HIPPO ONE

SAMPLE TESTS



HIPPO WONDERLAND

FIRST ROUND



HIPPO WONDERLAND

HIPPO 2019

GATEHOUSE AWARDS

ESOL CADETS

STAGE 2 READING & WRITING

HIPPO SAMPLE

Time allowed: **30 minutes**

There are **5** tasks.
Answer all the questions.
Use pen or pencil.

My name is .....

Candidate Name:

Candidate Number:

Marker use only

T1 [6]	T2 [9]	T3 [6]	T4 [9]	T5 [9]

Markers Initials:	Total:

TASK 1

Circle 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.



1

A postman is somebody who:

a) brings people letters.
b) writes a lot of letters.



2

A city is a:

a) busy place with lots of buildings and people.
b) quiet place with not many buildings and people.



3

A princess is a girl who usually:

a) lives in a castle.
b) lives in a house.



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A blanket is something warm that you:

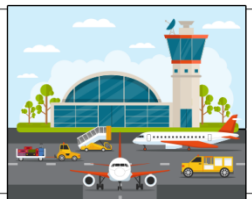
a) put on your bed.
b) wear on your feet.



5

An airport is a place where people go to get on a:

a) plane.
b) train.



6

Your hand is at the end of your:

a) arm.
b) leg.





TASK 2

Write the correct words to complete the sentences.



THE TEACHER SAYS:

EXAMPLE Three .....**pupils**..... are not here today.
pupils days rooms

1 Please open your ..... and look at page 10.
bags pencils books

2 Remember to ..... your homework tonight!
do eat ask

3 In the next ..... class, we will learn about lakes and rivers.
geography maths music

THE PUPIL SAYS:

4 In class, I sit ..... my best friend.
here below next to

5 My favourite lesson is ..... .
English student morning

6 I'm ..... , teacher. I forgot my homework.
thank you sorry hurray

TASK 3

Circle the correct answer (a), (b) or (c) to complete the conversations.

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 10am?
b) No, he can't.
c) To our house.

1

Tom: It's my birthday tomorrow.

Sam:
a) Happy birthday!
b) You are welcome.
c) Well done.

2

Tom: Can you come to my birthday party?

Sam:
a) I'm not sure yet.
b) You can't.
c) Yes, it is.



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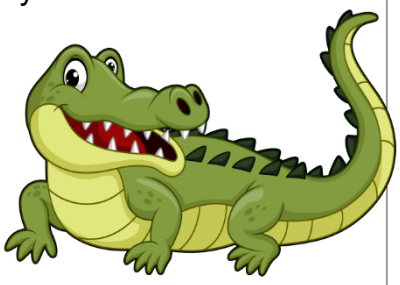
Tim: Crocodiles have really big teeth, don't they?

Mum:
a) Yes, he is.
b) Yes, they do.
c) No, they aren't.

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Tim: Do you like crocodiles, Mum?

Mum:
a) Yes, I can.
b) Yes, I do.
c) Yes, I have.



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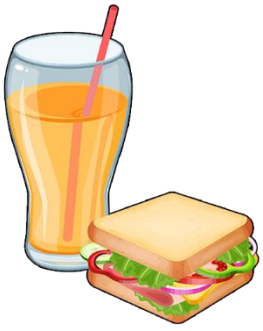
Dad: Would you like something to eat, Lucy?

Lucy:
a) Yes please.
b) Yes, I am.
c) I like bananas.

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Dad: What would you like?

Lucy:
a) I don't like it.
b) Can I have a sandwich?
c) Not really.

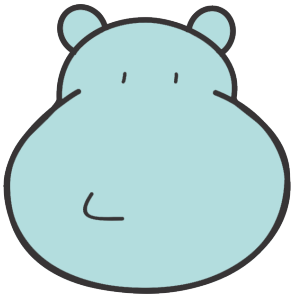


HIPPO 2020

Preliminary Round

HIPPO 1 Use of English Test

Time allowed: 20 minutes



Candidate Number

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70. You _____ tidy your room!

a) can b) would c) must

TASK 4

Read the story and write the correct words. There are two extra words.



sunny



football



~~**street**~~

Ali and I live in the same … **street**……. We are very good friends. Ali and I spend a lot of time together - we both like playing 1…….. We have a favourite football team. They are from our town, and wear blue 2…….. and yellow shorts. Last week, Ali and I went to a football 3…….. with my dad. It was a lot of fun!



shirts



bike

It was Ali's birthday yesterday. He is now 7 years old. He had a 4…….. in his garden, with cake and balloons. The weather was really good – hot and 5……..! I bought Ali a new 6…… for his birthday. I already have one, and we like to fly kites in the park!



music



party



game

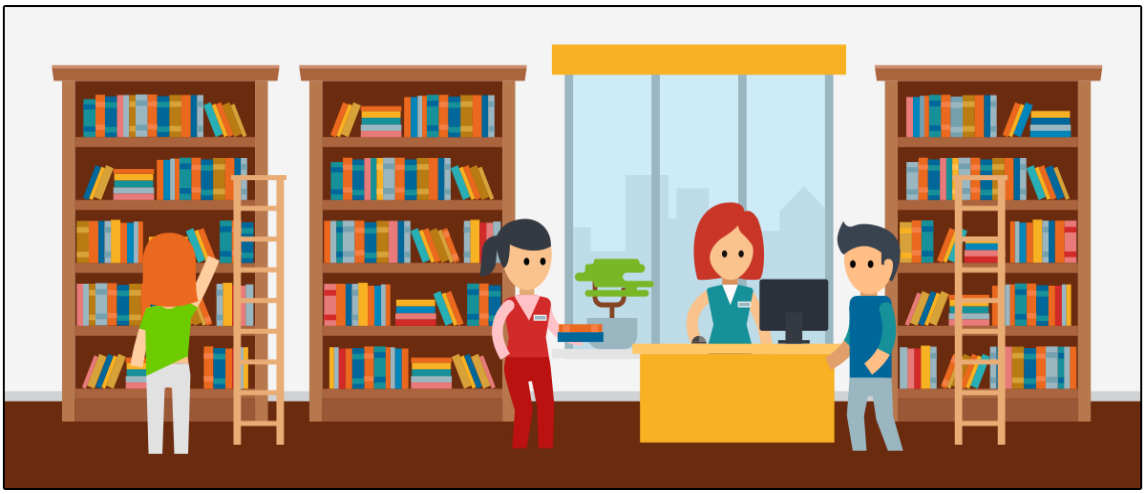


kite



TASK 5

Read the story and write the correct words.



The library at my school ….**is**…. very good. It is 1 ..... the first floor, near the stairs. It is in a nice, light room with big windows.

It 2 ..... many interesting books. Last week, 3 ..... got an interesting book. It is about penguins. It tells you about what they eat, and 4 ..... they live. I think penguins are 5 ..... favourite animals. My dad is taking me to a zoo at the weekend, because I really 6 ..... to see a penguin.

