



HIPPO 2023 SEMI-FINAL ROUND READING TEST

CEFR **A2 YL**
HIPPO CATEGORY **HIPPO 1**

Candidate Number _____

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.

Answer all the questions.

Use only black or blue PEN.

Dictionaries are not allowed.

Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Time allowed:

Reading 30 minutes



TASK 1

Choose the correct answer, a or b,
to complete the sentence.

EXAMPLE

An **astronaut** is somebody who:

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

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An **actor** is somebody who:

- a) makes theatre costumes.
- b) appears on stage.

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At a **chemist's**, you can buy:

- a) fruit and vegetables.
- b) medicine and bandages.

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If you ask someone to **fetch** something, they:

- a) will bring it to you.
- b) will repair it for you.

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Someone who is **lazy**:

- a) doesn't do a lot of activities.
- b) is always helpful at home.

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The person who **invented** the computer:

- a) improved the first one.
- b) made it for the first time.

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Animals that have **wings**:

- a) can usually fly.
- b) can always jump high.

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If an animal is **extinct**, it means:

- a) all of them have disappeared.
- b) they have moved to a different place.

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I **look like** my younger sister, so:

- a) we like the same hobbies and activities.
- b) we have the same hair and eye colour.



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 ab..... .

- a) doctor b) farmer c) teacher

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My daughter did very well on her test today – I am so for her!

- a) upset b) pleased c) funny

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The train to Paris leaves from 5, at 10 o'clock.

- a) platform b) stop c) railway

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I got home before the rain started on Friday - I was.....!

- a) important b) rich c) lucky

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Let's go for a nice walk..... . How about to the park?

- a) nowhere b) somewhere c) everywhere

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Maya, your hair looks messy. You need to it before school.

- a) comb b) dry c) search

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Dinner isn't ready, but I am so hungry.

- a) instead b) before c) yet

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My teacher said I need to my spelling before the test.

- a) improve b) write c) see

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Tom is a – he makes and sells his own clothes.

- a) painter b) designer c) builder



TASK 3

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

JOHN AND LUCY

EXAMPLE

John: I had a great holiday in England last week!

Lucy: a) That's brilliant, where did you go?

b) It wasn't very good.

c) It's very sunny today.

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John: I visited Liverpool for the first time. Have you been there?

Lucy: a) I haven't got anything.

b) I don't want to do it.

c) I haven't, but I'd like to.

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John: It's famous for music. What's your favourite kind of music?

Lucy: a) I play it all the time.

b) I listen to pop quite a lot.

c) I'm learning the piano.

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John: I really love travelling. Did you travel for your holiday?

Lucy: a) Yes, I'm going to go.

b) Yes, to Greece.

c) Yes, it's very far.

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John: What did you do on your holiday?

Lucy: a) Lots of swimming and shopping.

b) All the places were really busy.

c) I went with my family last year.



JACK AND TOM

21 **Jack:** Hi Tom, I heard that you moved to a new house. Is that true?

- Tom:**
- a) Let's do it.
 - b) That's right.
 - c) So do I.

22 **Jack:** What does your house look like?

- Tom:**
- a) It's much bigger than the last one.
 - b) It is on a very long street.
 - c) It was very expensive.

23 **Jack:** That's great! How do you get to school now?

- Tom:**
- a) I don't enjoy going to school.
 - b) I told the teacher I like it.
 - c) I still cycle, it just takes longer.

24 **Jack:** Can I come visit tomorrow?

- Tom:**
- a) It's next week.
 - b) Sure, I'd like that.
 - c) He isn't coming.



TASK 4

Read the story and choose the correct answer, a, b, or c, to complete it.

Dear Mike,

It's **EXAMPLE** ...a... to know that you arrived in Spain safely!

You are very lucky to be on holiday. The weather here is **25** They said it would rain a bit this morning, but it hasn't stopped all day! I planned to play football this afternoon, **26** the grass is too wet. I might go to the cinema **27**, I haven't decided yet.

I had some difficult exams last week. I'm trying not to **28** about the results, but I know that if I get a bad mark, my parents will be unhappy. They want me to get a good job one day, so I **29** do well at school. I know they are right and I **30** prepare well for tests, but I know I did badly this time. Anyway, I hope you're having a great time. I'll **31** you about my holiday next time. Can you get me a Real Madrid t-shirt? I'm a huge **32** of this club.

