



HIPPO 2021

9th International English Language Olympiad



HIPPO 1

Preliminary Round

Reading



Time allowed: **30 minutes**

There are **30** questions.

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) flies planes.
- ☒ b) goes to space in a rocket.



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Dinner is something you usually eat:

- a) after school.
- b) before school.



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December is a month in:

- a) spring.
- b) winter.



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A comic book is something that has:

- a) lots of pictures
- b) no pictures



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A circus is the place where:

- a) clowns work.
- b) teachers work.



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A scarf is something you wear:

- a) on your legs.
- b) around your neck.



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Geography is a subject where you learn:

- a) about numbers.
- b) about different countries.



TASK 2

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



THE SHOP ASSISTANT SAYS:

EXAMPLE Hello, can I**b**..... you?

- a) write b) help c) buy

7 How many bananas would you?
a) have b) see c) like

8 I'm sorry, we don't have any red apples..... we have some green ones.
a) because b) but c) thank you

9 The shop opens at 9 in the morning and at 5 in the afternoon.
a) closes b) sleeps c) works

THE GIRL SAYS:

10 How is a bottle of milk? I only have £5.
a) lots b) many c) much

11 I want to buy something sweet. Do you have any ?
a) cheese b) chocolate c) chips

12, can you tell me where the beans are?
a) Excuse me b) Goodbye c) I am fine



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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Tom: I'm frightened of sharks. What about you?

- Sam:** a) No, I don't.
b) Me too!
c) Yes, it is.

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Tom: Sharks are so big and scary.

- Sam:** a) Yes, they are.
b) Yes, it is
c) Yes, they can.



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Mum: Harry, you are going to be late for school!

- Harry:** a) No, he isn't.
b) Yes, please.
c) I'm coming, mum.

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Mum: Did you finish your homework?

- Harry:** a) They didn't.
b) I did.
c) Yes, I do.



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Sarah: How many pencils do you have, Katie?

- Katie:** a) I don't.
b) She has one.
c) I have lots.

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Sarah: Can I borrow one please?

- Katie:** a) Of course!
b) No, you will.
c) I can't.



TASK 4

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

Last week, I visited my big sister. She lives in a beautiful **EXAMPLE**a...
It has four bedrooms, and a big **19** with lots of colourful flowers. It
was very hot and **20** when I visited. I played in the swimming
pool every day.

My sister is a famous **21** and she sings in different countries.
She started singing when she was 5 and really liked it. I can't sing, but I
started **22** lessons last week. I try to practice every day, but
sometimes, I just want to play outside!

My favourite subject at school is **23** because I can kick a football
with my friends and have fun. I also make lots of new friends when I play
tennis every Friday. It makes me very **24**

EXAMPLE

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| | a) house | b) garden | c) school |
| 19 | a) garden | b) bathroom | c) cottage |
| 20 | a) rainy | b) sunny | c) cloudy |
| 21 | a) model | b) pianist | c) popstar |
| 22 | a) popstar | b) garden | c) piano |
| 23 | a) maths | b) sport | c) geography |
| 24 | a) happy | b) sunny | c) angry |



TASK 5

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



My house **EXAMPLE** **a** very close to the zoo. The zoo is really big and **25** many animals. My dad works at the zoo, **26** I go there almost every weekend. He works with the lions, but he likes the elephants the best. I also like elephants, but the monkeys are **27** favourite. They are funny, and they love **28** with toys, just like me! Last week, a new animal **29** to the zoo. It was a girl panda, the first panda in England! Her name is Mia and she is very beautiful. My dad told me pandas live in China and **30** only eat bamboo.

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| EXAMPLE | a) be | b) is | c) are |
| 25 | a) does | b) plays | c) has |
| 26 | a) so | b) because | c) if |
| 27 | a) his | b) her | c) my |
| 28 | a) play | b) playing | c) played |
| 29 | a) came | b) come | c) comes |
| 30 | a) it | b) she | c) they |

