HIPPO TheContest2027

CAYA ACADEMY

THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION

More than an English competition

CEFR COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK

GATEHOUSE AWARDS



108,811
Students in 2026

76
Countries

Ages
6 - 19
Primary & Secondary

Aligned with CEFR
Internationally recognised and Ofqual UK regulated English qualifications



Reading ⭐ Writing ⭐ Listening ⭐ Speaking ⭐ Use of English

Preliminary
2 - 4 Apr 2027
Online at home, or in person at school

National Finals
8 May 2027
Online at Home/School

Continental Qualifier
July 2027
Bali, Indonesia

Play-Off Qualifier
Aug 2027
UK / Italy
(to be confirmed)

World Finals
Oct 2027
Italy





⭐ Objective of Hippo

- Promote English and challenge students globally.
- Encourage teacher–student collaboration.
- Build international connections and friendships.
- Inspire healthy competition and self-improvement.
- Assess English proficiency worldwide.

Registration Deadline
19 March 2027

Register Now !
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WHAT IS HIPPO CONTEST – ENGLISH WITHOUT BORDERS

Hippo English Without Borders - The Contest, organised by the Global Hippo Association, Italy, and supported by Gatehouse Awards, United Kingdom, is an international English language Olympiad open to students aged 6 to 19 from around the world. It aims to promote the importance of English language proficiency and to build connections among young people from different countries.

Hippo is aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Internationally recognised, Ofqual UK regulated English language qualifications are used throughout the contest.

Caya Academy is the official country coordinator for Malaysia.

SKILLS TESTED

- Reading · Writing · Listening · Speaking · Use of English
- Each round tests a different set of skills.

The competition has five rounds. Three are included in the initial registration fee: the Preliminary Round, the National Finals and the World Finals. Eligible students may also join one of two voluntary qualifier rounds, paid separately: the Continental Qualifier or the Play-Off Qualifier. Each Qualifier is a last chance to qualify for the World Finals for students who did not qualify directly through the National Finals.

1) PRELIMINARY ROUND

- Date: Fri 2 - Sun 4 Apr 2027, about 1 hour.
- Competition Mode: Online at home, or teachers can choose to conduct online or question papers at school (Question papers minimum of 10 students).
- In each level, top 5%: Gold Award Achievement Certificate; next 5%: Silver Award Achievement Certificate; next 10%: Bronze Award Achievement Certificate.
- Every student with an Achievement Certificate advances to the National Finals. Students with the same mark as the last student in the top 20% also advance.
- All Preliminary Round participants receive a Certificate of Participation.

2) NATIONAL FINALS

- Date: Sat 8 May 2027, about 1 hour.
- Online, at home or at school.
- Top scorers go straight to the World Finals.
- Selected National Finalists are invited to the Qualifier Rounds.

3) QUALIFIER ROUNDS (Participation is voluntary, paid separately, choose one)

- Continental Qualifier: early Jul 2027, Bali, Indonesia
- Play-Off Qualifier: Aug 2027, UK & Italy (TBC)
- A last chance to reach the World Finals.

4) WORLD FINALS

- Date: October 2027. Venue: Italy.
- Free for finalists: competition fee, award ceremony, insurance, plus 3 nights' half-board stay for each finalist and their accompanying teacher.

HIPPO4Equity GRANTS

- Set up in 2023, HIPPO4Equity grants help Hippo candidates from low-income families take part in major Hippo events, such as the Continental Qualifier and the World Finals. Subject to Hippo management approval.

Registration closes: 19 Mar 2027 11:59 pm

To register, please visit **https://english.edu.my/hippo**
Fees are shown in the registration portal.
WhatsApp/Call : **016-224 3400** or **011-6550 5400**