



HIPPO 2024 NATIONAL FINAL ROUND READING TEST

CEFR LEVEL **A2 YL**
HIPPO CATEGORY **HIPPO 1**

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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

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TASK 1

Choose the correct answer a, b or c 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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A **beetle** is an animal that is:

- a) much smaller than a cat.
- b) as big as a dog.

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If you **burn** a pancake,:

- a) it will taste horrible.
- b) it will look great.

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When your room is **messy**,:

- a) someone has cleaned it.
- b) it is difficult to find your stuff.

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If something **disappears**,:

- a) you cannot see it.
- b) you shouldn't look at it.

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Every student has a **timetable** so that:

- a) they know how to find the classroom.
- b) they know which classes they have.

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When something happens **suddenly**:

- a) it happens all the time.
- b) it is a complete surprise.

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A **meal** is something:

- a) people usually have three times a day.
- b) people usually have on the weekend.

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If you **prefer** crisps to chocolate,:

- a) you like crisps more.
- b) you like chocolate more.



TASK 2

Choose the correct answer 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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If you have an accident, you need to call an

- a) ambulance b) aeroplane c) office

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Lucy my bike, so I can't use it anymore.

- a) designed b) damaged c) rode

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He needs a new to brush his hair with.

- a) comb b) glove c) stick

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Yesterday, it was outside - I couldn't see anything.

- a) windy b) rainy c) foggy

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I prepared well for the and won the main prize.

- a) competition b) festival c) concert

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I have been going to this school September.

- a) since b) yet c) just

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You need to walk the bridge to get there.

- a) through b) over c) nearby

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To stay safe while, you have to be sitting.

- a) skiing b) snowboarding c) sledging



TASK 3

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

SAM AND LUKE

EXAMPLE

Sam: Hi Luke, how are you?

Luke: a) I'm good, thanks!
b) I'm here.
c) I like it.

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Sam: Did you go to basketball practice on Tuesday?

Luke: a) I wanted to look.
b) I was there with Paul.
c) I didn't go that way.

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Sam: Is the next match on Saturday?

Luke: a) It's too late now.
b) It's played like this.
c) It's at 3pm, I think.

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Sam: I'm quite excited that we might win.

Luke: a) So am I.
b) He might do.
c) Aren't we?

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Sam: Do we have to bring any food or money?

Luke: a) I think there is.
b) My mum is making sandwiches.
c) We can spend some money.



LUCY AND JULIE

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Lucy: What did you do during the holidays?

Julie:

- a) I didn't want to do it.
- b) I can go shopping.
- c) I went to the seaside.

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Lucy: Did you visit any interesting places?

Julie:

- a) Yes, I saw the new aquarium.
- b) Yes, he came with me.
- c) No, I didn't make any.

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Lucy: Did you try any new activities during your holiday?

Julie:

- a) I would like to do it soon.
- b) I tried surfing, but didn't enjoy it.
- c) I'm trying to go tomorrow.

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Lucy: When did you return home?

Julie:

- a) Not long ago, on Monday.
- b) Next weekend is good.
- c) It was too far to go.



TASK 4

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

I hope you are **EXAMPLE** ... **c**... and enjoying your new house. I miss you a lot and I **25** you were here. How is **26** new school? Have you **27** any new friends yet?

I wanted to tell you about my new hobby. You know that I **28** play football last year because I hurt my leg. My teacher said they would like me to join the team again, **29** I don't enjoy it anymore.

In the summer, my grandad showed me **30** to plant fruit trees and take care of them. The fresh fruit from the trees was so delicious, I decided to start gardening instead **31** playing football in my free time.

When you come visit me next year, maybe I can bake you a fruit pie. You like cherries, **32** you?

Take care,

Harry

EXAMPLE

a) good b) bad c) well

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a) wish b) wished c) wishing

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a) yours b) a c) the

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a) forgotten b) decided c) made

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a) hadn't b) couldn't c) mustn't

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a) so b) if c) but

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a) how b) what c) which

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a) at b) of c) in

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a) don't b) can't c) won't



TASK 5

Read the story and complete the sentences. Write one word per sentence.

