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Spettabile ISTITUTO SCOLASTICO
Alla C.A. del Dirigente scolastico

Oggetto: **Partecipazione alla 10th Hippo English Language Olympiad – HIPPO 2022.**

Egregio Dirigente Scolastico, la Hippo Olympiad, giunta quest'anno alla 10^a edizione, è una prestigiosa competizione internazionale unica nel suo genere. Verte sulla lingua inglese, ed è aperta a tutti gli studenti non madrelingua dal ciclo della primaria alle scuole secondarie di secondo grado.

La gara gode di diversi patrocini istituzionali e coinvolgerà anche quest'anno decine di migliaia di studenti di tutto il mondo. Il gruppo New Education è partner esclusivo per la diffusione della competizione nell'area di coordinamento 5 che comprende la Campania, il Molise, Basilicata e Calabria.

Il nostro gruppo è orgoglioso di proporre a codesto Istituto scolastico la partecipazione alla Hippo Competition per celebrare l'impegno dei suoi studenti in una competizione scolastica di sicuro interesse. Sono previste 3 distinte fasi: preliminary round (presso ogni scuola aderente), semi-final round (semi finale Area 5 dei migliori di ogni scuola), semi-final area europa (di prossima definizione) e final-round (finale internazionale a Jesolo-VE). Sono previsti, inoltre, attestati di partecipazione per ogni studente, nonché vari premi e riconoscimenti. Premesso quanto sopra, si trasmette:

- **Request for venue approval form – modello richiesta partecipazione alla Hippo 2022;**
- **Regolamento HIPPO 2022;**
- **Volantino celebrativo;**
- **Volantino studenti/scuola.-**

Il request for venue approval form non è un accordo vincolante ma, in linea con lo spirito della competizione, rappresenta solo una manifestazione d'interesse che consente ai propri studenti di aderire alla gara studentesca e non comporta alcun onere (né finanziario e né didattico a carico della scuola) indipendentemente dall'effettiva adesione dei propri studenti.

All'avvenuta ricezione del modello di registrazione sarà gratuitamente consegnato il materiale promozionale (volantini, manifesti e banner) da esporre a scuola oltre a garantire idoneo supporto didattico ai fini della corretta esecuzione della competizione.

Per ulteriori informazioni: mail gruppoformativo@gmail.com o contact number 3209704198.

Sito web ufficiale: www.neweducation.it/10th-hippo-competition; www.hippo-competition.org

I look forward to hearing from you
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HIPPO 2022

10th INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD

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Request for Venue Approval

Please send the completed, signed and stamped form to the local coordinator where present.

Alternatively, please send to venue@hippo-olympiad.org.

1. SCHOOL DETAILS

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ POSTCODE: _____

COUNTRY: _____ EMAIL: _____

2. SCHOOL TYPE

☐ Regular School

Hours of English per week _____

☐ International / Specialised / American / British

Percentage of the curriculum taught in English _____

3. EXTERNAL CANDIDATES

Are you willing to accept external candidates¹?

☐ YES

☐ NO

¹ Individual candidates coming from schools that do not organise the Olympiad on their premises.



If your answer is Yes, please list HIPPO Categories for which you are willing to accept external candidates:

4. PRINCIPAL APPROVAL

Hereby I approve the use of school premises as a venue for the preliminary round of the international Olympiad in English language HIPPO, to be held for the school students on

Principal Name and Surname (IN PRINT): _____

Principal Signature: _____

5. HIPPO COORDINATOR DETAILS

Name, Surname and Position: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address for Olympiad Material Delivery (if different from school address):

6. INVIGILATOR DETAILS²

1. Name and Surname, Position: _____

2. Name and Surname, Position: _____

3. Name and Surname, Position: _____

4. Name and Surname, Position: _____

5. Name and Surname, Position: _____

² At least one invigilator needs to be present for every 25 candidates. The invigilator does not necessarily need to be an English language teacher but needs to be a teacher.



6. LIABILITY

Hereby I confirm that, by enrolling candidates for the HIPPO Olympiad in English Language, I accept the examination regulations as well as Olympiad regulations (available on www.hippo-olympiad.org), and I commit myself to following the regulations throughout the Olympiad. I accept full responsibility for the Olympiad organisation, as well as any suspected malpractice or other irregularities.