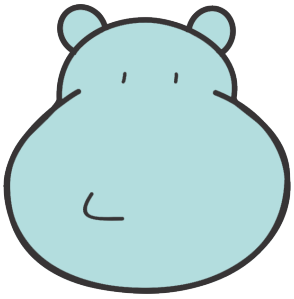
EXAMPLE	be	is	are
1	on	at	under
2	is	has	have
3	he	she	I
4	where	when	who
5	their	her	my
6	want	wants	wanted

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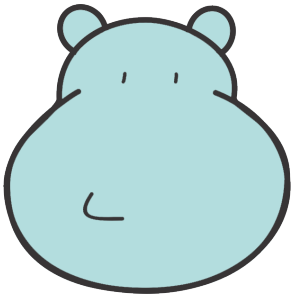
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a) hasn't b) haven't c) aren't

52. There are some apples on _____ desk.

a) the b) an c) a

53. The library closes _____ nine o'clock.

a) on b) in c) at

54. I've got English _____ Monday and Thursday.

a) in b) on c) at

55. The school finishes _____ June.

a) at b) on c) in

56. Akmal _____ to bed at eleven o'clock.

a) goes b) has c) go

57. I haven't got _____ English dictionary.

a) a b) any c) an

58. Have you got _____ brothers or sisters?

a) a b) some c) any

59. How _____ students are there in the class?

a) much b) many c) a lot

60. Mary _____ mistakes in spelling.

a) make b) makes c) does

61. _____ you usually have lunch at school?

a) What b) Does c) Do

62. Serena _____ swimming practice on Saturday afternoon.

a) goes b) has c) have

63. _____ your grandma live with you?

a) Do b) Does c) Has

64. The hamster is in _____ cage.

a) it is b) it's c) its

65. Where are Jena and Soe _____ ?

a) from b) in c) at

66. Her uniform is _____ her bed.

a) under b) in c) between

67. My friend Roy is _____ than me.

a) oldest b) youngest c) older

68. What is your _____ animal?

a) best b) small c) favourite

69. Do you _____ football?

a) join b) play c) do

70. My hands are _____ than yours.

a) biggest b) the biggest c) bigger

HIPPO 1 KEY EUROPE

51. C
52. A
53. C
54. B
55. B
56. A
57. C
58. A
59. A
60. A
61. B
62. B
63. C
64. B
65. A
66. C
67. B
68. B
69. B
70. C

HIPPO 1 KEY ASIA

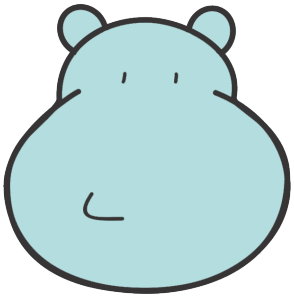
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53. C
54. B
55. C
56. A
57. C
58. C
59. B
60. B
61. C
62. B
63. B
64. C
65. A
66. A
67. C
68. C
69. B
70. C

HIPPO 2021

Preliminary Round

HIPPO 1 Use of English Test

Time allowed: 20 minutes



Candidate Number

Date of Birth

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

1. Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

31. I am reading a new book. _____ book is fantastic!

a) A b) The c) An

32. She usually _____ dinner for us.

a) cooks b) cooking c) can cook

33. A boat is passing _____ the bridge.

a) below b) above c) under

34. Billie is _____ member of the group.

a) the tallest b) taller c) the taller

35. _____ help you with your homework?

a) Have I b) Would I c) Can I

36. Do you _____ exercise every day?

a) play b) do c) go

37. Wait! I will be there _____ five minutes.

a) in b) on c) at

38. That's not _____ jacket.

a) my b) me c) mine

39. _____ your cat drink milk?

a) Does b) Do c) What

40. My birthday is _____ 1 June.

a) / b) on c) the

41. Dogs are great. _____ are people's best friends.

a) They b) Its c) We

42. She is a teacher. She _____ at a school.

a) workes b) work c) works

43. Do you have _____ advice?

a) any b) some c) an

44. My friends _____ any new video games.

a) don't got b) don't have got c) haven't got

45. This key is _____, not mine.

a) your b) yours c) you're

46. Every morning my dog wakes up _____ nine o'clock.

a) in b) on c) at

47. We need _____ fresh air in this room.

a) any b) some c) a

48. She won an Oscar for Best _____.

a) Actor b) Actress c) Actriss

49. _____ is your phone number?

a) Which b) What c) It

50. Angus and Finley are brave _____.

a) men b) mans c) man

Hippo 1 Use PP Key 2021

31	B
32	A
33	C
34	A
35	C
36	B
37	A
38	A
39	A
40	B
41	A
42	C
43	A
44	C
45	B
46	C
47	B
48	B
49	B
50	A

NATIONAL FINALS



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ESOL CADETS

STAGE 3 READING & WRITING

HIPPO SAMPLE

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Answer all the questions.
Use pen or pencil.

My name is .....

Candidate Name:

Candidate Number:

Marker use only

T1 [8]	T2 [12]	T3 [8]	T4 [12]	T5 [12]

Markers Initials:	Total:

TASK 1

Circle 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.

1

A **factory** is a place where:

a) people make new things.

b) you go to buy new things.

2

A **pirate** is somebody who:

a) helps people keep their ships safe.

b) steals from other people and lives on a ship.

3

A **prize** is something that people:

a) get on their birthdays.

b) win in a competition.

4

If something is **frightening**, people:

a) are afraid of it and don't want to see it.

b) smile when they see it.

5

A **journalist** is someone who:

a) writes articles for newspapers and magazines.

b) helps people make appointments at the doctor's.

6

A **camel** is a type of animal which is:

a) large and lives in a desert.

b) small and children keep as pets.

7

A **customer** is somebody who:

a) sells things in a shop.

b) buys things in a shop.

8

A **uniform** is something people wear when they:

a) are at work.

b) go to a party.

TASK 2

Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

EXAMPLE

I like working with animals. When I grow up, I'm going to be a .....**farmer**..... .

doctor farmer teacher

1 After making your sandwich, put the cheese back in the ……..…..

fridge lift letterbox

2 I have put all my clothes in the wardrobe - my room is now ……..…….

noisy tidy messy

3 You……..… speak when the teacher is speaking in class.

have to mustn't may

4 Anna broke her arm and she ……..…… play tennis.

should can can't

5 John is the ……..…….. of this year's writing competition.

prize winner pupil

6 Anna is very ……..…….. - she always helps other students.

kind interested lucky

7 Jack loves repairing his toy cars - I think he is going to be a ……..……..

builder mechanic scientist

8 The ……..…….. from my house to the school takes 20 minutes.

motorway car journey

TASK 3

Circle the correct answer (a), (b) or (c) to complete the conversation.

KATY AND JACK:

EXAMPLE

Katy: Hi Jack! Did you start a new school last week?

