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ENGLISHWITHOUTBORDERS

HIPPO THE CONTEST

NATIONAL FINAL ROUND READING TEST

CEFR LEVEL A2 YL
HIPPO CATEGORY HIPPO 1

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

13th
Edition

TASK 1

Choose the correct answer a or b 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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You can wear a pair of **pyjamas** when:

- a) you visit a customer.
- b) you go to sleep.

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If you do the **washing up**, you will:

- a) have some clean dishes.
- b) have some clean clothes.

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When your rucksack goes **missing**, you could:

- a) go to the police station.
- b) look for it at the post office.

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If someone **damages** your violin, you need to:

- a) find someone to repair it.
- b) lend it to someone else.

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Once you **agree** with someone, you:

- a) have a different opinion to them.
- b) have the same opinion as them.

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If you get up **early**, you will:

- a) have more time during the day.
- b) not have enough time for breakfast.

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A **secret** is something:

- a) people will let you know about.
- b) people can't tell you about.

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If you borrow a **key**,:

- a) you can repair the door.
- b) you can open the door.



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 ab..... .

- a) doctor b) farmer c) teacher

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You can add some to a bowl of yoghurt.

- a) flour b) cereals c) chopsticks

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If you want to talk to someone at the library, you should

- a) whisper b) decide c) prefer

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Luke buys several types of to feed the birds.

- a) ovens b) spoons c) insects

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He was for the class and missed the quiz.

- a) pleased b) ready c) late

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Lisa is thinking about becoming a chemist in the

- a) past b) future c) traffic

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You can use glue to put the stamp on the

- a) envelope b) magazine c) calendar

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Does put their medicine in the fridge?

- a) anything b) anyone c) anywhere

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She has been looking after the baby January.

- a) since b) until c) without



TASK 3

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

DAVID AND JAKE

EXAMPLE

DAVID: Hi Jake, how are you?

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

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David: Did you go to your skiing lesson last weekend?

Jake: a) I enjoy spending time in the mountains.
b) I forgot to bring my snowboard.
c) I practised for 2 hours.

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David: When is your next skiing race?

Jake: a) I'd like to take part in the race.
b) It's taking place next Sunday.
c) It usually lasts about ten minutes.

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David: So, are you looking forward to it?

Jake: a) My parents are coming to watch.
b) It is going to be a lot of fun, yes!
c) I'm looking at next week, maybe.

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David: Are you going to have good weather on the day?

Jake: a) Someone said it's going to be foggy.
b) There was a storm coming.
c) I will bring the jumper with me.



RUBY AND EMMA

- 21** **Ruby:** Shall we visit the art museum next?
Emma: a) That's a good idea, let's go!
b) I don't have any books about art.
c) The museum is very popular with tourists.

- 22** **Ruby:** Do you think we should join the guided tour of the museum?
Emma: a) I enjoy reading tour guides at home.
b) The tour guide looks very friendly.
c) I prefer looking at things by myself.

- 23** **Ruby:** What do you think of this painting of the castle?
Emma: a) This artist lives in our city.
b) The colours are very dark.
c) It's next to the door to the next room.

- 24** **Ruby:** What did you enjoy the most about our day?
Emma: a) Maybe we could get some coffee next.
b) My favourite place to eat is the Italian café.
c) The walk around the city was really great!



TASK 4

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

I went to the cinema with **EXAMPLE** ...a... best friends, Tom and Lucy. The cinema was very busy today because it's the first day of a new superhero film. Our seats were **25** each other in row F, which was better than sitting separately.

We **26** to watch the superhero film because it sounded **27** exciting than the comedy that was showing. Before the movie started, Tom went to the snack counter **28** some popcorn and drinks. We didn't know **29** time the film began, so we asked the girl at the desk.

The film was amazing! Lucy said it was **30** favourite movie this year. **31** the film ended, we all went to the food court for pizza. I think our next cinema trip will be even better **32** my sister wants to join us, and she always has great ideas for which films to watch.

EXAMPLE

a) my

b) our

c) their

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a) next to

b) behind

c) under

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a) decide

b) deciding

c) decided

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a) more

b) most

c) many

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a) bought

b) to buy

c) buying

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a) when

b) what

c) which

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a) its

b) his

c) her

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a) If

b) After

c) But

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a) until

b) before

c) because



TASK 5

Read the story and choose a, b or c to answer the questions.

