



# HIPPO 2021

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

**IESOL Assessment Reading**

RQF Level: Entry 1

(CEFR Level: A1)

**Candidate Booklet - Reading**

# HIPPO 2

Semi-final Round

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

- Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.
- This examination is made up of 3 TASKS.
- Answer all the questions.
- Use only black or blue PEN.
- Dictionaries are NOT allowed.

**Time allowed:** 35 minutes

**Total marks available:** 34



## Reading Task 1

Read the sentences. Choose 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. Harry is really late today. Can you check if he has arrived \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) yet                      b) soon                      c) only

2. Oh no! I think I \_\_\_\_\_ my phone on the bus!

- a) forgot                      b) took                      c) left

3. Remember to \_\_\_\_\_ your books to the library this afternoon.

- a) record                      b) collect                      c) return

4. Australia are playing \_\_\_\_\_ South Africa next Saturday. It'll be a great game!

- a) among                      b) against                      c) along

5. It's my sister's birthday soon. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ her a mirror for her bedroom.

- a) selling                      b) winning                      c) buying

6. The word 'afraid' means the same as \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a) special                      b) strange                      c) scared

7. I'm really hungry. I didn't eat \_\_\_\_\_ at lunchtime.

- a) anything                      b) everything                      c) something

8. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ if I have the last slice of toast?

- a) agree                      b) complain                      c) mind

9. It's really not that \_\_\_\_\_ if you follow the instructions.

- a) difficult                      b) worse                      c) terrible

10. When I'm older, I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world.

- a) visit                      b) travel                      c) arrive



## Reading Task 2

### PART A

Read the text and answer the questions. Choose a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

To: [bobby321@email.com](mailto:bobby321@email.com)

Subject: How are you

Hello Bobby,

How are you? Did you enjoy your holiday last month?

We had a great afternoon yesterday! We met Miss Foster for our usual bike ride and she told us about a new cycling competition this summer. It's open to everyone, but I'm not very good at sports so didn't find the idea interesting at first. Then, Miss Foster told us the story of Beryl Burton, a famous English cyclist.

Beryl was from Leeds, a city in the north of England. She was very ill as a child and was in hospital for a long time. No one thought she could become good at sport and she didn't start cycling until she got married. In the first year, she wasn't very good, but she practised a lot. Over time, she improved and just two years later she won a UK cycling competition.

She always worked on a farm but cycled whenever she could. Beryl won cycling competitions all around the world. She was faster than most other cyclists, even the men! Beryl's daughter became a cyclist too and they became the only mother and daughter cyclists to enter competitions together.

There is now a park in Leeds named the *Beryl Burton Gardens* and even a radio play about Beryl called *A Love Story On Two Wheels*. I listened to some of the play this evening. It's very good!

I already know how to take care of my bike and I do enjoy cycling. I'm going to find out more about the competition. Do you want to enter with me? I know you have a new bike and often go cycling with your dad. I don't think I'll be very good so I will need to practise! Can we cycle together after school or on Sundays? Let me know!

See you soon,

Jenny

**Example: Jenny is writing to:**

- a) Miss Foster.
- b) her friend Bobby.
- c) Beryl Burton.



11. Where did Jenny go yesterday?

- a) on holiday
- b) cycling
- c) to school

12. Who can enter the competition?

- a) anyone
- b) strong cyclists
- c) new cyclists

13. Jenny says that Beryl:

- a) cycled as a child.
- b) started cycling as an adult.
- c) didn't like cycling.

14. When did Beryl win her first competition?

- a) The year she got married.
- b) A year after marrying.
- c) Two years after marrying.

15. Who cycled with Beryl?

- a) her husband
- b) her daughter
- c) a friend from a farm

16. When did Jenny listen to the radio play about Beryl?

- a) Tonight.
- b) Last night.
- c) Yesterday afternoon.

17. Jenny seems to think that:

- a) she will win the competition.
- b) she might win the competition.
- c) she won't win the competition.

18. Jenny is asking Bobby to:

- a) fix her broken bike.
- b) help her buy a new bike.
- c) take her on a bike ride

## Part B

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

Hi Jenny!

Thanks (example)\_\_\_\_\_ your email. The holiday was great, thank you! We visited lots of interesting places.

Since coming home, I've been really 19)\_\_\_\_\_ practising the piano so I haven't been out cycling very often. I have to prepare for my Grade 5 piano exams so I 20)\_\_\_\_\_ have the time for sports.

I didn't know about the cycling competition and it is interesting to hear about the famous cyclist 21)\_\_\_\_\_ Leeds! It makes me want to cycle more 22)\_\_\_\_\_. If the competition is in the summer, I would like to enter it with you. Where is the competition 23)\_\_\_\_\_ to be held? How long is it? I think I can easily cycle 10 miles but if it is 24)\_\_\_\_\_ than that I will need some practise too!

My dad says it's ok to invite you on our bike rides so we can practise together. Can you meet 25)\_\_\_\_\_ by the lake on Sunday morning? We can go out cycling for the 26)\_\_\_\_\_ day, then you can come back to my house for dinner. My dad can take you home in the evening, if your mum says that's ok.

Let me know! Bobby



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| <b>Example:</b> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> a) for | b) to       | c) from    |
| 19.             | a) frequent                             | b) busy     | c) strong  |
| 20.             | a) didn't                               | b) don't    | c) can't   |
| 21.             | a) with                                 | b) for      | c) from    |
| 22.             | a) often                                | b) always   | c) usually |
| 23.             | a) planning                             | b) going    | c) wishing |
| 24.             | a) longer                               | b) long     | c) longest |
| 25.             | a) we                                   | b) us       | c) them    |
| 26.             | a) total                                | b) complete | c) whole   |

### Reading Task 3

Read the three texts. Choose A, B, or C.  
An example has been done for you.

