



# HIPPO 2024 NATIONAL FINAL ROUND READING TEST

CEFR LEVEL **A2**  
HIPPO CATEGORY **HIPPO 2-S1**

Candidate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

## 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



## Reading Task 1

Read the sentences. Circle 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. I will call you later and we can have a \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone.  
a) chat                      b) prize                      c) break
2. I have already made some food, so you don't need to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) complete                      b) bother                      c) know
3. Jack should do it \_\_\_\_\_ so he will learn.  
a) yourself                      b) myself                      c) himself
4. I watched the car drive down the street until it went \_\_\_\_\_ the building.  
a) against                      b) behind                      c) after
5. That train has \_\_\_\_\_ London.  
a) gone out                      b) got back                      c) come from
6. There were \_\_\_\_\_ coins on the ground, I'm not sure how many exactly.  
a) most                      b) another                      c) several
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ go to Luigi's Pizza House because it's the best one in town.  
a) usually                      b) anyway                      c) exactly
8. What a \_\_\_\_\_ surprise. It's such great news.  
a) brilliant                      b) careful                      c) comfortable
9. Can we have your \_\_\_\_\_, please? We need to check who you are.  
a) advertisement                      b) temperature                      c) identification
10. You don't look well, you \_\_\_\_\_ see the doctor.  
a) may                      b) must                      c) could

(10 marks)

## Reading Task 2

### PART A

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

To: [harry123@email.com](mailto:harry123@email.com)

Subject: Exams and college.

Hi Harry,

Thanks for inviting me to your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party, it was amazing. Remember, mine is in two weeks' time, on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and you must come. There is no need to buy me a present. It's a football party, so just bring your trainers.

I've been working hard for my exams. I am sure that physics and maths will be easy, so most of my time is spent on English and geography, as they are much more difficult. Art and design just involves 6 hours of making something, so I can't study for that. Sport doesn't have an exam, so I have already passed that!

I have started looking at where I am going next year. My brother says that college is not like normal high school. He started last week, and he says nobody makes you do any work. It's your choice. He thinks it works really well.

However, my teachers say where I go depends on what results I get in my exams. If I do well, they say I should go to All Saints Sixth Form School. But I haven't decided.

What are you doing at the weekend? I have some relatives coming to stay, but I could see you late on Saturday afternoon. We could go to the cinema or into town to get a pizza. What do you think?

Do you know that when we are both 16, we can go on holiday without our parents! I have talked to my mum and she liked the idea, so long as we go somewhere safe, so she doesn't want me to go to a big city. She said she can pay for it. I think we should go to a Scottish island. We could get a boat there. Do you think Dave or Steve will want to go?

It will be great to get back to school next week. I imagine we will be working hard. But once the exams are finished, we will be free to do anything we want!

I've got to go now. Take care!

Jack

Example: Jack is writing to

- a) his parent.
- b) his friend.
- c) his teacher.

11. How old is Jack?

- a) 14
- b) 15
- c) 16

12. What does Jack want for his birthday from Harry?

- a) some trainers
- b) a football
- c) nothing

13. Jack has to study the most for

- a) sport and art and design.
- b) English and geography.
- c) maths and physics.

14. Jack's brother says that the college

- a) is very different to school.
- b) requires a lot of studying.
- c) is difficult to travel to.

15. Jack's teachers believe

- a) that Jack won't pass his exams.
- b) he could go to All Saints Sixth Form.
- c) he should quickly decide where to go.

16. What are Jack and Harry doing together at the weekend?

- a) Nothing, because Jack has visitors.
- b) They are going to a restaurant.
- c) They haven't decided yet.

17. What does Jack's mum think about his holiday with friends?

- a) It's too expensive.
- b) They shouldn't go.
- c) She's happy for him to go.

18. Which best describes Jack's feelings about going back to school?

- a) He wants to get back to school.
- b) He is nervous about it.
- c) He will only be happy if Harry is there.

(8 marks)

**Part B**

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

Hi Jack!

Thanks (**example**)\_\_\_\_\_ your email. I've **19)**\_\_\_\_\_ bought you a present, so I will have to give it you. I will definitely be at the party, so you can have it then.

The island holiday is a brilliant idea, and I'm sure Dave will be interested. I don't know about Steve though. I think he gets sick on boats, so he **20)**\_\_\_\_\_ not want to come. I can email them, or you can do it. Or we can ask them at school. I think they should be able to pay for it. They both have weekend **21)**\_\_\_\_\_ at the supermarket.

I'm not **22)**\_\_\_\_\_ about the weekend as I have to do something with my family. I will have to ask my dad if I can go into town on Saturday.

The college sounds interesting. It could be **23)**\_\_\_\_\_ good or bad. It depends on how much you can make yourself work. I know I would be terrible and not do anything. I think I would **24)**\_\_\_\_\_ to go to All Saints Sixth Form School, so the teachers still tell me what to do!

I am mostly going to study English before the exams. I am fine at maths and science, but writing is hard. I know it's easy to leave it until the night before, so I have had to follow a study **25)**\_\_\_\_\_ for weeks. I have done lots of work and I am ready for the exams. In the practice exams, I didn't do enough work and they were really hard. I won't let that happen **26)**\_\_\_\_\_ .