Jack:
a) Yes, I'm going to.
b) Yes, I did.
c) Yes, I will.

1

Katy: Have you made any new friends yet?

Jack:
a) I met my friend last week.
b) Yes, I played with two boys during lunch break.
c) Yes, I might try.

2

Katy: And what about the teachers - are they nice?

Jack:
a) Yes, but they give us a lot of homework.
b) The Maths teacher is called Mr Jones.
c) There are three new teachers.

3

Katy: Do you have a favourite teacher?

Jack:
a) I forgot my homework yesterday.
b) Yes, can I have some please?
c) Yes, Miss Jackson is really nice.

4

Katy: Is the school far from your house?

Jack:
a) I usually walk or take a bus.
b) It's 5 minutes away.
c) It's quite large.



ALICE AND SARA:



5 **Alice:** Hi Sara, what did you do last weekend?

Sara:
a) I went shopping with my mum.
b) I'd like to go shopping.
c) How about going shopping?

6 **Alice:** Did you buy anything nice?

Sara:
a) Yes, I bought some new clothes.
b) There is a nice shop there.
c) Can you do it?

7 **Alice:** Where did you go shopping?

Sara:
a) We went to the city centre.
b) We went to see our friends.
c) We were there for two hours.

8 **Alice:** I really like shopping.

Sara:
a) So do I.
b) Did you?
c) I'm going to.

TASK 4

Read the story and write the correct words.

Hi Tom!

I am so excited – my dad …**gave**…..me a guitar for my birthday!

I really want to **1** …….. how to play it!

My dad is looking for a teacher. I am **2** …….. to have one lesson a week, after school. You have a guitar at home, **3** …….. you?

I have a great idea. Would you like to come to classes with **4** ……..?

We can practice together, and **5** …….. we can play really well, we will start a band! My cousin Joe, **6** …….. is only 12 years old, can play the piano. He is in a band called 'The Rockies.' They are really good. I think they are **7** …….. than a lot of the bands on television!

8 …….. you speak to your parents about it?

Speak to you soon!

Alex



EXAMPLE	gave	had	give
1	learn	learning	learned
2	go	going	went
3	don't	aren't	isn't
4	me	mine	it
5	when	where	how
6	what	who	which
7	good	better	best
8	Can	Must	Do

TASK 5

Read the story and complete the sentences. Write one word per sentence.

David's teddy.



My little brother is called David. David is three years old and when I go to school, he goes to nursery. David really likes his nursery because he has a lot of friends there. But last week, David came home very sad.

'What's wrong, David?', I asked him. David started to cry. 'Why are you crying?' I asked again. 'I lost Mr Brown', said David. Mr Brown is David's teddy bear. It is a small, brown teddy with yellow ears and a yellow tummy. Grandma gave it to David for his first birthday. Mr Brown is David's favourite toy, and he takes it everywhere with him. David always takes Mr Brown to bed in the evening, and puts him on his pillow. Mr Brown helps him sleep.

'Don't worry, David', I said. 'We can get Mr Brown back tomorrow. I'm sure he is still at the nursery.' 'But I can't sleep without my teddy bear', cried David. I didn't know what to do. David was right: little boys and girls need their teddies to fall asleep. Then I had an idea! I gave David my old teddy, Mr Fluffy. 'You can sleep with Mr Fluffy tonight, David', I said. 'And tomorrow, we'll bring Mr Brown back from the nursery'. David smiled and took my old teddy bear. He was happy again.

EXAMPLE Little David is …three … years old

1. David has a favourite toy called …… .
2. The bear is brown and has yellow ……. and a yellow tummy.
3. David got it from his …… .
4. David always sleeps with the bear on his ……..
5. Last week, David …… the bear at the nursery.
6. He ……sad because of it.
7. His brother …… him his old teddy bear .
8. After that, David was ……again.

Candidate Number

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Date of Birth

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HIPPO WRITING TEST- LEVEL 1

Describe your house.

Time allowed **30 minutes**.

1

1) Do you want _____sandwich for lunch?
A a B an C some D any

2) I sometimes _____ to school by bus.
A am going B go C goes D going

3) My parents don't let _____ cycle to school.
A I B my C me D mine

4) How _____ sweets are there?
A many B much C lot D any

5) What's he _____ today?
A Wear B is wearing C wearing D to wear

6) _____ is this dictionary?
A Who B Who's C How's D Whose

7) Who _____ ice-cream?
A is liking B will like C liked D likes

8) Sara is funnier _____ her sister.
A for B from C than D then

9) Our town is the _____ place in England.
A boring B boringest C more boring D most boring

10) There _____ any nice trainers in the shop.

A was B were C wasn't D weren't

2

Write the verbs in the present simple, present continuous or the past simple.

This is Jim. He's in Year 5. He 1)_____(live) in Liverpool. We 2)_____ (go) to different schools so we 3) _____ (not see) each other very often. At the weekends he sometimes 4) _____ (go) to the countryside. He 5) _____ (have) lots of cousins there. Last weekend he and his family 6) _____ (visit) his grandparents on the farm. Now he 7) _____ (get) ready for his tennis practice. Last Sunday he 8) _____ (win) a tournament. His parents 9)_____ (be) very proud of him then. They 10) _____ (go) to a restaurant to celebrate.

HIPPO 1 SF WRITING TEST 2015 KEY

Exercise 1

1. a) a
2. b) go
3. c) me
4. a) many
5. c) wearing
6. d) whose
7. d) likes
8. c) than
9. d) most boring
10. d) weren't

Exercise 2

1. lives
2. go
3. don't see
4. goes
5. has
6. visited
7. is getting
8. won
9. were
10. went

LCCI PEARSON

4th International English Language Competition

HIPPO 2016

HIPPO 1

SEMIFINAL round exam

Candidate Number

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Date of Birth

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WRITING

Level 2

Time allowed 45 minutes

Instructions

- Do **not** open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor.
- You may **not** use a dictionary.
- Read each question carefully.
- Write your answers in blue or black ink/ballpoint.
- Please ensure your answers are written clearly.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.

Answer the questions with full sentences.

1. Where are you from?

_____

2. What's your favourite kind of music?

_____

3. Where are you going after this exam?

_____

4. What did you do last night?

_____

5. What time does your English lesson usually start?

_____

Complete the questions with a suitable question word(s).

6. _____ are you going on holiday?
   We're going to Spain this year.

7. _____ is your brother?
   He's 17 years old.

8. _____ of food do you like best?
   I love Italian food.

9. _____ water do you drink a day?
   I drink about 1l.

10. _____ is that girl?
    She's our new classmate.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

11. Peter _____ (not like) cleaning his room.

12. Where _____ (you/be) at 5 o'clock?

13. I _____ (make) a cake now.

14. Lucy and I _____ (be) best friends.

15. We _____ (not go) to school yesterday.

16. Listen! Somebody _____ (sing) your favourite song.

17. My sisters _____ (live) in France.

18. Paul never _____ (watch) TV.

19. We _____ (have) a great time on your party last Saturday.

20. _____ (you/know) the way to the library?