Hippo Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____



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CONNECTING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

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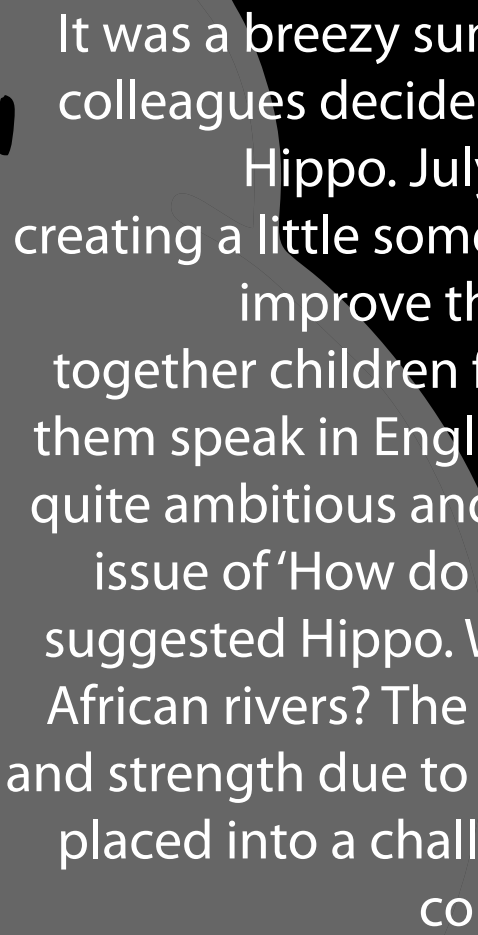


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W H E N A D R E A M . . .



It was a breezy summer evening when four friends and colleagues decided to embark on this adventure called Hippo. July 2012. They liked the idea of creating a little something that would motivate children to improve their English, that would bring together children from different countries, and listen to them speak in English while becoming friends. It seemed quite ambitious and far-fetched at the time. So when the issue of 'How do we call it?' came up, one of the four suggested Hippo. Why Hippo, the gigantic animal of the African rivers? The Hippo is often associated with power and strength due to its size. Docile herbivores until they are placed into a challenging situation. And this idea was a considerable challenge.

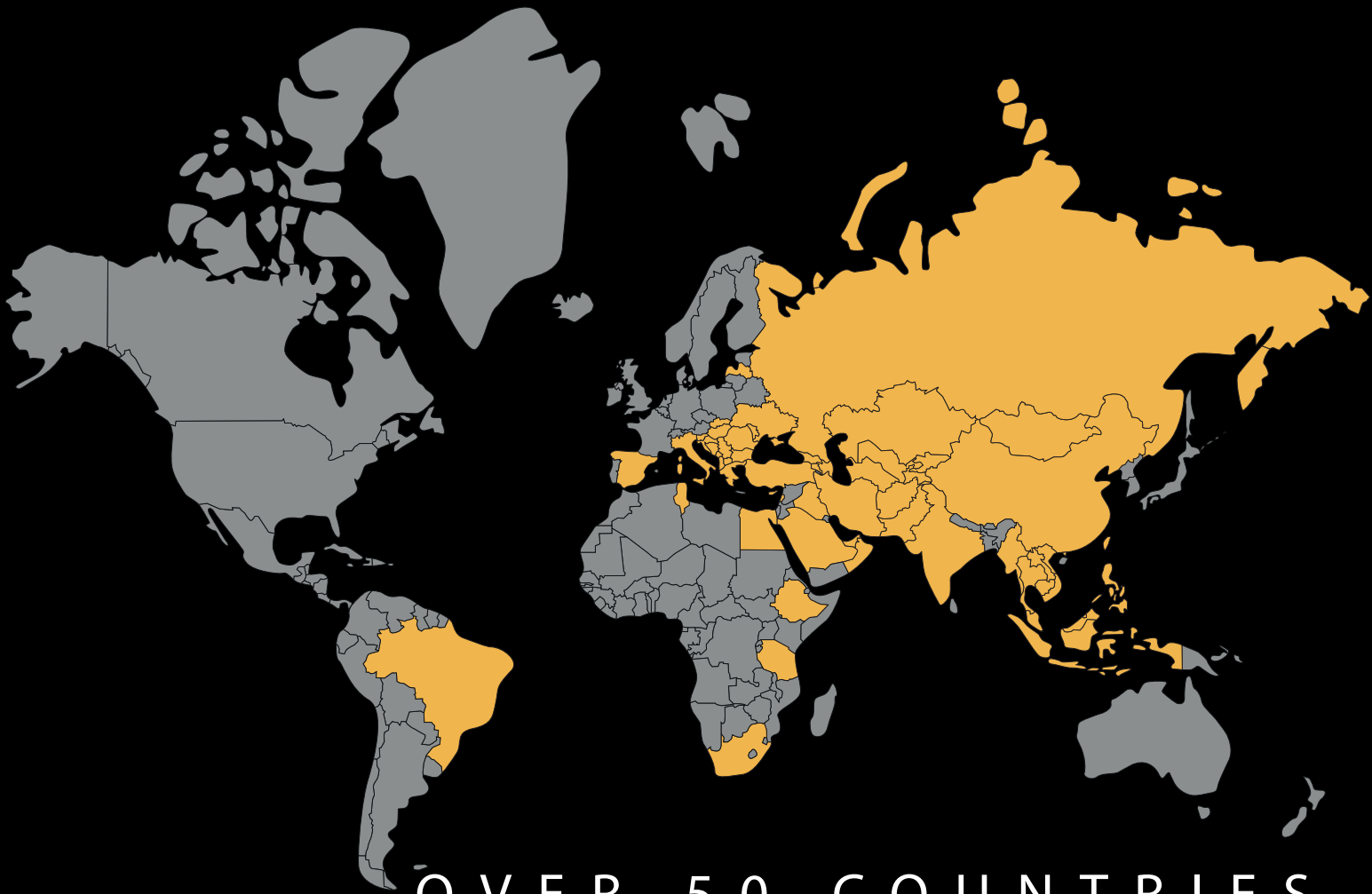
English without borders – connecting through knowledge.