Your friend,  
Harry

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| <b>Example:</b> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> a) for | b) to     | c) from        |
| <b>19.</b>      | a) already                              | b) soon   | c) never       |
| <b>20.</b>      | a) might                                | b) need   | c) should      |
| <b>21.</b>      | a) money                                | b) jobs   | c) pay         |
| <b>22.</b>      | a) sure                                 | b) sorry  | c) upset       |
| <b>23.</b>      | a) probably                             | b) enough | c) really      |
| <b>24.</b>      | a) take                                 | b) hate   | c) prefer      |
| <b>25.</b>      | a) hobby                                | b) plan   | c) competition |
| <b>26.</b>      | a) early                                | b) again  | c) instead     |

(8 marks)

### Reading Task 3

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

#### Text A

#### Text B

Text A	Text B
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Push Yourself High Energy Sports Centre and Gym</b></p> <p>We will make you fit! Just opened in January this year, we have all the latest gym equipment.</p> <p>We have over 20 sports available (including football, karate, hockey), are open 7 days a week and our gym never closes. Every member has a code to enter the gym at any time of the day.</p> <p>Membership is for over 18s only because we are serious about getting you fit. The price is just £50 per month.</p> <p>Here's what one of our members said: <i>I love it. The coaches are excellent. They make you work really hard. I am getting faster and healthier every day. Dave, 27</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Don't wait, join today!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Newtown Community Sports Centre</b></p> <p>Want to get healthy in a fun and relaxed atmosphere? Come to Newtown Community Sports Centre. Open since 2000, we are the most popular centre in Newtown. We're open Monday to Saturday, 8 till 6.</p> <p>Choose any of our sports: we offer football, badminton, hockey, tennis, climbing, and a gym. We also have a swimming pool (closes half an hour before the centre).</p> <p>We have introduction classes for the under 10s, where parents can watch to make sure everyone is happy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 month membership - £45</li> <li>• 6 months membership - £40 per month</li> <li>• 12 months membership - £35 per month</li> </ul> <p>In addition to your membership, you can book classes with a personal trainer who will work with you on your own.</p>

Text C

**Oldtown Sports Centre**

No membership - just come along.

	Levels	Weekdays Daytime 8 am- 5 pm	Weekdays Evenings 5 pm -10 pm	Weekends 9am - 6 pm	Extra information
<b>5-a-side football</b>	All levels. Also over 50s walking football	✓	✓	✓	£5 per player per game!
<b>Indoor fit classes</b>	Beginners to advanced	✗	✓	✓	Must book in advance.
<b>Dance (Zumba)</b>	All levels	✗	✓	✗	-
<b>Skateboard zone</b>	Over 14s only.	✗	✗	✓	Open 10am to 4 pm.

Which sports centre

Text

- Example:** has a gym open 24 hours a day? A
27. has a special sports class for older adults? \_\_\_\_\_
28. offers private training sessions? \_\_\_\_\_
29. has the highest membership cost? \_\_\_\_\_
30. is only open to adults? \_\_\_\_\_
31. offers the largest variety of sports? \_\_\_\_\_
32. has classes for younger children? \_\_\_\_\_
33. is said to have good staff? \_\_\_\_\_
34. has an area that is only open on weekends? \_\_\_\_\_

(8 marks)

**END OF READING ASSESSMENT**

# HIPPO 2024

## National Finals

### HIPPO 2-S1 Writing Test V2

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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1. Write about the things you like to share with friends. (Write about 60 words.)

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

- 1) We work hard to preserve \_ \_ s \_ \_ r \_ \_ buildings.
- 2) This behaviour is \_ o \_ \_ o \_ to both domestic and wild dogs.
- 3) Fred's \_ n \_ e \_ hurt after skiing all day.
- 4) I don't want to seem \_ \_ d \_ , but I'd rather be alone.
- 5) I'd love to meet that girl, but I am too shy to introduce \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ .
- 6) After a few days here you \_ a \_ d \_ \_ notice the rain.
- 7) I like the \_ a \_ t \_ \_ \_ of your carpet.
- 8) M \_ \_ e \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ may hold clues about the origin of life even though they come from outer space.
- 9) The company publishes a wide \_ e \_ e \_ \_ \_ o \_ of books.
- 10) `Be careful! ` she said in a(n) \_ h \_ \_ \_ e \_ , so that nobody would hear.

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

11) I found a small, unusual, white ball in the park.

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12) My neighbour Tom has fewer sheep than me.

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13) Are you hungry? Would you like something to eat? Perhaps a sandwich?

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14) Yes, I will have a sandwich and a glass of water, please.

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15) There were less people than I expected.

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16) It's a small business, so each person is doing lots of different jobs.

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17) The Nile River is approximately 4,100 miles long and was thought to be the longest river.

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18) Lots of people get pleasure from just watching sport from their armchairs.

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19) He is using his sister's bass until he gets a new one.

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20) My grandma stopped working three years ago and now she is getting a pension.

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

21) When I saw her, she \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a beautiful red dress.

22) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that girl from our neighbourhood.

23) I really don't see what he \_\_\_\_\_ (see) in her.

24) They didn't play as well as they usually \_\_\_\_\_ (do).

25) We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party on Friday. Would you like to come?

26) I don't really know why \_\_\_\_\_ (he/look) so sad.

27) When I graduate I \_\_\_\_\_ (join) the Clown Without Borders organisation.

28) Gina \_\_\_\_\_ (always leave) things around the flat. You must tell her not to do that.

29) Yikes! What \_\_\_\_\_ (smell) so bad?

30) Do you need help? I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) that bag for you.

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