



HIPPO 2020

8th 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 ab)..... .

- 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 youhave.... 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

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| | 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 wasto 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

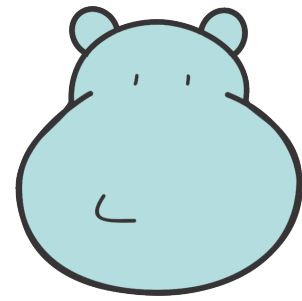


HIPPO 2020

Semifinal Round

HIPPO 1 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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

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. _____

