



HIPPO 1

Semi-final Round

Reading



Time allowed: **30 minutes**

There are **30** questions.
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 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 someone who:

- a) performs in the theatre and on TV.
- b) writes their own books.

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If someone is **bored**, they:

- a) are having fun playing with their friends.
- b) have nothing to do and they are not having fun.

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If you **steal** something:

- a) you take it without asking.
- b) you take it and bring it back.

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A plane that **is landing** is:

- a) arriving at the airport.
- b) leaving the airport.

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If someone is an **honest** person:

- a) they don't often tell the truth and like to lie.
- b) they always tell the truth and don't like to lie.

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A **guide** is someone whose job it is:

- a) to show interesting places to visitors.
- b) to help students with their homework.

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Tights are:

- a) something you wear on your neck.
- b) something you wear on your legs.

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If my house is **as big as** another house, then:

- a) both houses are exactly the same size.
- b) my house is much bigger than the second house.



TASK 2

Choose the correct words (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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Everyone went home early, so I was at the park.

- a) one b) alone c) first

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It started snowing after lunch, so we to make a snowman.

- a) forgot b) discussed c) decided

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The train for London is leaving from three.

- a) station b) platform c) entrance

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I dropped the whole bottle of milk on the floor and there was milk.....!

- a) everywhere b) nowhere c) anywhere

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Your friend can stay and play on the trampoline you want.

- a) but b) perhaps c) if

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My friend told me a big secret and now, I have to it forever.

- a) tell b) keep c) save

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The teacher said we always do our homework on time.

- a) can b) mustn't c) should

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Mum is at work today, so the neighbour said she will me and my brother.

- a) look after b) look like c) look at



TASK 3

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

MUM AND TOM:

EXAMPLE

Mum: Hi Tom. How was your day at school?

Tom: a) It was really hot and sunny today.

b) It was quite good.

c) I'm fine, how about you?

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Mum: Did you have a test today?

Tom: a) Yes, we have.

b) He doesn't know.

c) We did, in the morning.

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Mum: How did you do?

Tom: a) It was very difficult, but I think I did well.

b) We learned about English rivers.

c) I didn't do my homework.

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Mum: Great! Do you have football practice tomorrow?

Tom: a) It's in the garden.

b) I prefer basketball to football.

c) No, it's on Friday this week.

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Mum: I'm hungry. Would you like something to eat now?

Tom: a) Let's wait for dad.

b) I think we must.

c) Dad doesn't like chicken.



KATE AND SALLY:

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Kate: I just got a new puppy yesterday and he's so cute!

- Sally:** a) I went to the beach yesterday.
b) Cats aren't cute, they are scary.
c) How exciting! I love dogs.

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Kate: Have you got any pets at home?

- Sally:** a) I think she has some in her house.
b) Three rabbits and Freddy, my parrot.
c) My house is quite big with a garden.

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Kate: I think dogs are my favourite animals. How about you?

- Sally:** a) I like all animals, but especially birds.
b) I don't think I have time for that.
c) My neighbour has three large dogs.

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Kate: Do you want to come and meet my puppy?

- Sally:** a) Maybe I can get one soon.
b) It's not ready I'm afraid.
c) Sure, that'd be great. Let's go!



TASK 4

Read the story and choose the correct answers (a, b or c) to complete it.

Dear Sam,

How are you? Did you**b**.... a good weekend?

We went to my **25**..... house and it was really fun. They

26 near the beach and not in the city like us, **27**

I could swim in the sea every day. I thought I saw a shark, but it was just someone swimming **28** water!

Gary, **29** is my cousin, lives next door to my grandparents. He

30 play with us because he works on the farm at the weekend. But

that's okay because he loves **31** there – Snowy, the horse, is his

best friend! You live near a farm too, **32** you? Maybe you can come with us next time.

See you soon.

Ben

EXAMPLE

a) spend b) have c) do

25 a) grandparents b) grandparent's c) grandparents'

26 a) live b) lives c) lived

27 a) then b) else c) so

28 a) under b) outside c) around

29 a) which b) who c) that

30 a) can't b) couldn't c) shouldn't

31 a) work b) worked c) working

32 a) don't b) won't c) aren't



TASK 5

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

My Trip with Ben

I love camping. Last week, me and my cousin Ben celebrated our birthday – we are both sixteen. Ben’s parents bought him a green tent for his birthday, so we decided to go camping for a day.

We arrived in the afternoon and Ben put up the tent. We decided to go for a walk and collect some sticks and dry leaves for the camp fire. ‘The sky looks very dark’, I said. ‘I think it’s going to rain.’ As we walked through the woods, the rain started. Five minutes later, the rain changed into a big storm! We ran back to the tent, but our clothes were wet.