A School Music Show

My name is Jack, and last month our class did a music show at school. We worked on it for six weeks, and I was really nervous about performing in front of everyone. It was the biggest show of the year, and all the parents were going to come. My mum was super excited about it!

Our music teacher, Mr. Roberts, came to all our practice sessions. He showed me how to play the hard parts on my violin, and slowly I became better with music. Some of my friends played guitars, and Sarah was amazing on the piano. We practised every Tuesday after school in the hall, and Mr. Roberts was so helpful! At first, we made lots of mistakes, but after a few weeks, we started to sound much better.

On the evening of the show, the hall was full of parents and teachers. My mum helped me choose a smart black shirt to wear, and she took lots of pictures before we started. Everyone felt excited about playing our songs. My hands were shaking a bit, but Mr. Roberts told us to take deep breaths and remember all our practice.

When we started our first song, I could see my little brother in the audience. We played all the songs well, and everyone clapped loudly when we finished. Mr. Roberts was smiling all the time—he looked proud of us. My dad recorded everything on his phone, and my sister waved at me from the front row.

After the show, we enjoyed drinks and biscuits in the cafeteria. The headteacher gave everyone a certificate and said we were talented musicians. My grandmother brought me flowers, which made me feel special. Even my brother said I was brilliant—he normally thinks I'm quite annoying. It was the best evening of the year!



EXAMPLE

Jack was in a**a**.... show.

- a) music b) TV c) science

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At the beginning, Jack felt about the show.

- a) a bit shy b) very nervous c) a bit nervous

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Jack played the during the show.

- a) violin b) guitars c) piano

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Jack's music teacher was during preparation.

- a) unhelpful b) absent c) helpful

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Jack wore a for the show.

- a) T-shirt b) black tie c) shirt

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After the songs, their teacher felt

- a) proud b) relieved c) nervous

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At the end, all the students received a from the school.

- a) biscuit b) flower c) certificate

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The flowers made Jack feel

- a) special b) brilliant c) annoying

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Jack's brother said he was during the show.

- a) annoying b) special c) brilliant





END OF READING ASSESSMENT

REMEMBER TO TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS
ONTO THE ANSWER SHEET!

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HIPPO 1 Writing Test V1

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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1. Who is the funniest person you know and why? (Write about 40 words.)

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (positive, interrogative or negative) to complete the sentences.

- 1) When he was young, he _____ (play) any musical instruments because he is tone-deaf.
- 2) 'What _____ (smell) so nice?' 'It must be the pumpkin pie.'
- 3) What _____ (you/do) when you graduate?
- 4) _____ (Tom/drink) too much chocolate milk? He is feeling sick.
- 5) 'Whose sister _____ (go) to the gym with my son every Wednesday?
- 6) Usually we grow lettuce, but this year we _____ (grow) cabbage.
- 7) It _____ (rain) at that moment so we cancelled the picnic.
- 8) Do you remember the zoo where we _____ (see) tigers?
- 9) I think I know this girl. I think I _____ (see) her before.
- 10) When I visited the town, it _____ (lie) in ruins after the earthquake.

3. Write the correct word to complete the sentences, for example, c h i c k e n.

- 11) I hate storms, I'm scared of _ _ u _ d _ _ !
- 12) Teacher told us to bring dry _ ea _ _ s for our arts class tomorrow. It is for our autumn exhibition.
- 13) Matt likes to sit on the porch _ w _ _ and watch the neighbours.
- 14) Don't trust her - she's _ _ _ ng.
- 15) We need a(n) _ e _ s _ _ _ n to measure salt for this recipe.
- 16) The children played a game of cops and _ o _ b _ _ s.
- 17) I don't like to take _ _ s _ _ ; I like to play safe.

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- 18) I can't wait for it to snow so I can go _ l _ _ g _ _ _ .
- 19) My brother _ _ _ _ his leg in a football match the other day.
- 20) Your little sister is very _ _ _ g _ _ y. She broke my pencils yesterday.

4. Decide if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- 21) I told the children to put off their toys and games. _____
- 22) I bent down and picked up the coins laying on the road. _____
- 23) Bend your knees and keep your backs straight when lifting heavy objects. _____
- 24) My sister is always taking my candies. _____
- 25) "I've never been to the States." "I haven't either." _____
- 26) Less than 3,500 tigers are left in the wild today. _____
- 27) She is so smart; talent like hers is rare in someone so young. _____
- 28) The office is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM–5 PM. _____
- 29) What other types of music do you like beside classical? _____
- 30) I am beginning to get bored with eating salad. _____