



**HIPPO 2021**  
**9<sup>th</sup> 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

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## 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    |
| <b>19</b> a) garden  | b) bathroom | c) cottage   |
| <b>20</b> a) rainy   | b) sunny    | c) cloudy    |
| <b>21</b> a) model   | b) pianist  | c) popstar   |
| <b>22</b> a) popstar | b) garden   | c) piano     |
| <b>23</b> a) maths   | b) sport    | c) geography |
| <b>24</b> 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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| <b>EXAMPLE</b> | a) be   | b) is      | c) are    |
| <b>25</b>      | a) does | b) plays   | c) has    |
| <b>26</b>      | a) so   | b) because | c) if     |
| <b>27</b>      | a) his  | b) her     | c) my     |
| <b>28</b>      | a) play | b) playing | c) played |
| <b>29</b>      | a) came | b) come    | c) comes  |
| <b>30</b>      | a) it   | b) she     | c) they   |





