



HIPPO 2019
7th International English Language Olympiad



Hippo 1
Reading
Semi-final Round



Time allowed: **40 minutes**

There are **5** tasks.

Answer all the questions.

Use pen.

Remember to transfer your answers onto
the answer sheet.

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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An **accident** is a:

- a) bad event where somebody usually gets hurt.
- b) happy celebration with family and friends.

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If you **borrow** something, you:

- a) can keep it forever or give to somebody else.
- b) need to give it back to the owner later.

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A **bowl** is something that you use to:

- a) eat your soup or ice cream from.
- b) serve sandwiches or pizza on.

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A **bridge** is a structure that people:

- a) use to get over a river without getting wet.
- b) put around a farm to stop the animals from running away.

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A **concert** is an event where people:

- a) watch a film.
- b) listen to music.

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A **forest** is a place:

- a) with lots of trees where you can go for a walk.
- b) where you grow fruit and vegetables.

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A **fridge** is something people use to:

- a) keep their food fresh.
- b) clean their clothes.

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If somebody is **kind**, they:

- a) think about themselves first.
- b) do nice things for other people.



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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You've had this book for almost a month – take it back to the.....

- a) shop b) chemist c) library

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Write down important things in my

- a) magazine b) notebook c) photograph

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Would you like an extra for your bed?

- a) pillow b) toothbrush c) money

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The music is really - please turn it down.

- a) beautiful b) quiet c) loud

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If you need a clean plate, they are in the

- a) cupboard b) fridge c) wardrobe

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My little sister wants to be a and catch robbers!

- a) teacher b) policewoman c) actress

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I hope you enjoyed your to the seaside.

- a) trip b) road c) place

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She couldn't do it alone, so I to help.

- a) told b) kept c) offered



TASK 3

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



ANNA AND DAD:

EXAMPLE

Dad: Hi Anna, how was your day at school?

- Anna:** a) Yes, it was a bit cold and windy.
b) It was OK.
c) I went to school.

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Dad: How did you do in your Maths test?

- Anna:** a) I don't like it.
b) I really wanted to.
c) I think I did well.

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Dad: Well done. Do you have any other tests this week?

- Anna:** a) We have a school trip on Friday.
b) I can't remember.
c) I think I'm going to do well.

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Dad: You need to check, Anna. It is important to prepare well.

- Anna:** a) I know, Dad. I will.
b) I would prefer that, Dad,
c) The last question was difficult.

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Dad: OK, fine. Do you want to do something fun this afternoon?

- Anna:** a) Yes please, can we go to the cinema?
b) I read a really good book recently.
c) Yes, it's at 4 o'clock this afternoon.



EVE AND TIM:

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Eve: I had a fantastic holiday at the seaside!

Tim:

- a) I'm sorry, I didn't know that.
- b) That's great, what did you do?
- c) The weather was really sunny yesterday.

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Eve: I went swimming every day. What did you do on your holiday?

Tim:

- a) I prefer winter sports.
- b) I stayed with my grandparents.
- c) I think it was June.

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Eve: That sounds fun. Do they live in the countryside?

Tim:

- a) I really like farm animals.
- b) Yes, near a really big forest.
- c) I'd like to go there one day.

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Eve: When did you get back?

Tim:

- a) I think tomorrow is a good day.
- b) The train journey takes a couple of hours.
- c) A couple of days ago.



TASK 4

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

Dear Anna,

How are you? I haven't**a**..... from you in a long time.

I'm well. I started school again last week. It was really nice **25** see all my school friends. We have a new boy in class – his name is Adam.

He and his parents **26** to England a few months **27** but he can speak English really **28** He learnt it at his old school.

He **29** me to his birthday party next weekend – he's going to have a barbecue in his garden. I'd really **30**go, but I'm not sure what present to get him.

I know **31** he likes football. **32** I'll get him a football shirt?

I really hope that you are well. Write to me soon.