Complete the text with the missing words.

John 21_____ my best friend. He lives near my house, next 22_____ the bookshop. He is the 23_____ intelligent person I know.

He 24_____ like watching TV, but he likes 25_____ books. In his free time he 26_____ swimming and 27_____ the guitar.

We 28_____ the same age.

Our families sometimes travel together. Last year we 29_____ our holiday in Greece. We travelled 30_____ car.

Describe your dream house.

HIPPO 1 SF WRITING TEST 2016 KEY

Example answers to questions 1-5.

1. I am from Vienna.
2. My favourite music is pop. It's pop.
3. I am going home. / I am going to school.
4. I went out. / I watched TV.
5. It starts at 6pm.

6. Where
7. How old
8. What kind
9. How much
10. Who's

11. doesn't like
12. were you
13. am making
14. are
15. didn't go
16. is singing
17. lives
18. watches
19. had
20. Do you know

21. is
22. to
23. most
24. doesn't like
25. reading
26. goes
27. plays
28. are
29. spent
30. by

HIPPO 2017

Semifinal Round



HIPPO 1 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Candidate Number

Date of Birth

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

1. What I do in my free time is … (Write about 40 words.)

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

My name is Simon. I (1) _____ in Liverpool with my parents and my sister. I am 11 years old and I go (2) _____ year 5. My favourite (3) _____ are History and Music. I play (4) _____ cello. Last year I went to a music competition and (5) _____ the first prize. My teacher says I am very talented. So in June I (6) _____ going to take the entrance (7) _____ for the Music Conservatorium in London. I hope I will pass it. If I do, we (8) _____ probably all move to London. My mom is (9) _____ artist and my dad is a journalist. They can (10) _____ their jobs wherever.

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

It (11) _____(be) a rainy evening last Sunday. While we (12) _____ (come) back from the countryside, there (13) _____ (be) no other cars on the road. Suddenly I (14) _____ (see) a black dog beside the road. My father first (15) _____ (not want) to stop, but then he changed his mind. The dog was all wet and scared. We took it home and gave it a bath. Now, Blacky (16) _____ (live) with us and is very happy. My mother, who (17) _____ (not approve) animals in the house, lets him sleep on the sofa. At the moment he (18) _____ (play) in the garden with a stick. Next weekend we (19) _____ (take) him to the seaside with us and I am sure we (20) _____ (have) a lot of fun.

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

21. Last Sunday we took a boat trip on the Danube. _____
22. Whose that boy in front of the door? _____
23. My grandparents always give me great birthday presents. _____
24. If I will have time tomorrow, I will go for a walk. _____
25. We are going on a school trip on the twentifirst of March. _____
26. I think Mr. Taylor is the friendlier teacher in our school. _____
27. We don't have much homework at the weekends. _____
28. She has travelled to five countries in the last six months. _____
29. What does your family usually do on Christmas? _____
30. I haven't seen my uncle in last Christmas. _____

HIPPO 1 SF WRITING TEST 2017 KEY

1. live
2. to
3. subjects
4. the
5. won
6. am
7. exam
8. will
9. an
10. do

11. was
12. were coming
13. were
14. saw
15. didn't want
16. lives
17. doesn't approve
18. is playing
19. are taking / are going to take
20. wlll have

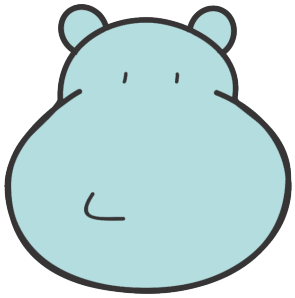
21. Correct
22. Incorrect (**Who's** that boy in front of the door?)
23. Correct
24. Incorrect (If I have time tomorrow, I will go for a walk.)
25. Incorrect (We are going on a school trip on the **twenty-first** of March.)
26. Incorrect (I think Mr. Taylor is the **friendliest** teacher in our school.)
27. Incorrect (We don't have much homework **at weekends**.)
28. Correct
29. Incorrect (What **do** your family usually do on Christmas?)
30. Incorrect (I haven't seen my uncle **since** last Christmas.)

HIPPO 2018

Semifinal Round

HIPPO 1 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



Candidate Number

Date of Birth

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

1. My favourite teacher. (Write about 40 words.)

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

Today is (1) _____ wonderful, sunny day. My class (2) _____ going on a day trip to Cardiff. Cardiff is the (3) _____ of Wales. Its (4) _____ is only about 340,000. Yesterday, we discussed the plan of the trip. In the (5) _____ we are going to visit Cardiff Castle. I (6) _____ some pictures (7) _____ the internet and it looks amazing. We will (8) _____ hours there, so after that we are going to have (9) _____ in Bute Park. In the afternoon, we are going to (10) _____ around St Fagans National History Museum.

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

There (11) _____ (be) a great concert tonight in the city centre. My friends and I (12) _____ (meet) an hour earlier at our favourite ice-cream shop. I guess our parents (13) _____ (have) some coffee in the café nearby. Our families (14) _____ (like) to spend time together. Last month we also (15) _____ (go) to a great interactive science exhibition. It (16) _____ (be) very exciting. While we (17) _____ (try) out different experiments I (18) _____ (convince) my parents to buy me a basic science kit in the shop. Now I (19) _____ (get) ready for the concert, because my mum (20) _____ (not want) to let our friends waiting for us.

4. Choose the correct option.

21. What do you usually do _____ your birthday?
a) - b) on c) in d) at

22. We are going on holiday on the _____ of February.
a) twenty-three b) twenty-threeth c) twenty-third d) twenty-threest

23. Martin always goes skiing in _____ Alps in February.
a) - b) a c) an d) the

24. _____ shirt do you prefer, the green or the blue one?
a) Which b) What c) Who d) How

25. I believe History is _____ than Chemistry.
a) easy b) easier c) more easy d) most easy

26. I _____ my finger while I was slicing bread.
a) cut b) cuted c) cutted d) cutten

27. Are there _____ apples left in the basket?
a) a b) an c) any d) some

28. We met in _____ the square.
a) middle b) the middle of c) middle of d) the middle

29. _____ of TV shows do you prefer?
a) What b) Which c) What type d) How type

30. I live the _____ from school in my class.
a) most far b) farest c) furthest d) further

HIPPO 1 SF WRITING TEST 2018 KEY

1. a
2. is
3. capital
4. population
5. morning
6. have seen
7. on
8. spend
9. lunch
10. walk

11. is
12. are meeting / are going to meet
13. will have
14. like
15. went
16. was
17. were trying
18. convinced
19. am getting
20. doesn't want

