



HIPPO 2024 NATIONAL FINAL ROUND READING TEST

CEFR LEVEL **A1 YL**
HIPPO CATEGORY **LITTLE 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

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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:

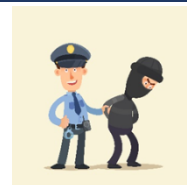
- a) T-shirt.
- b) trousers.



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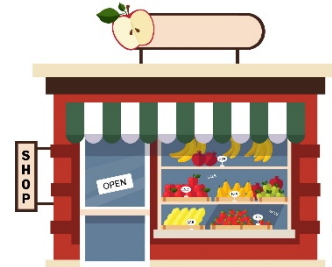
Woman: Excuse me, is there a shop near here?

- 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!

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| 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 |



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

- 1) When I go to Italy for Hippo Finals with my _e _ _ h _ _ , we will eat pizza every day.
- 2) If I win there, I will be _x _r _m _ _ _ happy.
- 3) When I finished school last year, my parents bought me a new _ _ cy _ _ _ because the old one had really small wheels.
- 4) Russia is the _ _ g _ _ s _ country in the world.
- 5) My favourite colour is _ _ _ p _ _ , but my sister's is orange.
- 6) How m _ _ _ posters are there on the walls?
- 7) Let's play this board _ _ _ _ . I will get dice and counters.
- 8) Where did you buy that _ k _ _ _ ? It goes well with your jacket.
- 9) I hope it was not too _ _ p _ _ s _ _ . We still need to buy you a pair of shoes.
- 10) My dog runs so _ _ o _ _ _ . Even my little brother is faster than it.
- 11) Oh no! Look at the _ l _ _ _ _ . It is going to rain.
- 12) My _ r _ n _ _ a _ e _ _ _ are really fit and healthy even though they are very old.

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

13) Who's name is Petra?

14) Who lives in that house across the road?

15) What time does the shop open?

16) I didn't do anything special yesterday at 7pm.

17) I haven't seen my uncle for a long time.

18) My mother often makes pasta for dinner, but tonight she is making pizza.

19) Its cold outside and you will freeze if you don't wear warm clothes.

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20) Video games characters are usually fictional.

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

22) My sister is four years younger then me.

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

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

24) She _____ (turn) 14 this July.

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

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

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

28) What time _____ (you/leave) tomorrow?

29) When _____ (John/buy) that car? It looks new.

30) When you _____ (finish) your dinner, we will go for a walk.