



# HIPPO 2021

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

**IESOL Assessment Reading**  
RQF Level: Entry 3  
(CEFR Level: B1)

**Candidate Booklet - Reading**  
**HIPPO 4 - S10**  
Preliminary Round

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:**

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**Time allowed:** 40 minutes

**Total marks available:** 34



## Reading Task 1

Read the text and choose the best option to complete each gap – a, b, c, or d.

### History of plastic

Plastic is really useful and we use **0)** ..... every day. But what **1)** ..... after we throw it away is causing a big problem for our planet. It's thought that more than five trillion pieces of plastic are in the world's oceans and it can **2)** ..... years for it to break down.

Plastic is in lots of things we use from clothing to crisp **3)** ....., and bottles to buckets. Making things from plastic is popular **4)** ..... there are many different types and it can be made into all sorts of shapes, colours and sizes. Plastics are man-made and can be **5)** ..... from natural materials like coal and oil.

The first synthetic plastic - plastic made **6)** ..... from man-made materials - was created over 100 years ago. It was called Bakelite and was **7)** ..... by Belgian chemist Leo Baekeland in the early 1900s. Many think Bakelite was the start of plastics as we know them today.

People can pretty much do **8)** ..... they want with plastic. It can be coloured or clear, thick or thin, strong or weak. This **9)** ..... a lot of different things can be made from it. If you look around your home or school, you'll find most things have plastic in them, **10)** ..... your pencil case, games consoles, and even clothing.

- Example:**  a) it                      b) them                      c) that                      d) those
1.            a) keeps                      b) attempts                      c) happens                      d) involves
  2.            a) spend                      b) stay                      c) move                      d) take
  3.            a) packets                      b) parcels                      c) cartons                      d) containers
  4.            a) moreover                      b) however                      c) because                      d) among
  5.            a) arranged                      b) produced                      c) recycled                      d) replaced
  6.            a) possibly                      b) exactly                      c) obviously                      d) totally
  7.            a) exchanged                      b) invented                      c) performed                      d) explored
  8.            a) whatever                      b) which                      c) themselves                      d) anybody
  9.            a) offers                      b) informs                      c) means                      d) reminds
  10.            a) rarely                      b) regarding                      c) according to                      d) including



## Reading Task 2

Read the text and answer the questions below. Choose the correct option, a, b, c, or d.

### Ray Kroc and McDonald's Restaurants

Raymond Albert Kroc was a very wealthy businessman when he died in nineteen eighty-four. But he had not always been successful. Ray was born in Illinois, USA, in 1902, to parents who didn't earn a lot of money. He attended school in Oak Park, near Chicago, and achieved good grades. Ray never completed high school, however. He left school at fifteen to become a driver for the Red Cross in World War One. He lied about his age to be accepted, but thankfully the war ended before he could be sent to Europe.

Not long after the war had finished, Ray became a jazz piano player. He played in some famous music bands. He got married when he was twenty. Then he began working for the Lily Tulip Cup, a small but fairly successful company selling paper cups. He kept trying new things, however. He attempted to sell land in the southern state of Florida, but the business failed.

Para. 3

Ray went back to being a salesman for the Lily Tulip Cup Company. He was GAP 1) \_\_\_\_\_ product sales in the central United States. His life improved when he started a small business that sold restaurant equipment. He sold a machine that could mix five milkshakes at the same time. In nineteen fifty-four, he discovered a small restaurant that was using eight of his machines. He went there and found that the owners of the restaurant had a good business selling only hamburgers, French fries and drinks. It was owned by two brothers, Mac and Dick McDonald.

At first, Mr. Kroc saw only the possibility for increasing the sales of his mixers to more restaurants. But then, he realised that food sales could be organized for mass production - almost like a factory. Then he proposed an agreement with the McDonald brothers to start a number of restaurants. Under the agreement, the McDonald brothers would get a percentage of all sales.

