



# HIPPO 2021

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

**IESOL Assessment Reading**

RQF Level: Entry 2

(CEFR Level: A2)

**Candidate Booklet - Reading**

# HIPPO 3

Preliminary Round

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**Time allowed:** 30 minutes

**Total marks available:** 34



## Reading Task 1

Read the sentences. Choose 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. Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ why you didn't finish your homework on time?

- a) question                      b) reason                      c) notice

2. If you need a \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema, you can come with me and my dad.

- a) lift                              b) path                              c) tour

3. Remember to empty your \_\_\_\_\_ before you put your jeans in the wash.

- a) tights                              b) wallets                              c) pockets

4. There's not much \_\_\_\_\_ this time of the day, so the car ride shouldn't take long.

- a) passenger                      b) motorway                      c) traffic

5. I need some help \_\_\_\_\_ this task please.

- a) completing                      b) happening                      c) meaning

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

- a) unusual                              b) awesome                              c) modern

7. Did \_\_\_\_\_ eat my slice of cake? I cannot find it anywhere.

- a) somewhere                      b) somebody                      c) sometimes

8. The weather outside is quite \_\_\_\_\_ - we should go for a walk.

- a) pleased                              b) pleasant                              c) glad

9. When will you \_\_\_\_\_ visit your grandmother?

- a) immediately                      b) already                              c) finally

10. I might be able to help you \_\_\_\_\_ my next break.

- a) during                              b) between                              c) among



## Reading Task 2

### PART A

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

To: [Sammy123@email.com](mailto:Sammy123@email.com)

Subject: How are you

Hi Sammy!

How are you? I hope that you are feeling better, and will be back to school soon.

Today, during the biology lesson, we learnt a lot of interesting things about elephants. Have you ever seen one in a zoo, or on TV? Did you know that they need very little sleep? Elephants in the wild sleep for about two hours a day. And sometimes, they don't go to sleep for as long as two whole days!

Also, African elephants know whether a person is a man or a woman just by hearing them speak! They don't even need to see them, it's enough that they hear their voices.

I also learnt that elephants can move pretty quickly when they want to. They can run as fast as 25 kilometres per hour. But they don't like to be hurried.

The teacher gave us some homework. It is to find out lots of information about another wild animal. We need to bring it to school on Monday. I think I'm going to work on it on Friday afternoon, because I want to do other things at the weekend.

On Sunday, my uncle Jim is coming to visit. He is a pilot, and he recently travelled to South America! He usually comes to have dinner with us every two weeks, but I haven't seen him for two months because of his work. He usually brings me little surprise gifts, for example chocolates or books. Since it was my birthday last week, uncle promised me a small robot. I'm really excited about this.

Do you think you will be back at school on Monday? Do you need some help with homework? I can't visit, but I can call you and tell you what the homework is. Just send me an email or a text.

Your friend,

Mike

**Example: Mike is writing to:**

- a) a zoo keeper.
- b) his school friend.
- c) his school teacher.



**11. Where did Mike learn about elephants?**

- a) at a zoo.
- b) from TV.
- c) at school.

**12. Wild elephants usually sleep for:**

- a) two hours each day.
- b) two days at a time.
- c) twice a day.

**13. Mike says that elephants are very good at:**

- a) talking.
- b) listening.
- c) seeing.

**14. According to Mike's email, are elephants fast?**

- a) Yes, if they need to be.
- b) No, they always move slowly.
- c) Yes, when people hurry them up.

**15. Mike is planning to do his homework:**

- a) on Friday.
- b) at the weekend.
- c) on Monday.

**16. Mike is going to see his uncle Jim:**

- a) in a few days.
- b) in two weeks.
- c) in two months.

**17. The birthday present from uncle Jim is:**

- a) sweets.
- b) a surprise.
- c) a toy.

**18. Mike is offering to:**

- a) email his friend again.
- b) visit his friend at home.
- c) help his friend with homework.



## Part B

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

Dear Mike!

Thanks (**example**) \_\_\_\_\_ your email. I've been really bored at home 19) \_\_\_\_\_ I had my accident at the football game.

My foot is getting better, so I think I 20)\_\_\_\_\_ be back to school next week. I really can't 21)\_\_\_\_\_, because I've been at home for over two weeks now! It's not fun anymore.

I didn't know all these things about elephants. I'd 22)\_\_\_\_\_ do some reading about them. I need to think about which animal I want to write about for my homework. I don't know much about wild animals, 23) \_\_\_\_\_ for penguins. I watched a TV programme about them last week, and it had lots of information. Do you think 24) \_\_\_\_\_ in our class will be interested in penguins?

25) \_\_\_\_\_ , thanks for your offer, but the teacher is going to email me the homework. And my dad offered 26)\_\_\_\_\_ help me with the work, so I should be OK!

See you on Monday!

Bye,

Sammy

**Example:**

**a)** for

b) to

c) from

19.

a) since

b) for

c) when

20.

a) need

b) must

c) will

21.

a) stay

b) wait

c) last

22.

a) better

b) sooner

c) faster

23.

a) along

b) except

c) until

24.

a) anytime

b) anywhere

c) anyone

25.

a) Anyway

b) Enough

c) Instead

26.

a) that

b) then

c) to



## Reading Task 3

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

### Text A

Hi Miriam,

I've decided to take a weekend photography course. You know I've always wanted to learn how to take good pictures! It starts next Saturday, at the college in the city centre. My mum paid for it and said it wasn't very expensive, but I'm not sure exactly how much it costs.

