

HIPPO 3 Sample

Preliminary Round

Reading

Time allowed: 35 minutes



Reading Task 1

Read the sentences. Circle the best option - a, b, or c to complete each gap. An example has been done for you.

Example: Please don't _____ - our dog is afraid of loud noises.

a) shout

b) speak

c) run

Reading Task 2

PART A

Read the text and answer the questions. Circle the correct option: a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

To: susanB123@email.com

Subject: How are you?

Hi Susan! How are you today? I hope you are better.

It is a shame that you missed the school trip today. It was really interesting. We went to Newham, a small village in the countryside. All three school classes wanted to go, but there wasn't enough space on the two buses we had; only our class, Class A, and Class B went. It took about one hour to get to Newham.

When we arrived at Newham, our class went to look at the river. Class B walked to some big cliffs. We found lots of interesting animals and plants. The plants were different from those we get in the city.

When we stopped for lunch, there was a snake sitting on a rock. It was trying to sit in the sun for as long as possible. After a few seconds, the snake moved into the grass and we never saw it again. I took a photograph of it. I can show you it next week.

The village has a visitors' centre with a museum where you can learn more about the local area. It has a lot of useful information about people's lives in the past, and old pictures of the village. It's a shame they didn't have any information that we could take home, but the teachers told us to make notes. However, the most popular place was the village sweet shop, because it sells ice cream. I think everyone had one, and I also spent half of my money on some sweets to take home for my brother.

When we came to leave at 3.00, John and Charlie were not back. They were still in the museum! It took the teachers a long time to find them. Charlie said they forgot what time it was. The bus had to wait, and we arrived at 4.45 instead of 4 o'clock. The teachers were worried that the parents would be annoyed. But instead, all the mums and dads were pleased that we had a nice time and nobody complained.

Don't forget about the French homework. It looks really hard. I might need you to help me so I can do it by Monday.

Your friend,

Sarah

Example: Sarah is writing to

- a) an ice cream seller.
- b) her school friend.
- c) her school teacher.

Part B

Read the text. Circle the best option: a, b, or c to complete each gap. An example has been done for you.

Hi Sarah!

Thanks (**example**)_____ your email. I am feeling a lot better after the doctor **19)**_____ me some medicine.

The trip to Newham sounds fun. If I had seen a snake, I would have been **20)**_____, because I am very afraid of snakes.

My mum said I **21)**_____ some new clothes and we decided to do some online shopping. It's **22)**_____ buying clothes on the Internet. You just put in the colour and size you want, and then choose what you like best from all the available options.

But I don't like buying shoes on the Internet. They never **23)**_____ to be the right size. Last time I bought a pair online, the delivery took much longer than I expected. Then, I still had to **24)**_____ the shoes because they didn't fit. I think you need to **25)**_____ shoes in a real shop.

I have **26)**_____ done the homework. I did it last night. If you want to, I can call you and we can check it together before Monday.

Bye,

Susan

Example:

a)

for

b) to

c) from

Reading Task 3

Read the three texts. Answer the questions by writing the correct letter: A, B, or C. An example has been done for you.

Text A

Hi Steve,

You asked me about something to do with the kids this summer. I suggest that you try football. I have always enjoyed it much more than tennis or basketball.

I know Bradford Town Football Club offers football training. They have some classes for younger children too. But I heard that they are very popular, so book now to make sure that you get a place for your kids.

If the children really enjoy football, you could maybe take them to see a match. I don't go to matches as often now, as the tickets have become too expensive.

Speak soon!

Dave



Text B

Bradford Town are one of the oldest football clubs in the north of England. We were established in 1900 and have won many competitions since then.

This year we are running our fifth 'Top Young Players' course. This takes place over the winter and is for players aged 12-19. The training sessions will take place on two afternoons a week, between 4 and 6 pm, at the Bradford Town stadium.

If you are really good, you can join the club. One day you might be able to work as a footballer at Bradford Town club.

Text C

Little Kickers Summer Football Training

7 weeks of football training for £35 per week!
Suitable for everyone ages 5-13 (20% off if you book 2 or more children).
Open Monday to Friday for all the holiday.

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- tasty lunches and healthy snacks
- writing and maths practice: all tasks are about football!
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Which text ...

Text

Example: was written by Dave?

A

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Use of English Test

Time allowed: 20 minutes



Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

Mahmoud just phoned. He _____ come to the cinema with us tonight.

- a) couldn't b) mustn't c) can't

I really enjoyed _____ your family.

- a) to see b) see c) seeing

A friend of _____ is coming to see us tonight.

- a) us b) ours c) our

My sister can't go to the party - she's _____ skiing.

- a) gone b) been c) went

Jean doesn't go to parties - she's not keen _____ loud music.

- a) on b) for c) to