Ray Kroc was fifty-two years old when he opened his first two McDonalds restaurants - an age when many people start thinking about retirement. Soon he began to understand that the real money was made selling hamburgers, not the mixers. He quickly sold the mixer company and invested the money in the growing chain of McDonald's restaurants. In nineteen-sixty, Mr. Kroc bought the legal rights to the restaurants from the McDonald brothers. By then, there were more than two hundred restaurants.

Para.6

Fast food restaurants spread quickly in the United States GAP 2) \_\_\_\_\_ of franchising. Franchising means selling the legal right to run a restaurant to an independent business person. Many people want to own a McDonald's restaurant, but only a few are approved by the main business (the parent company), so it's not easy to get a franchise. Each restaurant buys its equipment at low cost from the parent company. The restaurants also give the company about ten percent of the money they earn in sales. Today, about seventy percent of McDonald's restaurants are owned and operated by independent businessmen and women.



Para. 7

Ray GAP 3) \_\_\_\_\_ with three main rules for how McDonald's restaurants were to operate. He demanded that every restaurant offer "quality, service and cleanliness." Nowadays, people lucky enough to get a franchise must complete a programme at a training centre called Hamburger University. They learn how to cook and serve the food, and how to keep the building clean.

In later years, Ray started the Kroc Foundation, a private organisation that gives money to help others. He also opened a number of centres that offer support to families of children who suffer from serious illnesses. They are called Ronald McDonald houses.

Para. 9

Many people praise Ray Kroc for his company's success and good works. But other people are not impressed with the way McDonald's treats young members of staff, and the low salaries it pays them. GAP 4) \_\_\_\_\_, health experts still point out that McDonald's food contains too much fat and salt.

**Example: This text is:**

- a) an advertising leaflet.
- b) a newspaper article.
- c) a letter of complaint.
- d) a short factual text.

**11. Why didn't Ray finish high school?**

- a) Because of the grades he received.
- b) Because he needed to help his parents.
- c) Because he wanted to take part in the war.
- d) Because he was sent to Europe.

**12. Ray did NOT do very well when he worked:**

- a) as a musician.
- b) as a band manager.
- c) selling paper cups.
- d) selling land.

**13. In paragraph 3, the best phrase to complete the gap is:**

- a) in charge
- b) responsible for
- c) known as
- d) willing to

**14. What was the first product Ray's business successfully sold?**

- a) paper cups.
- b) milkshakes.
- c) fast food.
- d) kitchen equipment.



**15. What was the first work Ray did with the McDonald brothers?**

- a) He found a better food factory for their restaurant.
- b) He managed to increase sales in their restaurants.
- c) He sold them some equipment for their restaurant.
- d) He opened a few restaurants just like theirs.

**16. Why did Ray sell the kitchen equipment company?**

- a) He needed the money to buy the first restaurant.
- b) The mixer company was making a loss.
- c) He wanted to make more money in a different business.
- d) He was considering an early retirement.

**17. In paragraph 6, the best word to complete the gap is:**

- a) because
- b) instead
- c) despite
- d) besides

**18. In paragraph 7, the best word to complete the gap is:**

- a) came round
- b) came along
- c) came in
- d) came up

**19. Which of the following is true about McDonald franchises nowadays?**

- a) Most of them are run by women.
- b) All of them are approved by the parent company.
- c) They share the earnings equally with the parent company.
- d) They sometimes buy equipment from the parent company.

**20. Who attends Hamburger University?**

- a) Only the chefs who work at McDonald.
- b) Staff who failed to follow the three rules.
- c) People who are opening a new restaurant.
- d) All employees of McDonald restaurants.

**21. In paragraph 9, the best word to complete the gap is:**

- a) Moreover
- b) Altogether
- c) Otherwise
- d) Therefore



**22. What does the text say about Ray Kroc's work as a businessman?**

- a) There's both good and bad things about it.
- b) His work with young employees was impressive.
- c) He worked very closely with health experts.
- d) He should have done more work to help the poor.