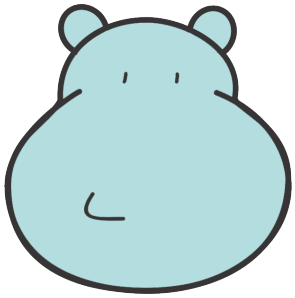
21. b) on
22. c) twenty-third
23. d) the
24. a) Which
25. b) easier
26. a) cut
27. c) any
28. b) the middle of
29. b) What type
30. c) furthest

HIPPO 2019

Semifinal Round

HIPPO 1 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



Candidate Number

Date of Birth

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

1. My favourite animal. (Write about 40 words.)

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 some 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. 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. _____

HIPPO 1 SF WRITING TEST 2019 KEY

1. old
2. next
3. to
4. an
5. that
6. with
7. dishes
8. to
9. her
10. mall

11. is celebrating
12. am going to buy
13. decided
14. will give
15. wants
16. told
17. asked
18. didn't want
19. were passing
20. saw

21. Correct
22. Incorrect (**Whose** is that T-shirt?)
23. Incorrect (If I have time, I **will help** you with your homework.)
24. Incorrect (She is the **worst** student in the class.)
25. Correct
26. Incorrect (We have known him **for** 2 years.)
27. Correct
28. Incorrect (There **are** some dogs chasing a cat.)
29. Correct
30. Incorrect (I don't have **much** money.)

HIPPO FINALS



HIPPO WONDERLAND

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GATEHOUSE AWARDS

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STAGE 3 READING & WRITING

HIPPO SAMPLE

Time allowed: **40 minutes**

There are **5** tasks.
Answer all the questions.
Use pen or pencil.

My name is .....

Candidate Name:

Candidate Number:

Marker use only

T1 [8]	T2 [12]	T3 [8]	T4 [12]	T5 [12]

Markers Initials:	Total:

TASK 1

Circle 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.

1

A **factory** is a place where:

a) people make new things.

b) you go to buy new things.

2

A **pirate** is somebody who:

a) helps people keep their ships safe.

b) steals from other people and lives on a ship.

3

A **prize** is something that people:

a) get on their birthdays.

b) win in a competition.

4

If something is **frightening**, people:

a) are afraid of it and don't want to see it.

b) smile when they see it.

5

A **journalist** is someone who:

a) writes articles for newspapers and magazines.

b) helps people make appointments at the doctor's.

6

A **camel** is a type of animal which is:

a) large and lives in a desert.

b) small and children keep as pets.

7

A **customer** is somebody who:

a) sells things in a shop.

b) buys things in a shop.

8

A **uniform** is something people wear when they:

a) are at work.

b) go to a party.

TASK 2

Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

EXAMPLE

I like working with animals. When I grow up, I'm going to be a .....**farmer**..... .

doctor farmer teacher

1 After making your sandwich, put the cheese back in the ……..…..

fridge lift letterbox

2 I have put all my clothes in the wardrobe - my room is now ……..…….

noisy tidy messy

3 You……..… speak when the teacher is speaking in class.

have to mustn't may

4 Anna broke her arm and she ……..…… play tennis.

should can can't

5 John is the ……..…….. of this year's writing competition.

prize winner pupil

6 Anna is very ……..…….. - she always helps other students.

kind interested lucky

7 Jack loves repairing his toy cars - I think he is going to be a ……..……..

builder mechanic scientist

8 The ……..…….. from my house to the school takes 20 minutes.

motorway car journey

TASK 3

Circle the correct answer (a), (b) or (c) to complete the conversation.

KATY AND JACK:

EXAMPLE

Katy: Hi Jack! Did you start a new school last week?

Jack:
a) Yes, I'm going to.
b) Yes, I did.
c) Yes, I will.

1

Katy: Have you made any new friends yet?

Jack:
a) I met my friend last week.
b) Yes, I played with two boys during lunch break.
c) Yes, I might try.

2

Katy: And what about the teachers - are they nice?

Jack:
a) Yes, but they give us a lot of homework.
b) The Maths teacher is called Mr Jones.
c) There are three new teachers.

3

Katy: Do you have a favourite teacher?

Jack:
a) I forgot my homework yesterday.
b) Yes, can I have some please?
c) Yes, Miss Jackson is really nice.

4

Katy: Is the school far from your house?

Jack:
a) I usually walk or take a bus.
b) It's 5 minutes away.
c) It's quite large.



ALICE AND SARA:



5 **Alice:** Hi Sara, what did you do last weekend?

Sara:
a) I went shopping with my mum.
b) I'd like to go shopping.
c) How about going shopping?

6 **Alice:** Did you buy anything nice?

Sara:
a) Yes, I bought some new clothes.
b) There is a nice shop there.
c) Can you do it?

7 **Alice:** Where did you go shopping?

Sara:
a) We went to the city centre.
b) We went to see our friends.
c) We were there for two hours.

8 **Alice:** I really like shopping.

Sara:
a) So do I.
b) Did you?
c) I'm going to.

TASK 4

Read the story and write the correct words.

Hi Tom!

I am so excited – my dad …**gave**…..me a guitar for my birthday!

I really want to **1** …….. how to play it!

My dad is looking for a teacher. I am **2** …….. to have one lesson a week, after school. You have a guitar at home, **3** …….. you?

I have a great idea. Would you like to come to classes with **4** ……..?

We can practice together, and **5** …….. we can play really well, we will start a band! My cousin Joe, **6** …….. is only 12 years old, can play the piano. He is in a band called 'The Rockies.' They are really good. I think they are **7** …….. than a lot of the bands on television!

8 …….. you speak to your parents about it?

Speak to you soon!

Alex



EXAMPLE	gave	had	give
1	learn	learning	learned
2	go	going	went
3	don't	aren't	isn't
4	me	mine	it
5	when	where	how
6	what	who	which
7	good	better	best
8	Can	Must	Do

TASK 5

Read the story and complete the sentences. Write one word per sentence.

David's teddy.



My little brother is called David. David is three years old and when I go to school, he goes to nursery. David really likes his nursery because he has a lot of friends there. But last week, David came home very sad.

'What's wrong, David?', I asked him. David started to cry. 'Why are you crying?' I asked again. 'I lost Mr Brown', said David. Mr Brown is David's teddy bear. It is a small, brown teddy with yellow ears and a yellow tummy. Grandma gave it to David for his first birthday. Mr Brown is David's favourite toy, and he takes it everywhere with him. David always takes Mr Brown to bed in the evening, and puts him on his pillow. Mr Brown helps him sleep.

'Don't worry, David', I said. 'We can get Mr Brown back tomorrow. I'm sure he is still at the nursery.' 'But I can't sleep without my teddy bear', cried David. I didn't know what to do. David was right: little boys and girls need their teddies to fall asleep. Then I had an idea! I gave David my old teddy, Mr Fluffy. 'You can sleep with Mr Fluffy tonight, David', I said. 'And tomorrow, we'll bring Mr Brown back from the nursery'. David smiled and took my old teddy bear. He was happy again.

