



# HIPPO 2022

## 10<sup>th</sup> International English Language Olympiad

**IESOL Assessment Reading**  
RQF Level: Entry 2  
(CEFR Level: A2)

**Candidate Booklet - Reading**  
**HIPPO 2**  
Semi-Final Round 2022

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

- Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.
- This examination is made up of 3 TASKS.
- Answer all the questions.
- Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.
- Use only black or blue PEN.
- Dictionaries are NOT allowed.

**Time allowed:** 30 minutes

**Total marks available:** 34

## Reading Task 1

Read the sentences. Circle the best option – a, b, or c to complete each gap. An example has been done for you.

Example: Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ – our dog is afraid of loud noises.

- a) shout                      b) speak                      c) run

1. I have been trying to \_\_\_\_\_ my Spanish by watching Spanish TV.  
a) repair                      b) improve                      c) happen
2. We're planning to \_\_\_\_\_ some strawberries this summer: I already bought the plants.  
a) grow                      b) prepare                      c) serve
3. Please \_\_\_\_\_ this task before moving on to the next one.  
a) join                      b) begin                      c) complete
4. Excuse me! I \_\_\_\_\_ some fish, but you brought me a plate of pasta.  
a) ordered                      b) received                      c) returned
5. Do I need to become a \_\_\_\_\_ to use this gym?  
a) member                      b) team                      c) guest
6. Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ why you didn't finish your homework on time?  
a) question                      b) delay                      c) reason
7. I've got a new mobile phone with great \_\_\_\_\_ - I can save lots of photos and videos.  
a) speakers                      b) memory                      c) screen
8. My new bike is \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as the ones professional cyclists ride!  
a) enough                      b) nearly                      c) especially
9. My dad is \_\_\_\_\_ this afternoon so we're going to go to the cinema together.  
a) off                      b) on                      c) away
10. I'm so sad that I will \_\_\_\_\_ come to your birthday party!  
a) make sure to                      b) not be able to                      c) of course not

## Reading Task 2

### PART A

Read the text and answer the questions. Circle the correct option: a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

To: [harry123@email.com](mailto:harry123@email.com)

Subject: It was great to see you!

Hi Harry,

Thanks for coming to visit me last week, I had a great time! Next time, you must come and stay at least two or three days. One day is just not long enough.

I've talked to my mum and she said that I could come and stay with you in three weeks' time. We already have plans for this weekend, and then my grandmother is visiting us the weekend after. Can you ask your parents?

I've checked that computer game you told me about. I have enough money saved to buy it, but dad says that you must be twelve years old to play it. He promised that I can get it for my birthday, next year. Dad suggested a car racing game instead and we looked at it together. Dad thinks it's brilliant, and it's also available half-price now. He even offered to pay for it, but it doesn't sound great.

I'm excited about the trip to the coast next weekend: we're leaving on Friday afternoon. I hope we arrive before it gets dark, so I can go to the beach. It's going to be sunny and warm. But the journey can take a long time because lots of people travel there on Friday afternoon. Dad promised that we will go surfing. I've never done it before, so he's going to teach me. I'm a strong swimmer, and I'm not afraid of the sea. In fact, one day I want to have my own boat. Just think, we could have so much fun sailing it together!

Anyway, I hope your maths test this week goes well. I'm sure you'll get a good grade because you've been preparing for a long time. I never start studying early enough. I find it so difficult and much prefer to just sit down and study the day before. I've got a project to do for history class on Thursday, but I haven't started working on it yet! I will be pleased when it is done, as it's just lots of boring facts and dates. I find geography much more enjoyable.

I've got to go now. Take care!

Jack

**Example: Jack is writing to**

- a) his parent.
- b) his friend.
- c) his teacher.

**11. How long did Harry visit Jack for?**

- a) one day
- b) two days
- c) three days

**12. Jack is suggesting that they meet again**

- a) at his house.
- b) at his grandmother's house.
- c) at Harry's house.

**13. Why can't Jack get the game he wants?**

- a) It's not available
- b) It's too expensive.
- c) He is not old enough.

**14. In Jack's opinion, the car racing game**

- a) is not very exciting.
- b) should cost less.
- c) would be fun to play with his dad.

**15. Jack is excited about the weekend trip, but worried about**

- a) the location.
- b) the traffic.
- c) the weather.

**16. Jack says that he is very good at**

- a) sailing.
- b) surfing.
- c) swimming.

**17. Jack says that he usually studies**

- a) not long before a test.
- b) for an hour every day.
- c) every day except for Thursday.

**18. Which school subject does Jack not enjoy?**

- a) geography
- b) maths
- c) history

## Part B

Read the text. Circle the best option: a, b, or c to complete each gap. An example has been done for you.

Hi Jack!

Thanks (**example**)\_\_\_\_\_ your email. I also had a lot of fun, and I'll definitely ask my parents about the next time. I'll **19)**\_\_\_\_\_ you know soon.

The car racing game sounds quite all right to me, and it's always good to **20)**\_\_\_\_\_ a new one to your collection. Maybe you should ask your dad to get it? Remember to check if you can play it online with other people, that way we could play it **21)**\_\_\_\_\_ at any time!

I'm not **22)**\_\_\_\_\_ you are excited about the trip to the coast, it sounds awesome. I've never tried surfing before, but I love all kinds of water sports, **23)**\_\_\_\_\_ water skiing, you know, when you put on a pair of skis and somebody in a boat pulls you on the water. It can be **24)**\_\_\_\_\_, so you have to learn with an experienced instructor to stay safe.