Sara

EXAMPLE

a) heard b) written c) spoken

25 a) and b) to c) so

26 a) moved b) won c) took

27 a) after b) before c) ago

28 a) best b) well c) better

29 a) invited b) took c) met

30 a) can b) need to c) like to

31 a) that b) if c) so

32 a) Must b) May c) Should



TASK 5

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

At home alone

Last Saturday, my parents decided to go to the cinema.

Usually, they ask a babysitter to stay with my sister Lucy and I, but last week was different.

In the morning, they asked me to come downstairs and sit down on the sofa.

'Tom, you are going to be 13 soon. We think we should trust you to stay at home on your own. Would you like to do that?' asked my Dad.

'Of course, Dad! You can trust me,' I answered. I was very excited about staying at home by myself. Maybe I could watch TV, or even invite my friend?

'Great,' said Mum. 'So your Dad and I are going out tonight. You will stay at home and look after your little sister.'

'Look after Lucy? But Mum!' I said, 'I was going to...'

'But what, Tom?', said Dad. 'Lucy needs to have a bath and be in bed by 8 o'clock. We want you both asleep when we get home at 10 pm.'

I stopped arguing. It was still quite exciting to stay at home without my parents. Maybe Lucy would go to bed really early and I could watch TV and eat popcorn all evening?

But of course that did not happen. Lucy did not like her supper. She then did not want a bath, or want to put on her pyjamas. I had to read her five different stories and draw pictures of animals all evening! When she finally fell asleep, I was so tired I went straight to bed. It's hard work being at home on your own!



EXAMPLE

Tom's parents went to the ...**a**.....

- a) cinema b) theatre c) stadium

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Usually, Tom and Lucy stay at home with a

- a) friend b) babysitter c) aunt

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This time, Tom had to Lucy.

- a) look after b) take care c) play with

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Tom told his Dad that he could him.

- a) rely on b) believe c) trust

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At first, Tom thought that staying at home alone was

- a) interesting b) excited c) exciting

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Tom thought: 'If Lucy goes to bed, I can watch TV!'

- a) soon b) early c) earlier

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But instead, Tom had to stories.

- a) read b) tell c) speak

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Lucy asked Tom to animals.

- a) draw b) design c) play

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At the end of the evening, Tom felt

- a) tiring b) tired c) exhausted



2. Complete the text with a suitable word in each gap.

Susan is 11 years ⁽¹⁾ _____. She lives in a house ⁽²⁾ _____ to the sea. In the morning, she always goes ⁽³⁾ _____ the beach and stays there for half ⁽⁴⁾ _____ hour. After ⁽⁵⁾ _____, she has breakfast ⁽⁶⁾ _____ her brother Tom. They always wash the ⁽⁷⁾ _____ together after breakfast. Last night she saw a girl cycling, so she decided ⁽⁸⁾ _____ learn to ride a bike, and asked ⁽⁹⁾ _____ parents to buy her one. They are going to the shopping ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ after lunch to make her dream come true.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

My friend John ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ (celebrate) his birthday tomorrow evening. I ⁽¹²⁾ _____ (buy) him his favourite book. I talked to my friends last night and we ⁽¹³⁾ _____ (decide) to meet tomorrow at 8 pm in front of our school. I think they ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____ (give) him something money instead of the present because he ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ (want) to buy a very expensive T-shirt. He ⁽¹⁶⁾ _____ (tell) us about it last month. They ⁽¹⁷⁾ _____ (ask) me to give money too but I ⁽¹⁸⁾ _____ (not want) to because he is my best friend and I want to give him something special. A few days ago, we ⁽¹⁹⁾ _____ (pass) by a bookshop when he ⁽²⁰⁾ _____ (see) this book in the shop window and he almost screamed of joy and told me how much he loved it.

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

21. Yesterday evening he went out with some friends. _____
22. Which is that T-shirt? _____
23. If I have time, I help you with your homework. _____
24. She is the worse student in the class. _____
25. I haven't done anything today. _____
26. We have known him since 2 years. _____
27. They are going to spend some time alone at home. _____
28. There is some dogs chasing a cat. _____
29. She is always crying and I don't like it. _____
30. I don't have many money. _____