



# HIPPO 2024 NATIONAL FINAL ROUND READING TEST

CEFR LEVEL **A1 YL**  
HIPPO CATEGORY **BABY HIPPO**

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.

Answer all the questions.

Use only black or blue PEN.

Dictionaries are not allowed.

Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Time allowed:

Reading 30 minutes

**GATEHOUSE**  
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12<sup>TH</sup>  
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# TASK 1

Choose the correct answer a or b to complete the sentence.

## EXAMPLE

An **astronaut** is somebody who:

- a) flies planes.
- b) goes to space in a rocket.



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A **sweater** is something people wear when:

- a) the weather is cold.
- b) the weather is hot.



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A **dentist** can help:

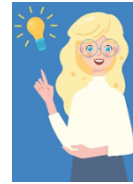
- a) with your teeth.
- b) with your hair.



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If someone is **clever**, they:

- a) don't know many things.
- b) know lots of things.



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**Sleeves** are part of your:

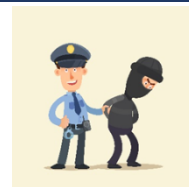
- a) T-shirt.
- b) trousers.



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A **thief** is someone who:

- a) buys things from other people.
- b) steals things from other people.



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If someone is **famous**:

- a) nobody knows them.
- b) many people know them.



## TASK 2

Choose the correct answer a, b or c to complete the sentences.



### THE DAD SAYS:

#### EXAMPLE

It's cold outside – wear some warm .....**a**....

a) socks      b) shorts      c) glasses

**7** Look at your new bike! You need to learn to ..... it.

a) walk      b) ride      c) play

**8** You need to wear a ..... to keep you safe.

a) hat      b) glove      c) helmet

**9** You have to stop ..... the road. It's dangerous.

a) after      b) before      c) between

### THE CHILD SAYS:

**10** I want to go ..... and try my new bike.

a) outside      b) under      c) inside

**11** ..... for helping me today, dad.

a) Excuse me      b) Sorry      c) Thanks

**12** Can I have some orange juice, please? I'm .....

a) hungry      b) thirsty      c) awake



## TASK 3

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

### EXAMPLES



**Ella:** Can Ben come to our house tomorrow?

- Mum:** a) Yes, he is.  
b) Yes, he can.  
c) Yes, you can.

**Ella:** What time can he come?

- Mum:** a) How about 10 o'clock?  
b) No, he can't.  
c) To our house.

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**Woman:** What can I get you?

- Boy:** a) I really like chocolate cake.  
b) A ham sandwich, please.  
c) Just three, please.

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**Woman:** Would you like a drink as well?

- Boy:** a) I don't have a drink.  
b) Yes, I will.  
c) I'll have some milk.



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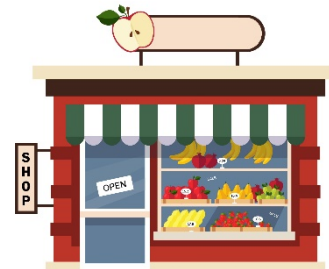
**Woman:** Excuse me, is there a shop near here?

- Man:** a) It's very big.  
b) It's opposite the library.  
c) He isn't here.

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**Woman:** Does it sell toys?

- Man:** a) I don't think so.  
b) It doesn't look good.  
c) I can't buy it.



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**Lucy:** Wow, Ben, is that your new camera?

- Ben:** a) Yes, it has.  
b) No, I don't want it.  
c) It's nice, isn't it?

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**Lucy:** Can I borrow it?

- Ben:** a) Yes, but be careful.  
b) Yes, she can.  
c) I took some pictures.



## TASK 4

Read the story and choose a, b or c to complete it.



Last weekend, me and my family went to the beach. We had lots of fun swimming in the ..... **b** ..

I wanted to build a **19** ..... from the sand, but I couldn't do it with just my hands. I asked my mum to bring my new **20** ..... – perfect for building on the beach! We also had to bring our **21** ..... to see better because there were no clouds in the sky that day.

When we arrived at the beach, my dad wanted to play tennis, but we didn't have a net. We decided to fly **22** ..... and I even made a new friend. In the afternoon, me and my sister walked along the beach to look for **23** ....., all different shapes and sizes. After a long day of playing, I felt **24** ..... and I fell asleep in the car. It was a great trip and we took many pictures.

### EXAMPLE

a) sand

b) sea

c) mountain

**19** a) shell

b) kite

c) sandcastle

**20** a) bucket and kite

b) bucket and spade

c) toys

**21** a) sunglasses

b) glasses

c) binocular

**22** a) cards

b) kites

c) shells

**23** a) shells

b) kites

c) spades

**24** a) sad

b) brilliant

c) tired



## TASK 5

Read the story and choose a, b or c to complete it.



