!

- Anna:** a) I won't, thanks dad.  
b) I took a nice picture!  
c) There's a camera I really like.



## KATE AND TOM:

**21** **Kate:** I started a football class last week. It was really fun!

- Tom:**
- a) This is my favourite football team.
  - b) I'd like that, but I can't.
  - c) I didn't know you like football.

**22** **Kate:** I enjoy different sports. How about you?

- Tom:**
- a) I played a game of football yesterday.
  - b) I do too, but football is my favourite.
  - c) It is an important decision.

**23** **Kate:** It is a fun sport to play. Do you play often?

- Tom:**
- a) It's because it is easier.
  - b) I have a really good team.
  - c) Usually at the weekends.

**24** **Kate:** Can I come and watch your next game?

- Tom:**
- a) You haven't yet.
  - b) Thanks, I will do.
  - c) I'd like you to.



## TASK 4

Read the story and choose a), b) or c) to complete the sentences.

Dear Sam,

How are you? Did you ....have.... a nice holiday?

My parents and I **25** ..... a week at the seaside. I love swimming,

**26** ..... the weather was not very good this year. It rained most of the time.

We still had a wonderful time. We brought our bikes with us, **27** ..... my parents really enjoy cycling. We **28** ..... the area – there are some excellent castles and museums nearby.

I am going to **29** ..... school again next week. I am feeling quite excited, because I **30** ..... enjoy learning. Geography is my favourite subject – it's really **31** .....

Tell me about the place **32** ..... you went this summer. I hope you had a fantastic time!

David

### EXAMPLE

a) had                      **b) have**                      c) has

**25**                      a) spend                      b) spent                      c) spending

**26**                      a) if                      b) but                      c) while

**27**                      a) because                      b) so                      c) why

**28**                      a) arrived                      b) entered                      c) explored

**29**                      a) start                      b) starting                      c) started

**30**                      a) perhaps                      b) actually                      c) already

**31**                      a) interested                      b) interesting                      c) unusual

**32**                      a) when                      b) which                      c) where



## TASK 5

Read the story and choose a), b) or c) to complete the sentences.

Danny at a football match

My name is Danny. I have been a football fan for a very long time. I really enjoy watching football on TV, but I'm also quite good at playing it – it's fun. But last Saturday, my dad took me to a real football match.

Because the stadium is quite close to our house, we decided to walk there. In the morning, the weather was wonderful: the sun was shining and it was very warm. But after lunch, dark clouds appeared in the sky.

My dad asked: 'Do you think there is a storm coming, Danny? Should we take the car?'

But I really love to get wet in the rain, so I said: 'It doesn't look like it's going to rain, let's walk!'

Just like I thought, the rain came ten minutes after we left the house. At first, I felt really excited. But a little later, we heard thunder. 'It can be dangerous to walk in a storm, Danny,' explained Dad. 'I'm afraid that we will have to wait somewhere until it ends.'

'We can't, Dad!', I shouted. 'We're going to be late for the game!'

'I'm sorry, Danny,' said Dad. 'Don't be upset. Things like this happen. Here's a nice café we can stop at and have a hot chocolate.'

'I hope that this horrible storm is going to end soon!', I thought as I was drinking the chocolate. But it didn't.

We arrived at the stadium after the first half of the game. That day I promised myself to always tell the truth. Lies get you in trouble!



**EXAMPLE**

Danny likes to watch and play ..... football.....

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At the weekend, he went to a .....

- a) basketball match      b) football match      c) party

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At first, Danny and his dad were going to .....

- a) get wet in the rain      b) drive      c) walk

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Later in the day, Dad offered to go by .....

- a) train      b) bus      c) car

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Not long after they left, the ..... started.

- a) rain      b) thunder      c) storm

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Dad thought that it was .....to keep walking in a storm.

- a) safe      b) slippery      c) dangerous

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Danny felt ..... that they were going to be late.

- a) worried      b) happy      c) amused

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He really wanted the storm to .....

- a) last      b) end      c) start

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Later, Danny decided to never tell ..... again.

- a) truth      b) jokes      c) lies



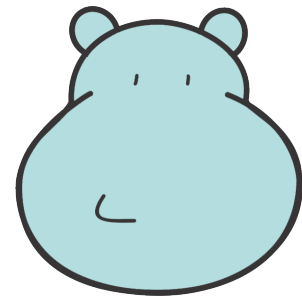


# HIPPO 2020

Semifinal Round

HIPPO 1 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



Candidate Number

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**1. Explain your favourite game or computer game. (Write about 40 words.)**

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**2. Put the verbs into the correct form.**

1. My cat usually \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) near my legs.
2. I've bought flour because I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) bread.
3. Jeniffer and I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) German at the moment.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your brother have a dog?
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (start) learning English when he was 5.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) him a message yesterday.
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ (never ride) a horse in his life. He would like to.
8. 'I don't know what to do.' 'Don't worry. I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you.'
9. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to New York next month.
10. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (write) her homework last night.

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**3. Insert the missing word in each space.**

- 11. You can't eat now. I haven't finished cooking \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 12. Ann is from \_\_\_\_\_ UK.
- 13. This pen is \_\_\_\_\_. Give it back to me.
- 14. Look at \_\_\_\_\_. He is so strong.
- 15. John doesn't eat meat at all. He is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. It's very \_\_\_\_\_ to eat fruit and vegetables.
- 17. Nick couldn't swim 5 minutes ago. Look at him now. He has \_\_\_\_\_ learnt it.
- 18. Sam rang the \_\_\_\_\_ and Susan opened the door for him.
- 19. My dog is ill. I'll take it to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20. Can you lend me your \_\_\_\_\_. Mine is broken and my hair is wet.

**4. Correct the incorrect sentences and tick the correct ones.**

- 21. Do your brother live alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. I'm thirsty. Will you get me a glass of water please? \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. We don't need much strawberries for the salad. \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. I can't do tennis. \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. There aren't no sandwiches left. \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. He had a party and played music very loud. \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. My son can't swim when he was 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Planes are safer of cars. \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. John has cleaned the house already. \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. I took my dog with me when I went hiking. \_\_\_\_\_