EXAMPLE Little David is …three … years old

1. David has a favourite toy called …… .
2. The bear is brown and has yellow ……. and a yellow tummy.
3. David got it from his …… .
4. David always sleeps with the bear on his ……..
5. Last week, David …… the bear at the nursery.
6. He ……sad because of it.
7. His brother …… him his old teddy bear .
8. After that, David was ……again.

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STAGE 3 LISTENING

HIPPO SAMPLE

Time allowed: **20 minutes**

There are **20** questions.
Answer <u>all</u> the questions.
Use pen or pencil.

My name is .....

Candidate Name:

Candidate Number:

Marker use only

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TASK 1 Listen and tick the box.

EXAMPLE





1





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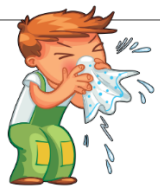
9:30 9:45 10:15

3





4





5





TASK 2

Listen and draw lines. There is one example.

Ben Tom Kate



Alex Sam Max Ali

TASK 3 Write on the line.

Hello

Notes about school trip

What day is the trip? **Friday**

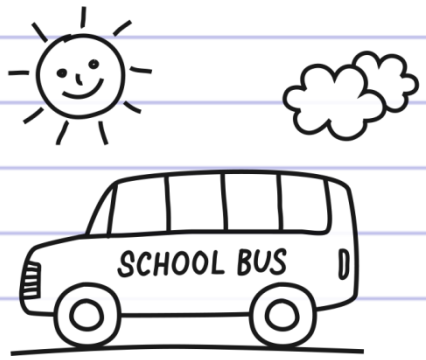
Where are they going? 1 _____

Meeting time: 2 _____

Meeting place: 3 _____

What to bring: 4 _____

AND 5 _____



TASK 4 Listen and tick the box.

EXAMPLE Where will Anna go at the weekend?


✓




1 What time did the library close?

2:00 2:30 3:00

2 What will Ted do in the afternoon?



5 x 10 = 50


3 How did Alex get to school?






4 What will Fred get for his birthday?






5 When will Tim see his friend?





CADETS STAGE 3 LISTENING TRANSCRIPT

F - female adult
M - male adult
FC - female child
MC - male child

Hello. This is the Gatehouse Awards Cadets Stage 3 Listening Examination.

Task 1. Listen and look at the pictures. Tick the correct box. There is an example.

Example: My house has two floors and a garage.

Can you see the tick? Now, you listen and tick the correct box.

(Repeat from here)
1. My favourite activity is having a picnic with my family.
2. The next train to London is leaving at quarter to ten.
3. My English language teacher is tall and has short blonde hair.
4. My brother is not well: he has stomach ache.
5. Tomorrow is going to be sunny with a bit of rain.

Now listen to Task 1 again. *(Task 1 is repeated).*
This is the end of Task 1.

Task 2. Listen and look at the picture. Draw lines. There is an example.
MC: Look! This is the nice park near my house!
F: It looks big! Is that your family?
MC: Yes, we took this picture when my aunt and uncle came to visit last summer.
F: Is the woman holding the stick your auntie?
MC: Yes, that's my Aunt Kate.

Can you see the line? This is the example. Now you listen and draw lines.

(Repeat from here)
MC: Aunt Kate really loves animals, so she spent the whole time playing with our dog Max.
F: He's a nice little dog. It looks like somebody else in that picture likes animals too!
MC: Do you mean the little boy with number 5 on his t-shirt? That's my cousin Sam.
F: No, I meant the other little boy, the one looking at the ladybird.
MC: Oh, yes! That's Ben. He really likes to learn about new things. I think he's going to be a scientist!
F: Did he find any other interesting things to look at?
MC: Oh yes, there were bees and butterflies and even a frog!
F: So what about the little girl building something, the one next to the man?
MC: That's my little sister Alex. Uncle Tom is helping her build a house.
F: It looks like everybody had a great time in the park?
MC: Oh yes, we did!

Now listen to Task 2 again. *(Task 2 is repeated).*
This is the end of Task 2.

Task 3. Listen and write on the lines. There is an example.

MC: Hi, have you heard about the school trip?
FC: No, I wasn't in school yesterday. What did the teacher say?
MC: the trip's going to be on Friday next week. We're all so excited!

Can you see the example answer? Now, you listen and write on the lines.

(Repeat from here)
FC: Where are we going?
MC: We're going to the zoo!
FC: Oh, great. I love animals! Do you think we'll see a tiger?
MC: I think so. And probably lions, and elephants too.
FC: Wow! What time are we meeting?
MC: You need to arrive at school at 7 o'clock in the morning.
FC: 7 am? That's really early!

MC: I know, but the school bus is leaving at 7.30. The teacher said we must be on time.
FC: OK. Where are we meeting? Outside school?
MC: No, we should come to our classroom first.
FC: OK. Do we need to bring food?
MC: Yes, we need to bring our own sandwiches.
FC: What about money?
MC: No, we don't need any money. Our parents have already paid for the trip.
FC: I'm really excited! I hope the weather will be nice…
MC: I don't know, but Miss told us to bring a warm jacket, just in case…

Now listen to Task 3 again. *(Task 3 is repeated).*
This is the end of Task 3.

Task 4. Listen and look at the pictures. Tick the correct box. There is an example.

Example: Where will Anna go at the weekend?
F: What would you like to do this weekend Anna?
FC: I don't have much homework to do. Could we go on a trip?
F: That's a nice idea. Where would you like to go?
FC: The weather is going to be sunny. How about the seaside?
F: I'd like that. We can get some ice cream at the beach.

Can you see the tick? Now, you listen and tick the correct box.

(Repeat from here)
1. What time did the library close?
MC: Excuse me, I'm looking for the school library?
F: It's on the first floor, but I don't think it's open now.
MC: Oh, but, it's only 3 o'clock?
F: I know, but it usually closes early on Mondays, at 2 o'clock.
MC: OK, thanks. I'll come back tomorrow.

2. What will Ted do in the afternoon?
F: Hi Ted, are you doing anything this afternoon?
M: I have a Maths exam tomorrow. I should study.
F: I'm going to the cinema to see a Spiderman film. Do you want to come?
M: I love Spiderman! What time does it start?
F: At four o'clock, but what about your exam?
M: I'll study in the evening!

3. How did Alex get to school?
FC: I'm sorry I'm late for class.
F: That's OK Alex. What happened?
FC: I missed the bus and I had to walk to school because my bike is broken.
F: Don't worry Alex, but try to be on time tomorrow. Now, sit down please.
FC: I will, Miss. Sorry.

4. What will Fred get for his birthday?
F: We need to get something special for Fred's birthday. Do you have any ideas?
MC: He likes cycling. Maybe we could buy him a new bike?
F: That's a good idea, but a bike is too expensive.
MC: How about a watch then? He hasn't got one.
F: Yes, that's a great idea! What colour should we choose?
MC: I'm sure he'd like a red one.