## Reading Task 3

A) Read the three texts and answer the questions below by indicating which text each question relates to: A, B, or C.

### Text A, London Zoo

London Zoo is one of the oldest zoos in England. It was established in 1828 and is one of the oldest zoos in the world. At first, it was only used as a place for scientists where they could work on studies about animals and nature. After some time, in about 1874, London Zoo opened to the public.

London Zoo has the largest collection of different species of animals in the UK. There are over 19,000 animals and hundreds of different species.

During the summer they run 'Zoo Lates', where you can see the animals with just adults around rather than children. If you want to spend longer than a day at London Zoo, then you can also stay over. There're a number of cabins available all year round and you'll get dinner, breakfast, and an after-hours tour of the zoo too.

### Text B, Longleat Safari and Adventure Park

Longleat Safari and Adventure Park was opened in 1966. It stands out as one of the best zoos in England as you can go on safari GAP 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the animals and really get up close. You can feed the animals yourself too.

Longleat is a great activity for a cold or rainy day, as you get to just stay in your car and drive around. Longleat is known as the UK's number one safari park. Last time I tried to go there our car broke down just outside the monkey enclosure. It was awful. We made it out, a few hours later, as staff eventually called for help and our car was removed and taken to a nearby garage. But that won't happen to you – I hope.

Want to see lions, tigers and monkeys from the comfort of your car seat? This is the zoo for you!

### TEXT C, Port Lympne Reserve

I love Port Lympne Reserve, which first opened its doors to visitors in 1976. It's more of a safari experience than a zoo, which makes it feel all the better as a visitor to see the animals in free and natural surroundings.

Port Lympne Reserve aims to give you a GAP 1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the real African safari experience as much as possible with safari jeeps to take you through different areas. The staff are caring, and have a lot of knowledge: they will tell you all about how the Reserve has linked up with wildlife projects in Africa, and how they work together to support each other. But remember, feeding the animals is forbidden. The Port Lympne Reserve has an incredible hotel you can stay at, and a super fancy restaurant too. Not only that, they also offer safari tents and even tree houses, which are a big GAP 2) \_\_\_\_\_ for the younger visitors!



Which text does the following?

<b>Example</b>	Describes a zoo located in London.	A
<b>23.</b>	Says that the zoo is good to visit in any weather.	-----
<b>24.</b>	Praises the people who work at the zoo.	-----
<b>25.</b>	Says that the zoo offers events for grown-ups only.	-----
<b>26.</b>	Includes a description of a visitor's experience.	-----
<b>27.</b>	Describes the oldest of the three zoos.	-----
<b>28.</b>	Describes a zoo with NO accommodation on site.	-----
<b>29.</b>	Says that the zoo offers various types of accommodation.	-----
<b>30.</b>	Describes a zoo which was not open to visitors when it started.	-----

**B) Now answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.**

**31. In Text B, the best option to complete the gap is:**

- a) between
- b) among
- c) without
- d) out of

**32. In Text B, the underlined word 'enclosure' means the same as:**

- a) a place where visitors must meet in an emergency.
- b) a part of the zoo where pictures are often taken.
- c) a section of the park where you can have a picnic.
- d) an area surrounded by fences or walls.

**33. In Text C, the best word to complete the first gap is:**

- a) touch
- b) sound
- c) taste
- d) smell

**34. In Text C, the best word to complete the second gap is:**

- a) happiness
- b) attraction
- c) invention
- d) equipment



# HIPPO 2021

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**Candidate Booklet - Listening**

### **HIPPO 4 – S10**

Preliminary Round

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- Dictionaries are NOT allowed.

**Guide time:** Approx. 20 minutes    **Total marks available:** 22



## Listening Task 1

Listen to the recording and choose the correct option – a, b, or c.

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

**Example: What did Paul do last weekend?**

- a) He went skiing.
- b) He went shopping.
- c) He met his cousin.

**55. What did Paul like best about the shop?**

- a) The customer service.
- b) The low prices.
- c) The choice of products.