I thought that maybe you'd like to join me? I know that you also love taking photos! Let me know. You can get more information from their website. If you decide to sign up, you need to call them.

Speak soon!

Eve



### Text B

I completed a one day photography course last month. The teacher was very helpful, and gave us lots of useful advice about taking good pictures. But I thought that the group was too big. There were 30 students, and only one teacher. I didn't get to ask him all my questions. Also, we spent the whole day in the classroom, and I really wanted to take some pictures of animals and the countryside, so that wasn't good. So, if you want to take a short course, this one is OK.

Fred, York



## Text C

### Magic photography course

30 hours of learning with our photography teachers for only £55!  
Suitable for all ages (get 20% off if you are under 18 years old).

What you'll learn:

- how to take amazing photos that impress your family and friends
- how to photograph in different scenarios, for example family portraits, gardens, wildlife, and much more
- how to take better photos with your smart phones and cameras

If you are interested, complete a form on our website, and our staff will call you back.

[www.magicphotography.co.org](http://www.magicphotography.co.org)

Which text ...	Text
<b>Example:</b> was written by Eve?	A
27. gives good and bad points about the course?	-----
28. invites another person to take the course?	-----
29. includes the course price?	-----
30. was written by a person who did a course?	-----
31. describes the shortest course?	-----
32. says that the course includes taking pictures outside?	-----
33. says that you can join by calling the company?	-----
34. says that the course has a discount for young people?	-----



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## Listening Task 1

Listen to six people speaking. Choose the best response – a, b, or c. You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice.

Example Speaker.

- a) Yes, I'd like that.
- b) No, I didn't like it.
- c) I liked it a lot.

55. Speaker 1.

- a) All the time.
- b) No, it was late.
- c) That's all right.

56. Speaker 2.

- a) He already has.
- b) No, it didn't really.
- c) Yes, it was a bad one.

57. Speaker 3.

- a) Yes, let's.
- b) Yes, you will.
- c) Yes, we have.

58. Speaker 4.

- a) Do you need help?
- b) Here you are.
- c) I didn't.

59. Speaker 5.

- a) That's right.
- b) Shall I do it?
- c) No problem.

60. Speaker 6.

- a) I hope you ate something.
- b) You're very welcome.
- c) I can make some tonight.

## Listening Task 2

Listen to four short conversations and choose the correct answer – a, b, or c. You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: The boy is going to:

- a) buy a book.
- b) borrow a book.
- c) borrow some money.

61. What was the weather like during the holiday?

- a) hot and sunny
- b) wet and rainy
- c) cloudy but pleasant

62. How will the girl get to her music class?

- a) She will walk.
- b) She will take a bus.
- c) Her dad will take her.



63. What will the woman do next?

- a) watch TV
- b) go for a walk
- c) sit in the garden

64. A painting is NOT a good present because:

- a) it's too expensive.
- b) it's too boring.
- c) it's too late to get one.

### Listening Task 3

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions. Choose the correct answer – a, b, or c.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: David says that Jane looks:

- a) great.
- b) sad.
- c) tired.

65. Why is Jane tired?

- a) She works too hard at school.
- b) She went to bed late.
- c) She has health problems.

66. On Sunday, the friends are going to:

- a) do their homework together.
- b) visit another friend.
- c) go on a trip.

67. What is Jane worried about?

- a) the weather
- b) her clothes
- c) the food

68. How will the friends travel?

- a) by bus
- b) by car
- c) by train

69. What time do they agree to meet?

- a) 7.45
- b) 9.15
- c) 9.30

70. David asks Jane to bring:

- a) a map.
- b) a camera.
- c) a picnic blanket

## Listening Task 4

Listen and answer the questions. Choose A for true or B for false.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice.

Example:

The talk is about after school activities.

A-True

B-False

71. The art club is on Monday afternoon.

A-True

B-False

72. You need to complete a form to join the poetry club.

A-True

B-False

73. On Tuesdays, there will be a football club.

A-True

B-False

74. The photography club is free.

A-True

B-False

75. The tennis club is on Thursday.

A-True

B-False

76. The discussion club starts at 2.30 p.m.

A-True

B-False





## A2 HIPPO 3 READING ANSWER SHEET – HIPPO Preliminary Round 2021

### Reading Task 1

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

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### Reading Task 2

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

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### Reading Task 3

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

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Use of English

35	b
36	c
37	b
38	a
39	b
40	c
41	c
42	b
43	c
44	a
45	a
46	a
47	c
48	a
49	b
50	b
51	b
52	a
53	a
54	b

Listening Task 1		Listening Task 2
Question	Answer	Answer
55.	B	61 C
56.	C	62 A
57.	A	63 C
58.	A	64 A
59.	C	
60.	C	

Listening Task 3		Listening Task 4
Question	Answer	Answer
65.	B	71 - B - False
66.	C	72 - B - False
67.	A	73 - A - True
68.	C	74 - A - True
69.	B	75 - A - True
70.	A	76 - B - False