5. When will Tim see his friend?
F: What class have you got next Tim?
MC: Erm…I think it's Chemistry. No, wait a second, let me check. Chemistry is at 11 o'clock, so my next class is Geography. What about you?
FC: I've got Music next. So we don't have any classes together today. See you at lunch break?
MC: OK, great, see you then!

Now listen to Task 4 again. *(Task 4 is repeated).*
This is the end of Task 4.

This is the end of the Cadets Stage 3 Listening Examination.

CADETS STAGE 3 LISTENING MARK KEY

Task 1 (5 marks)
Candidate has ticked the correct box showing:

1. Family having a picnic
2. 9:45
3. Tall woman with short, blonde hair
4. Boy with stomach ache
5. White cloud with rain and partial sun

Task 2 (10 marks)
Candidate has correctly drawn a line between:

1. Max – the dog
2. Sam – boy with a number 5 on his t-shirt
3. Ben – the boy looking at an insect
4. Alex – the girl playing
5. Tom – the man helping the girl

Task 3 (10 marks)
Candidate has written the answers:

1. (the/a) zoo
2. 7am / 7o'clock / 7 in the morning
3. (in the) classroom
4. (a) sandwich(es) / lunch
5. (a) (warm) jacket

Task 4 (10 marks)
Candidate has ticked the correct box showing:

1. 2pm
2. Maths
3. Boy walking
4. Red watch
5. Geography

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STAGE 3 SPEAKING

HIPPO SAMPLE A

INTRODUCTION

The Speaking examination is a face-to-face examination with two Candidates and one Examiner present. It takes the form of a board game.

The rules of the game are explained by the Examiner in the Candidates' first language. If the Examiner does not speak the Candidates' first language, or the Candidates do not share the first language, an additional person appointed by the school may explain the format of the examination.

Candidates take turns to roll a dice and move along the board, answering questions about the images they see and taking part in 'challenges' which are presented on the game cards. There are five types of challenge, each focusing on one or more specific language skills.

The challenges are used in a specific order by the Examiner. As they play, the Candidates answer a simple question about the image on the square they land on, e.g. What is it? What colour is it? What number is it? prior to being given a challenge. Once all the challenges have been completed, the Candidates keep rolling the dice in turn and answering simple questions about the images until one of them has completed the game.

All five challenges are unprepared, i.e. the Candidates do not know the questions they will be asked or the images they will be given in advance of the examination.

EXAMINER CARD 1

Look at this picture.

1. What is it? *(point to one of the items)*

2. Have you ever been on a boat?

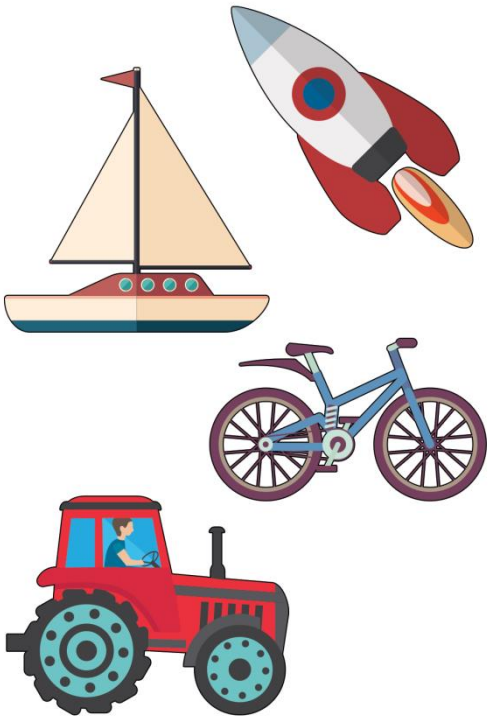
3. Which of these do you think is the fastest?

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

If the Candidate does not provide the correct answer to Q1, select another item and repeat the question.
If the Candidate does not know the name of the second item, provide the answer and proceed with Q2 and Q3.
If the Candidate does not understand Q2 and/or Q3, repeat the questions.
Reformulation is allowed if necessary (e.g. 'What goes fastest of all?')

CANDIDATE CARD 1



EXAMINER CARD 2

Look at this picture. This is Al, Joe and Tom. How are they different?

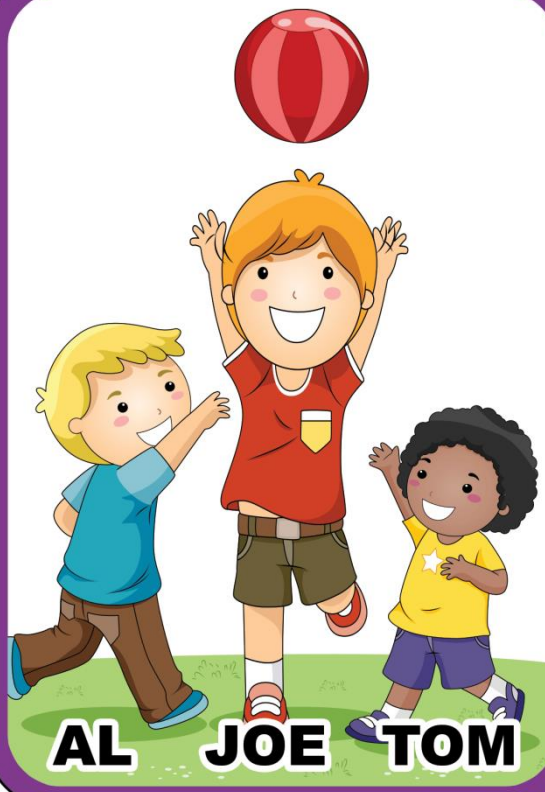
Thank you.

Additional guidance:

The Candidate should accurately describe at least three differences. If necessary, elicit answers by asking additional open questions, for example:

How about their hair?
And what about the clothes?
What about how tall they are?

CANDIDATE CARD 2



EXAMINER CARD 3

Look at these pictures. In the first picture, the girl is making a small house. Now, tell me, what happens next?

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

The Candidate should describe what they can see in the three pictures. If necessary, elicit the information by asking additional questions.

Use open questions as much as possible, e.g. What is she doing here? And what is happening here? What can you see in this picture?
Move on to closed questions for weaker Candidates, e.g. Is she painting the house? Is the house for a dog? Do you think the bird is happy?

CANDIDATE CARD 3



EXAMINER CARD 4

I'd like us to talk together about your school. *(Choose 3 out of the questions below).*

What is your favourite subject at school?

What time do you usually start school in the morning?

How do you get to school in the mornings?

Tell me an interesting thing about your school.

Tell me something about your school friends.

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

You can repeat any of the questions the Candidate does not understand. Reformulation is allowed.

CANDIDATE CARD 4



EXAMINER CARD 5

Now we are going to talk about you.

Tell me about what you did last weekend.

Now ask me a question about my weekend.

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

Allow the Candidate to respond independently and state at least two different things they did. If necessary, elicit further contribution, e.g.
What else did you do?