**56. What did Paul buy at the shop?**

- a) a pair of gloves
- b) a new rucksack
- c) a pair of boots

**57. Where is the sports shop?**

- a) next to the train station
- b) opposite the park entrance
- c) to the right of the park entrance

**58. When are the friends going to meet?**

- a) on Saturday morning
- b) on Saturday afternoon
- c) on Saturday evening

**59. Eve helped Paul:**

- a) to look after his children.
- b) to prepare for an exam.
- c) to write an essay.

**60. How is Eve going to get to town on Saturday?**

- a) She will take a bus.
- b) She will walk.
- c) She will get a lift.



## Listening Task 2

Listen to the recording and choose the correct option – 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 talk is about:**

- a) how to prepare for your holiday.
- b) Alex's most recent holiday.
- c) activities at a holiday resort.

**61. Alex says that it's going to be sunny again:**

- a) around lunchtime.
- b) in the afternoon.
- c) the following day.

**62. What time does the indoor swimming pool usually open?**

- a) at 10 a.m.
- b) at 11.30 a.m.
- c) at 1 p.m.

**63. At the indoor swimming pool, guests should use the:**

- a) white towels.
- b) blue towels.
- c) yellow towels.

**64. If you want to play tennis, you need to:**

- a) book a tennis court in advance.
- b) speak to one of the instructors.
- c) just go to one of the courts.

**65. Which restaurant is open for all the meals?**

- a) the Italian restaurant
- b) the French restaurant
- c) the Mexican restaurant



66. What day is the Magic Show this week?

- a) on Monday
- b) on Wednesday
- c) on Friday

67. When is the Kids Club available?

- a) every afternoon
- b) for eight hours a day
- c) two afternoons a week

68. Alex says that the trip to swim with the dolphins includes:

- a) lunch and an evening meal.
- b) all three meals.
- c) lunch only.

### Listening Task 3

Listen to the recording and answer the questions below. There are 3 speakers.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice. Speaker 1-A, Speaker 2-B, Speaker 3-C

Which speaker...

<b>Example:</b>	<b>says they liked school a lot?</b>	Speaker	1-A
69.	compares two teachers?	Speaker	-----
70.	regrets not spending enough time studying?	Speaker	-----
71.	describes a stressful experience?	Speaker	-----
72.	talks about their favourite subject?	Speaker	-----
73.	suggests that children spend too long at school?	Speaker	-----
74.	describes a really great teacher?	Speaker	-----
75.	mentions a time they forgot something?	Speaker	-----
76.	blames a teacher for their bad results at school?	Speaker	-----





**IESOL E3/B1 READING hippo 4 ANSWER SHEET – HIPPO Preliminary Round 2021**

**Reading Task 1**

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

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**Reading Task 2**

Question	Answer	Question	Answer
11.	C	17.	A
12.	D	18.	D
13.	B	19.	B
14.	D	20.	C
15.	C	21.	A
16.	C	22.	A

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**Reading Task 3**

Question	Answer
23.	B
24.	B
25.	A
26.	B
27.	A
28.	B
29.	C
30.	A
31.	B
32.	D
33.	C
34.	B

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- 35. C
- 36. B
- 37. C
- 38. A
- 39. A
- 40. C
- 41. B
- 42. B
- 43. C
- 44. C
- 45. A
- 46. B
- 47. C
- 48. A
- 49. C
- 50. C
- 51. B
- 52. A
- 53. B
- 54. C

## **GA IESOL E3/B1 LISTENING ANSWER SHEET – HIPPO Preliminary Round 2020 Task 1**

<b>Question</b>	<b>LISTENING</b>
55.	A
56.	C
57.	B
58.	B
59.	C
60.	C

## **Task 2**

Question	LISTENING
61.	C
62.	A
63.	B
64.	C
65.	B
66.	C
67.	A
68.	C



### Task 3

Question	LISTENING
69.	1
70.	2
71.	3
72.	2
73.	3
74.	1
75.	3
76.	2