I think you should start on your project as soon as you can. I know it's easy to **25)**\_\_\_\_\_ it until the night before, but you won't get a good grade if you do. Trust me, I did that in the past, and it caused me **26)**\_\_\_\_\_ problems with my teachers. One day, my French teacher complained to my parents, because he was so annoyed with me!

Your friend,

Harry

**Example:**

- |            |   |                    |              |
|------------|---|--------------------|--------------|
|            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> a) for | b) to              | c) from      |
| <b>19.</b> | a) email                                | b) let             | c) help      |
| <b>20.</b> | a) add                                  | b) join            | c) complete  |
| <b>21.</b> | a) double                               | b) afterwards      | c) together  |
| <b>22.</b> | a) surprised                            | b) interested      | c) unhappy   |
| <b>23.</b> | a) really                               | b) especially      | c) probably  |
| <b>24.</b> | a) special                              | b) useful          | c) dangerous |
| <b>25.</b> | a) complete                             | b) delay           | c) repeat    |
| <b>26.</b> | a) all sorts of                         | b) a little bit of | c) as many   |

## Reading Task 3

Read the three texts. Answer the questions by writing the correct letter: A, B, or C. An example has been done for you.

### Text A

#### Success School of English – open 7 days a week!

Learn English in one of our many schools across England. We promise you the best experience at the lowest prices!

Our general English language classes will prepare you to use English at work and during travel. We also offer conversation only classes with native speakers from £30 a month. We also have plans to start French and Spanish classes soon!

Here's what one of our students said:

*I loved studying at Success School! Because all students are at least 18 years old, the lessons are really focused and you learn fast. My teacher helped me prepare for an important exam. Ali S., 27*

### Text B

#### Language Link

Do you want to learn English in fun and relaxed atmosphere?  
Come to Language Link!

We understand that learning is a great thing to do together as a family, and so we offer beginner and intermediate classes for parents and kids.

Don't just sit in a classroom listening to your teacher. At Language Link, there are film evenings, and weekend trips too, all in English.

Choose from different options:

- 1 month course (6 hours per week, £40 a week)
- 6 months course (4 hours per week, £36 a week)
- 12 months course (4 hours per week, £32 a week)



Text C

## Helen's Language School

Please note all our courses run October to June.

	Levels	Weekdays	Weekends	Cost per week	Extra information
<b>English</b>	Beginner to advanced	✓	✓	£35	£5 discount per week if you sign up with a friend!
<b>Spanish</b>	Beginner to intermediate	✓	✗	£40	free coursebook
<b>German</b>	Beginner only	✗	✓	£40	n/a
<b>French</b>	Intermediate	✗	✓	£45	Only one class available, 9-11 am on Saturday.

**Which language school**

**Text**

- |                 |  |       |
|-----------------|--|-------|
| <b>Example:</b> | offers classes any day of the week?        | A     |
| <b>27.</b>      | has courses from £30 per week?             | ----- |
| <b>28.</b>      | offers the most languages?                 | ----- |
| <b>29.</b>      | has schools in more than one location?     | ----- |
| <b>30.</b>      | is only for adults?                        | ----- |
| <b>31.</b>      | offers both short and long courses?        | ----- |
| <b>32.</b>      | offers classes for children?               | ----- |
| <b>33.</b>      | organises fun activities for the students? | ----- |
| <b>34.</b>      | offers a class in the morning?             | ----- |

# HIPPO 2022

Semi-final Round

HIPPO 2 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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Date of Birth

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## 1 How I spend my free time. (Write about 60 words.)

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## 2 Name the objects in the pictures.



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7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Fill in the blank with one word. You are given the first letter of the word.**

11 The area around rivers is usually f \_\_\_\_\_. The visibility is very bad, so be careful!

12 It's cold. Can you turn up the h \_\_\_\_\_?

13 Where is Carlo? - He went to get his little boat from the h \_\_\_\_\_.

14 I bought a wonderful g \_\_\_\_\_ book on Rome. I will read it before our journey.

15 What do you think is the greatest i \_\_\_\_\_ of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? The internet or the engine? Or maybe sliced bread?

16 Many of these plants can be grown i \_\_\_\_\_.

17 Be careful with that food. I don't want stains on my new, l \_\_\_\_\_ sofa.

18 And for the main c \_\_\_\_\_ we will have pork chops.

19 We usually have lunch at m \_\_\_\_\_ and dinner in the evening.

20 They say that n \_\_\_\_\_ have suffered the most of all employees in the hospitals during the Covid pandemic.

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**4 Decide if the sentences are correct or incorrect. If you think a sentence is incorrect, find the mistake and correct it.**

21 A lovely little town is located on the coast of the river Danube.

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22 Where have you seen John? – I've seen him in the town yesterday afternoon.

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23 I lied in the bed the whole day and watched TV.

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24 The Finns consume an amazing 12 kilograms of coffee per person annually.

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25 If I were you, I wouldn't skip any classes. That teacher is very strict.

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26 The man you introduced me to yesterday looked familiar. I think I met him before.

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27 Why do you smell that steak? Do you think it's still good?

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28 I am living at my grandparents' for the time being.

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29 I never use to eat as much as I do now.

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30 Why are you so tired? – I've been working out for an hour.

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