The aim of Hippo, the only truly international Olympiad in the English language, is to encourage the students to get the most out of themselves, unlock their personal potential, stimulate the development of a shared sense of identity and integration through the joy of participation. We are keen on creating and nourishing friendly relations, international understanding and a spirit of healthy competition between young people who love English language from all around the world.

By participating in such an Olympiad, students get a chance to measure their level of English against international standards and get used to the concept of examination. Schools will more easily understand the level of English of their pupils and challenge them to learn more.

The first edition was held in 2013, with around 5,000 students from 6 countries and 44 finalists. As the number of participating students grew over the years, in 2016 the semi-final round was introduced. The 2021 edition had 182 finalists from almost 50 different countries and was held both online and onsite.

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A H I P P O Y E A R

By the time finalists reach the final round venue, so many different things by a number of staff will have been done. It starts with the regulations, normally drafted and finalised between September and October. In the meantime, the country coordinators inform schools and decide on the test dates to organise the semi-final round in their respective countries.

The final round venue is then booked and, not only booked, but first a shortlist of venues created, all of them inspected, narrowed down and then chosen.

Let's not forget the exams! Otherwise, what would the students complete? Throughout the Olympiad, students take examinations prepared by Gatehouse Awards and our Hippo team of examiners for both paper based and online version.

After the tests are held, what comes next is OMR scanning, marking and ranking lists. One of the first more exciting moments. Then we go on to the semi-final round and the excitement grows as we get closer to having the list of finalists.

The final round is the most exhilarating moment of the year. We finally get to see our finalists, coming to meet each other from over 50 countries, and we feel that our hard work has paid off.

There are so many people involved in the processes, and we thank them profusely. Not only to the members of the staff, but also to the coordinators, for their hard work and involvement, to the teachers, who keep believing in the Olympiad, to the students, who become part of our big Hippo family.



HIPPO FOUNDERS

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COORDINATOR FOR NORTH ITALY

"We liked the idea of an international competition like the Hippo English Language Olympiad right away because it responds exactly to these characteristics: it brings students closer to the study of English by making them participate in an international competition open to all. Internationality is precisely the most important and innovative stimulus because today it is essential to think more openly and allow children, even the youngest, to deal with cultures other than their own."

ROY LO

COORDINATOR FOR INDONESIA AND MYANMAR

"How can one – in a few short sentences only – fully give credit to the priceless work that is being done at the HIPPO English Language Olympiad and the invaluable results that come out of it?