#### Text A

Hi Sally,

A new restaurant opened in the city centre last Friday. My friend said it's the freshest real Chinese food in the city. I read the menu online and it has lots of different meat and vegetable dishes that look delicious.

The restaurant is offering 40% discount for customers this Sunday evening! Would you like to go? I know how much you love the grilled Chinese chicken with honey! We can book a table on their new website. Let me know if you want to try it!

Talk soon,

Kayla

#### Text B

I visited the Burger House restaurant in Brighton with my dad on the last day of our holiday. Our table in the window was perfect as we could see the boats on the water. Dad had a cheeseburger and I had a vegetable burger. The food took a long time to arrive and unfortunately, they forgot the drinks and gave me an extra spicy burger by mistake! The chips were ok, but I wish we had visited the pizza place next door instead.

Steve, London



### Text C

#### Blue Moon French Restaurant - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Grand Opening Night and Ribbon Cutting!

Join us from 7pm, with:

- Live classical music
- Waiter service
- Food tasting – try our French favourites

We also have an outdoor area with heating and a special offer of a complete main meal and dessert for £20 per person on our opening night only.

Book your table today via phone: 0300 853 7628

Visit [www.bluemoon.co.uk](http://www.bluemoon.co.uk) to join our Guest List and win a FREE MEAL.

Open 6 days (closed Mondays). Dress: No trainers.

#### Which text ...

#### Text

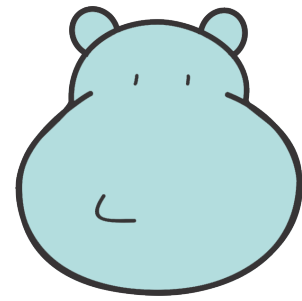
<b>Example:</b>	was written by Kayla?	A
27.	gives information about a competition?	-----
28.	invites someone to share a meal?	-----
29.	gives the price of a meal?	-----
30.	describes what you can see from inside the restaurant?	-----
31.	tells you what not to wear to the restaurant?	-----
32.	describes a disappointing meal?	-----
33.	says you can book on the restaurant's website?	-----
34.	tells you one of someone's favourite meals?	-----

# HIPPO 2021

Semifinal Round

HIPPO 2 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



Candidate Number

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Date of Birth

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**1. Describe your best holiday. (Write about 60 words.)**

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**2. Write one word in each gap.**

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_ a crybaby. He cries for everything.
2. My favourite \_\_\_\_\_ are roses. They smell lovely.
3. Her mother is a famous \_\_\_\_\_. She works in the most expensive restaurant.
4. The room on top of the house, under the roof, is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money in my part-time job.
6. I like to spend my free time \_\_\_\_\_. I don't like being in the house.
7. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ film ever. It was very boring and uninteresting.
8. My sister is \_\_\_\_\_ talkative that she could talk for hours.
9. Wait just a second. I need to write it \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Why are you \_\_\_\_\_? Everything will be ok. I'm sure you will pass the exam.

Candidate Number

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Date of Birth

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**3. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

- 11. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / think) about?
- 12. When I grow up, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a teacher.
- 13. What \_\_\_\_\_ (mice / like) to eat?
- 14. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) my sister since she got married.
- 15. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do)? Stop! You are going to break it!
- 16. Where is John? He \_\_\_\_\_ (must / go) home, his mother called.
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (your sister / study) when you arrived home?
- 18. I am so excited. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party next week.
- 19. Mobile phones \_\_\_\_\_ (become) faster and faster.
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) my pencil? I can't find it.

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

- 21. I save a little money every month. Not too much but it is ok. \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. As soon as he got home he lied down to rest. \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. I have bought a car a few days ago. \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. United Kingdom consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. We don't usually do karate in school because it's dangerous. \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. We will go to Disneyland next month. We booked a room. \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Over the past 2 months we have raised a lot of money for charity. \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. If you want to buy a new phone, look at the advertisements first. \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. The football terrain is bigger than the basketball court. \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. My sister's daughter is my niece. \_\_\_\_\_





## 2 hippo reading SHEET – HIPPO Semi-final 2021

Question	Answer
1.	A
2.	C
3.	C
4.	B
5.	C
6.	C
7.	A
8.	C
9.	A
10.	B

**Total: / 10**

### Reading Task 2

Question	PART A Answer	PART B Answer
11.	B	19 B
12.	A	20 B
13.	B	21 C
14.	C	22 A
15.	B	23 B
16.	A	24 A
17.	C	25 B
18.	C	26 C

<b>Total: / 8</b>	<b>Total: / 8</b>
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### Reading Task 3

Question	Answer
27.	C
28.	A
29.	C
30.	B
31.	C
32.	B
33.	A
34.	A

**Total: / 8**

## Hippo 2021 SF Round Writing Hippo 2 Key

1. Such
2. Flowers
3. Chef
4. Attic
5. Earn
6. Outdoors
7. Worst
8. So
9. Down
10. Worried
11. Are you thinking
12. Am going to be
13. Do mice like
14. Have not seen / Haven't seen
15. Are you doing
16. Had to go
17. Was your sister studying
18. Are having
19. Are becoming
20. Have you seen
21. C
22. As soon as he got home he lay down to rest.
23. I bought a car a few days ago.
24. The United Kingdom consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
25. C
26. We are going to Disneyland next month.
27. C
28. C
29. The football pitch / field is bigger than the basketball court.
30. C