

# HIPPO 2 Sample

Preliminary Round

Reading

Time allowed: 30 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: I usually have \_\_\_\_\_ at 7 o'clock in the morning.

- a) breakfast      b) lunch      c) dinner

## Reading Task 2 - A

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

### My holiday

My name is David. I live in the city of Brighton, in the UK. This year, I went on holiday to France. I went with my mum, dad and my sister Lily. She is 9 and I am 12.

This year, we went to France on the train. It is faster to go by plane, but my dad is afraid of flying. First, we got a taxi to the train station. Then we got the train to France. The train goes under the sea, which I think is exciting. When we got to Paris, the capital city of France, it was beautiful.

But we were not staying in the city! We were camping in a small town, about an hour away from Paris. There was no cinema or any restaurants there, so we played sport at the local sports centre or went for walks in the woods. And we had to cook all our own food. It was brilliant because the weather was really good. It was sunny for most of the time and only rained on two afternoons.

We came home last Friday. My uncle John has a really nice car. He came to get us from the train station, so we didn't need to get a taxi home.

**Example: David lives:**

- a) in a city in the UK.
- b) in France.
- c) in a small village.

## Reading Task 2 - B

Read the text and fill in the gaps below. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

(Example)\_\_\_\_\_ Anna,

How are you? I'm writing to tell you I have a new guitar teacher! Remember, I **17)**\_\_\_\_\_ a guitar for my birthday last year, **18)**\_\_\_\_\_ I did not know how to play it. So, I am very excited to have a teacher.

Her name is Katie, and she is very funny. We always laugh and have fun **19)**\_\_\_\_\_ during the lessons. Katie has **20)**\_\_\_\_\_ me a few songs already. Maybe you **21)**\_\_\_\_\_ visit me soon, and I will play them for you?

Also, it's your birthday soon. Please tell me **22)**\_\_\_\_\_ you will have the party! I'd love to come.

I hope to see you soon!

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Example:

a)

Dear

b) Welcome

c) Happy

## Reading Task 3 - A

Read the three texts and answer the questions below. An example has been done for you.

### Restaurant A

#### The Pizza Place

**Type of food:** Italian food

**Opening Hours:**

11.30 am to 2 pm &  
5 pm to 11 pm, Monday to Saturday

**Meal cost:** £12-18 adults, £8 kids

**Best food:** vegetable pizza, Italian ice cream

**Comments:** big play area for the youngest guests, coffee only OK.

### Restaurant B

#### Sam's Diner

**Type of food:** chips, sandwiches, salads, cakes, biscuits

**Opening Hours:**

11 am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday

**Meal cost:** £3-6 a sandwich,

**Best food:** chicken salad

**Comments:** the best coffee in town!

### Restaurant C

#### The French Kitchen

**Type food:** all French food

**Opening Hours:** from 7 pm to 12 pm, 7 days a week

**Meal cost:** £20-40

**Best food:** onion soup, French bread, chicken

**Comments:** large dining area, staff always smile and try to help!

Which restaurant

Restaurant

Example: sells pizza?

A

### Reading Task 3 – B

Choose the correct question to match the given answer. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c.  
An example has been done for you.

Example:

- a) When's your birthday?
- b) How old are you?
- c) Where do you live?

I'm twelve years old.