Bye, Tom

EXAMPLE a) great

b) glad

c) happy

25 a) terrible

b) fine

c) excellent

26 a) so

b) when

c) but

27 a) just

b) instead

c) already

28 a) worry

b) try

c) remember

29 a) may

b) can

c) must

30 a) usually

b) maybe

c) suddenly

31 a) say

b) tell

c) show

32 a) fan

b) member

c) player



TASK 5

Read the story and choose the correct answer, a, b or c, to answer the questions.

Our first music concert!

I'm Sarah and I have always liked listening to music on my phone, especially to songs by Pink. She is my favourite singer because her songs are so cool, but I haven't seen her show yet.

Last week, it was my birthday. I turned 16! My sister's birthday is later in the month, on the 14th, but we didn't celebrate together. I got lots of presents from my friends and family, and I even had dinner with my family at an Italian restaurant. But the best present was two tickets to Pink's concert next month! I am so excited to go because it will be my first ever music concert. I asked my sister if she would like to go with me, but she is busy and can't come. I will go with my best friend Lily instead, because she loves Pink as much as me.

The concert is in London, so we will travel by train. We wanted to take the bus, but the journey is much longer than by train, and we wouldn't arrive at the concert on time. Then, we will have to travel on the subway, because London is such a big city. I don't know London very well, but Lily used to live there with her parents, so she can show us the way.

I think the concert starts at 6 o'clock in the evening on Saturday, so we will stay with Lily's older cousin until Sunday night. He is called Simon, and he lives in the centre of London with his wife and two children. His daughter, Katie, is the same age as me, so I am sure we will have fun spending time together on Sunday.

I already know what I will wear – my favourite dress and a pair of enormous sunglasses, which are pink. I also wanted to colour my hair pink for the concert, but my mum wouldn't let me. I was upset about this, but she explained that I was too young. I hope we will still have a great time and I am looking forward to it!



EXAMPLE

Sarah enjoysa..... to music.

- a) listening to b) playing c) dancing to

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Sarah is now years old.

- a) 14 b) 15 c) 16

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Sarah will go to London with

- a) parents b) her sister c) a friend

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The girls have decided to travel to London by

- a) train b) subway c) bus

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Lily London.

- a) knows b) doesn't know c) lives in

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The girls will go to the concert on

- a) Sunday night b) Sunday morning c) Saturday night

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Katie is Simon's

- a) daughter b) friend c) cousin

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Sarah will wear pink to the concert.

- a) goggles b) glasses c) hair

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Sarah was sad that her mum didn't let her
her hair.

- a) paint b) cut c) dye



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HIPPO 1 Writing Test

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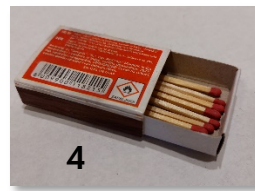
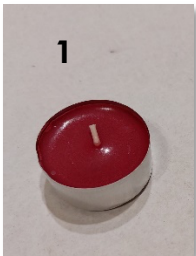
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1. My beautiful country. (Write about 40 words.)

2. Write the names of the objects in the pictures.



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3. Write one word in each blank to complete the sentences.

- Do you do _____ in your school? Yes, a lot. I am the best in my class in long jump.
- Put your _____ clothes in the washing machine and I will take care of it.
- We don't throw old papers, cartons. We put them in blue bins for _____.
- I always stay _____ home at night. I don't like going out.
- Some sports can be played outside and _____.
- _____ of us likes running. We like walking more.
- Mike and Carlo don't need help. They can do it _____.
- _____ anyone came to my birthday. It was very sad.
- If you want to dig a hole in the soft ground, you can use a _____.
- No wonder you are _____ than me. You never eat sweets and you train every day.
- What is wrong? Oh, I have a stomach-_____. I think it's because of those mushrooms.
- Are you _____? No, I've just had tea with grandma.
- Do you live in the city? No, I live in a small _____ close to the city.
- Let's have a _____ in the park! Great idea! I will bring sandwiches and juice in a basket, and you can bring a blanket.
- What _____ is the ball? It is round.

4. Decide if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- You are so lazy, you just laid in bed all day. _____
- We rarely see John, actually we don't see him nearly often enough. _____
- The train for Berlin is leaving at 5.15 every day. _____
- My sister plays football really good. _____
- How do you feel? I am a bit tired. _____
- There are four geese in your yard. What is happening? _____
- My dog is always barking at people. It's so annoying. _____
- My mother lets me stay up really late at weekends. _____
- How much paper is in this bag? It's so heavy. _____
- Do you drink many coffes a day? No, just a few. _____