‘Don’t worry’, Ben said, ‘the sun will be shining again soon’. We wanted to cook some sausages for dinner. I held an umbrella, and Ben tried to light the fire with some matches. But the rain was too heavy and the fire stopped. We couldn’t cook anything, so we sat in the tent and ate chocolate bars for dinner!

‘Let’s stay in the tent and wait for the rain to stop,’ I said. We climbed in and put our blankets around us. We played cards all night and laughed until we fell asleep. In the morning, it was sunny again and our clothes and everything else was dry. When we got up to make our breakfast, we couldn’t find the sausages anywhere. ‘Where did you put them?’ asked Ben. Then we saw the empty packet on the ground – a bear ate all of them! We got scared! We quickly packed up the tent and ran home. We won’t leave any food outside next time.



EXAMPLE

Ben is **a**..... years old.

- a) sixteen b) fifteen c) thirteen

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Ben got a tent for his birthday.

- a) camping b) big c) green

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The cousins went in the forest.

- a) walking b) camping c) sleeping

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When the rain started, the boys returned to the

- a) house b) tent c) forest

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They were planning to eat for dinner.

- a) marshmallows b) chocolate bars c) meat

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They could not start the because of the rain.

- a) fire b) tent c) cooking

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They enjoyed playing before they went to bed.

- a) card b) sausages c) cards

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In the morning, their clothes were

- a) sunny b) wet c) dry

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The boys went home quickly because a took all their sausages.

- a) animal b) bear c) man

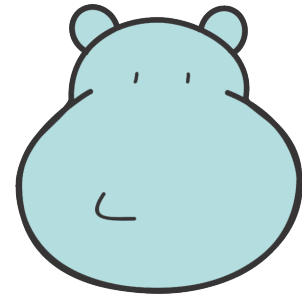


HIPPO 2021

Semifinal Round

HIPPO 1 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



Candidate Number

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Date of Birth

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1. A great day with friends. (Write about 40 words.)

2. Complete the text with a suitable word in each gap.

My name is Mary. I am 10 (1) _____ old and I live with my parents (2) _____ a big house (3) _____ a large garden. My best friend's house is (4) _____ to ours and we play (5) _____ every afternoon. She has a big dog called Lulu (6) _____ I don't like her very much (7) _____ she is very lively and we can't play when she (8) _____ around. I (9) _____ cats because they are (10) _____ interesting than dogs.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

It was a quiet evening and I was watching TV when the doorbell rang. I (11) _____ (continue) watching TV because I thought my mom was going to open the door, but she didn't. I (12) _____ (get up) and (13) _____ (go) to the door. When I (14) _____ (open) it, I saw my grandmother. She (15) _____ (be) wet because it was raining and she didn't have an umbrella.

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I (16) _____ (tell) her to come inside. She (17) _____ (come in), sat down and started talking: "You know it is your grandfather's birthday tomorrow?" "Yes, I, do." "I (18) _____ (plan) a surprise party for him. Can you organise it because he is always at home and I cannot do it alone?" "Of course. I (19) _____ (tell) everyone tomorrow and we will decide how to do it". "You don't need to worry about food. I (20) _____ (prepare) everything."

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

- 21. Which is at the door? _____
- 22. How much apples do you have? _____
- 23. Does she know how much it costs? _____
- 24. I have been here since you called me. _____
- 25. Would you like any coffee? _____
- 26. What will you do if he call you? _____
- 27. I didn't have anything to eat last night. _____
- 28. He is her elder brother. _____
- 29. We are travelling to Greece tomorrow. _____
- 30. Some of people don't like to spend time alone. _____



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1	a
2	b
3	a
4	a
5	b
6	a
7	b
8	a
9	b
10	c
11	b
12	a
13	c
14	b
15	c
16	a
17	c
18	a
19	c
20	a
21	c
22	b
23	a
24	c
25	c
26	a
27	c
28	a
29	b
30	a
31	c
32	a
33	c
34	b
35	b
36	c
37	a
38	c
39	c
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Hippo 2021 SF Round Writing Hippo 1 Key

1. years
2. in
3. with
4. next
5. together / there
6. but
7. because
8. is
9. prefer / hate
10. more / less
11. continued
12. got up
13. went
14. opened
15. was
16. told
17. came in
18. am planning
19. will
20. am going to prepare
21. Who is at the door?
22. How many apples do you have?
23. correct
24. correct
25. Would you like some coffee?
26. What will you do if he calls you?
27. correct
28. older
29. correct
30. Some people don't know how to spend time alone.