A day out in town

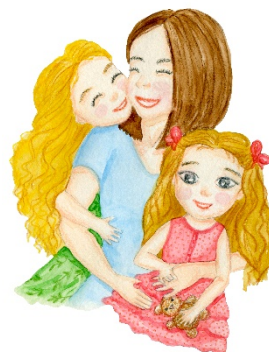
My name is Emma, and it was my mum's birthday this week. It was on Wednesday, but she wanted to celebrate with me and my little sister, Alice. So, we decided to go and do something fun in town on Saturday, as we didn't have to go to school.

First, my mum took us to a beauty salon, where we got our nails painted. It was enormous and very busy. Luckily, my mum's best friend works there, so she painted our nails for free – it cost nothing! I wanted the dark blue colour and Alice wanted purple, but they didn't have any blue left. So, I chose the green one instead.

After this, we went to a very nice café for lunch. I told the waiter it was my mum's birthday, and they made her a special sandwich with all her favourite things – ham, cheese, lettuce, and tomato. She let me have a pizza with ham and mushrooms, and I shared it with Alice.

When we finished eating, we decided to go shopping for some new dresses – one for each of us. My mum bought a beautiful, long red dress. I picked the short yellow one. Alice didn't like any of the dresses, so in the end, she decided on a skirt and a T-shirt with flowers on it.

Before going back home, me and Alice went to the bakery in secret. We got a cream cake and some candles for mum, and two chocolate cookies for me and Alice. When we showed it to my mum, she was so happy about the surprise. She said it was the best birthday she had ever had!



EXAMPLE

Alice is Emma's ...**a**...

- a) sister b) niece) c) mum

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Emma's mum's birthday was

- a) last month b) this month c) two months ago

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The nail painting was

- a) expensive b) cheap c) free

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Emma decided on the colour for her nails.

- a) green b) purple c) blue

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The sisters had a for their lunch.

- a) pizza b) sandwich c) ham and cheese

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For the third activity, they went shopping for.....

- a) food b) clothes c) groceries

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Emma's sister bought a and a T-shirt.

- a) dress b) jeans c) skirt

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The girls bought a cake and for their mum.

- a) chocolate cookies b) cupcakes c) candles

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When she received the cake, Emma's mum felt

- a) sad b) happy c) disappointed



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1. Who is your favourite fictional character? (Write about 40 words.)

2. Write letters in the gaps to form the correct word.

- 1) My mother is a great _____. She makes the best food for me.
- 2) I am not very _u _c_, I can't sing or play any instruments.
- 3) Cars usually have four _e_, and scooters have two or three.
- 4) _____ computers are much more convenient than desktop ones because they are portable.
- 5) If something is _d _b_ it means that you can eat it.
- 6) My mother's brother is my _n_____.
- 7) My grandparents use a wood _t _e_ for heating. It's always nice and warm in their living room.
- 8) Where is the _a _u _ cleaner? I want to clean up my room.
- 9) You could say that _a _ is a national dish of Italy, rather than pizza.
- 10) Juliette finds it difficult to express her _ee _____, she seems unemotional.
- 11) Steven was often naughty and got in _r _b _ at school.
- 12) We work hard to preserve _s _r _ buildings.

3. Decide if the sentences are correct or incorrect. Write C next to the correct ones and correct the incorrect ones.

- 13) My little niece really likes to read children books.

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14) Who's name is Petra?

15) What do you want? The blue one or the green one?

16) My father drinks lots of coffee, but today he is having tea.

17) White House is the official home of the president of the USA.

18) I got up early, went to school and when I came back, I went to the cinema at the evening.

19) I thought the film was really well and enjoyable.

20) Can I have some water with my meal, please?

21) Don't eat those oranges, they are their.

22) My neighbour Tom has fewer sheep than me.

4. Use the correct verb of the form in brackets to complete the sentences.

23) I can't stand loud people. My father _____ (always /shout).

24) She _____ (be) shopping. Do you know what she bought?

25) On our holiday last summer, we _____ (go) to the beach almost every day.

26) Who _____ (see) on your way to school yesterday?

27) Who _____ (play) the guitar in your band?

28) Shakespeare _____ (write) a lot of sonnets.

29) If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (go) to that camp.

30) My brother _____ (see) that girl from our neighbourhood.