I love my geography lessons because the teacher ..a..... very nice. The classroom is **25** ..... to Miss Smith's room. She teaches us history on Tuesdays, but I enjoy geography **26** ..... than reading about kings and castles.

Last week in geography, we **27** ..... all about France. Mr. Blanc, our geography teacher, **28** ..... from this country.

There is a big map in the classroom, and he showed us **29** ..... France was on the map. Mr Blanc told us about some of the interesting places in France, but he said that **30** ..... favourite place was Paris. I hope I can visit it one day!

**EXAMPLE**

a) is

b) are

c) am

**25** a) behind

b) above

c) next

**26** a) most

b) more

c) many

**27** a) learn

b) learning

c) learned

**28** a) has

b) comes

c) lives

**29** a) where

b) when

c) what

**30** a) him

b) their

c) his



# HIPPO 2024

## National Finals

### Baby HIPPO Test V2

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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#### 1. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d to complete the sentences.

- 1) Where do crocodiles come \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) of                                      b) from                                      c) at                                      d) on
- 2) My school is \_\_\_\_\_ to the library.  
a) by                                      b) opposite                                      c) next                                      d) over
- 3) My teacher lives 10 kilometres \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) from                                      b) on                                      c) way                                      d) away
- 4) I want to go \_\_\_\_\_ the gym.  
a) at                                      b) in                                      c) into                                      d) to
- 5) My sister is \_\_\_\_\_ than me.  
a) taller                                      b) tallest                                      c) tall                                      d) more tall
- 6) I \_\_\_\_\_ like computer games.  
a) doesn't                                      b) does                                      c) don't                                      d) am not
- 7) What \_\_\_\_\_ this mean?  
a) does                                      b) do                                      c) are                                      d) is
- 8) How \_\_\_\_\_ going to the disco tonight?  
a) about                                      b) around                                      c) away                                      d) under
- 9) He \_\_\_\_\_ to win the game.  
a) has                                      b) is                                      c) got                                      d) must
- 10) I don't have any \_\_\_\_\_ for tomorrow.  
a) subject                                      b) class                                      c) homework                                      d) object
- 11) Can you \_\_\_\_\_ to 10?  
a) play                                      b) draw                                      c) listen                                      d) count
- 12) I don't want a \_\_\_\_\_, I don't like sweets.  
a) piazza                                      b) cornflakes                                      c) dessert                                      d) picnic
- 13) You need a \_\_\_\_\_ to take the train.  
a) fare                                      b) map                                      c) stop                                      d) ticket
- 14) My grandma \_\_\_\_\_ flowers.  
a) puts                                      b) gloves                                      c) makes                                      d) grows
- 15) There's a bird \_\_\_\_\_ on the balcony.  
a) baby                                      b) nest                                      c) eggs                                      d) home

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- 16) Dolphins live in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) sea                      b) jungle                      c) forest                      d) wild
- 17) When something is funny, you \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) turn                      b) wave                      c) touch                      d) laugh
- 18) \_\_\_\_\_ does your uncle live?
- a) Who                      b) When                      c) Where                      d) What
- 19) I really like \_\_\_\_\_ books.
- a) to reading                      b) riding                      c) reading                      d) read
- 20) I \_\_\_\_\_ very hungry. I will eat later.
- a) am                      b) am not                      c) don't                      d) be
- 21) My father \_\_\_\_\_ in a hospital.
- a) don't work                      b) work not                      c) doesn't works                      d) doesn't work
- 22) \_\_\_\_\_ shirt do you want? Blue or red?
- a) What                      b) Which                      c) Why                      d) Whose
- 23) Who \_\_\_\_\_ men in the car?
- a) is that                      b) are those                      c) are this                      d) is this
- 24) Would you \_\_\_\_\_ to play football tomorrow?
- a) like                      b) love                      c) enjoy                      d) wish
- 25) A person that has \_\_\_\_\_ money is rich.
- a) a lot                      b) lots of                      c) a lots of                      d) much
- 26) Marina \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
- a) don't go                      b) are                      c) doesn't                      d) isn't
- 27) Where \_\_\_\_\_ she last night?
- a) are                      b) were                      c) was                      d) do
- 28) Jim is \_\_\_\_\_, he never does anything.
- a) special                      b) lazy                      c) lovely                      d) loud
- 29) \_\_\_\_\_ you hungry?
- a) Do                      b) Are                      c) Can                      d) Was
- 30) Is this pen \_\_\_\_\_?
- a) me                      b) my                      c) yours                      d) him