CANDIDATE CARD 5




STAGE 3 - GAME BOARD
SAMPLE A
START
45
200
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ESL CADETS

HIPPO 2019

GATEHOUSE AWARDS

ESOL CADETS

STAGE 3 SPEAKING

HIPPO SAMPLE B

INTRODUCTION

The Speaking examination is a face-to-face examination with two Candidates and one Examiner present. It takes the form of a board game.

The rules of the game are explained by the Examiner in the Candidates' first language. If the Examiner does not speak the Candidates' first language, or the Candidates do not share the first language, an additional person appointed by the school may explain the format of the examination.

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EXAMINER CARD 1

Look at this picture.

1. Who is this? *(point to one of the people)*

2. Would you like to become a teacher?

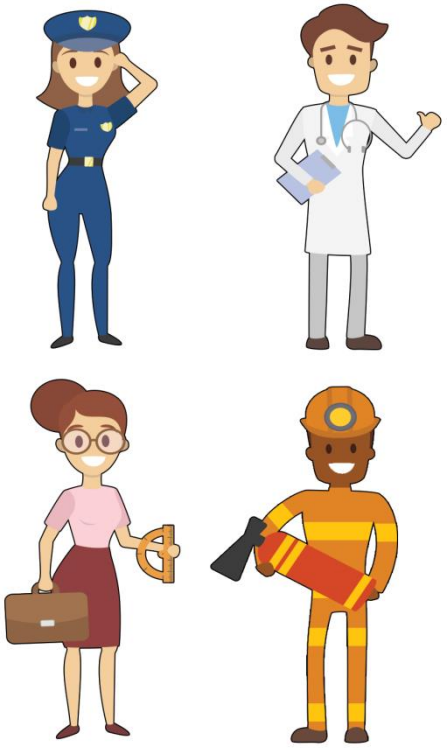
3. Which of these jobs do you think is the most dangerous? Why?

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

If the Candidate does not know the job of the first person, try pointing to another one. If the Candidate does not know the job of the second person, tell them the job and proceed with Q2 and Q3.
If the Candidate does not understand Q2 and/or Q3, repeat the questions. Reformulation is allowed if necessary (e.g. 'Which person has the most dangerous job here?')

CANDIDATE CARD 1



EXAMINER CARD 2

Look at this picture. This is Anna, Mike and Ben.

How are they different?

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

The Candidate should accurately describe at least three differences. If necessary, elicit answers by asking additional open questions, for example:
What about their age?
And what about the clothes?
What about how tall they are?
What about their hair?

CANDIDATE CARD 2



EXAMINER CARD 3

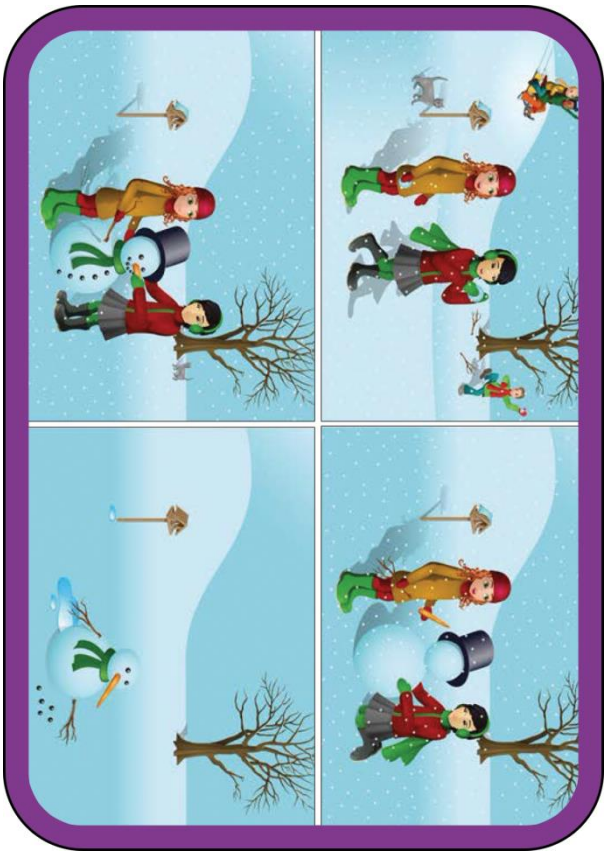
Look at these pictures. In the first picture, the children are outside. It is winter and there is a lot of snow. They are talking about what to do. Now tell me, what happens next?

Thank you.

Additional guidance:
The Candidate should describe what they can see in the following three pictures. If necessary, elicit the information by asking additional questions.
Use open questions as much as possible, e.g. What are the children doing here?
And what is happening here?
What can you see in this picture?
Move on to closed questions for weaker Candidates, e.g.

What are the children building?
What are they putting on the snowman?
What is the weather like here?
Is the snowman OK in this picture?

CANDIDATE CARD 3



EXAMINER CARD 4

I'd like us to talk together about your hobbies. *(choose 3 out of the questions below).*

What is your favourite hobby?

Do you prefer reading or watching television?

Can you play a musical instrument?

Are you good at singing?

Tell me about what you do with your friends.

What hobbies do your friends have?

Would you like to learn to dance?

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

You can repeat any of the questions the Candidate does not understand. Reformulation is allowed.

CANDIDATE CARD 4



EXAMINER CARD 5

Now we are going to talk about you.

Tell me about your last summer holiday.

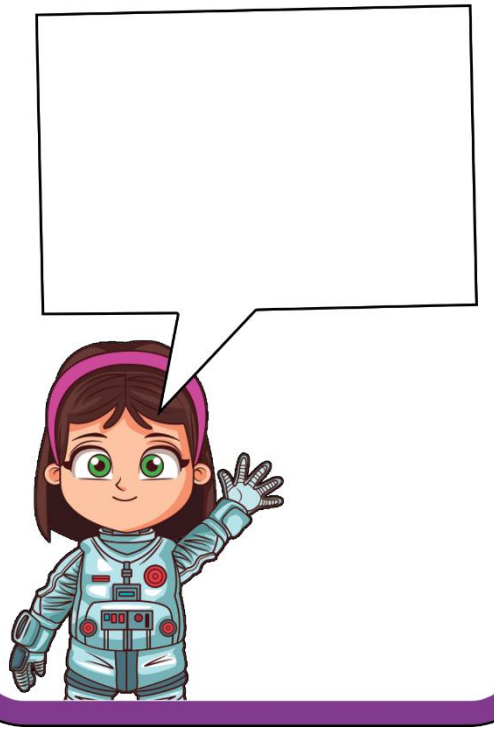
Now ask me a question about my last holiday.

Thank you.

Additional guidance:

Allow the Candidate to respond independently and state at least two different things they did. If necessary, elicit further contribution, e.g.
What else did you do?

CANDIDATE CARD 5



STAGE 3 - GAME BOARD
SAMPLE B