Having had the privilege to meet with students and fellow teachers in the Finals in Venice, my admiration for the activities being implemented grows bigger each time, and my respect gets more and more sincere. It has been a delight to work with such committed, open-minded people whose enthusiasm allows them to be swept up by the great competition."

ARANKA BÁRÓ CZ

COORDINATOR FOR ROMANIA

"I can tell you, that nothing compares with the fulfillment when I see the sparkle in the finalists' eyes when they arrive to the Finals in Italy. What a wonderful concept this is, to gather children from all over the world, in one place, to serve the same purpose of sharing the interest in the English language knowledge, meanwhile travelling, and seeing beautiful places."

ZORAN LONČARIĆ

COORDINATOR FOR CROATIA

"HIPPO was our chance to assess their knowledge and our teaching by an external evaluation. We all were so excited about the competition and hoped that our experience would be positive, and fortunately, it really and truly was. The only thing better than the collection of HIPPO staff were students and their teachers."



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"Learning a foreign language and the culture that goes with it, is one of the most useful things we can do to broaden the empathy and imaginative sympathy and cultural outlook of children."

Michael Gove



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REGULATIONS

Introduction

GLOBAL HIPPO ASSOCIATION is organising 10th International English Language Olympiad (hereinafter the Olympiad). The Olympiad is open to students 6 – 19 years old from the whole world. Students wishing to participate will take tests in one of the Olympiad approved venues (state schools and schools that are part of the formal education system, as well as private schools, and venues arranged by country coordinators).

Hippo and its Aims

The Olympiad is an international event which promotes English language, challenges students around the globe to compete in English language knowledge, and motivates the teachers to cooperate. The Olympiad encourages the development of a shared sense of identity and integration, serves as a role model for young people living together as one community. The main goal is to create and nourish friendly relations, international understanding and a spirit of healthy competition between young people interested in English language from all around the world.

Apart from that, by participating in such an Olympiad, students get a chance to measure their level of English against international standards and get used to the concept of examination. Schools will more easily understand the level of English of their pupils and challenge them to learn more.

Olympiad Regulations

1. Stages, Dates and Venues

The Olympiad is run in four stages: preliminary round, semi-final round, regional qualifiers (for more information on the qualifiers, see 4. Regional Qualifiers) and world finals.

The first two rounds are held on different dates in different countries. Country coordinators can choose one of the two options:

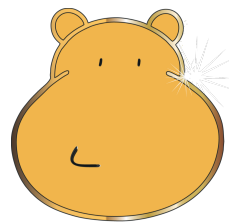
Option 1 Preliminary Round 25 - 26 February 2022, Semi-final Round 25 - 26 March 2022

Option 2 Preliminary Round 11 - 12 March 2022, Semi-final Round 7 - 8 April 2022

The dates for each of the countries will be published on the Registration page of the Hippo Olympiad website.

N.B. Dates are subject to change in accordance with the Covid-19 situation in the world and respective countries.

Every school, independent of the type and country, can participate in the Olympiad. Schools that wish to enrol a group of candidates are required to host the preliminary round of the Olympiad, even in the countries that accept individual enrolments.



Schools that wish to participate in the Olympiad need to apply through the country coordinator. If there is no country coordinator in the country, the school needs contact Global Hippo Association directly (venue@hippo-olympiad.org) for venue approval.

The semi-final round will be held on one of the aforementioned dates. The network of semi-final venues will be based on the location of the semi-finalists.

Regional Qualifiers will be held by 30 June 2022 at the latest. The exact date will be decided on in agreement with the national coordinators and the dates published on the Hippo website.

The World Finals will be held in Rome, Italy, from 29 to 30 September 2022. 120 finalists (plus wildcards, for details please see 10. Marking and Ranking) as well as a school representative (chosen by the school), e.g. the student's teacher, will be invited to the final round of the Olympiad.

Global Hippo Association keep the right to increase the number of finalists if the number of applicants exceeds 50,000, in accordance with the Olympiad regulations.

2. Candidate Registration and Fees

Each participating school needs to appoint one of their staff as the Olympiad school coordinator and contact person (the details need to be provided in the Venue Approval Form). This person will be in charge of student enrolments and will need to ensure that all the Olympiad examination regulations are followed.

HIPPO 2022 Online Enrolments. Upon venue approval, each school will receive login details for the Hippo Online Platform (<http://soa.hippo-olympiad.org/>) where they need to register the candidates by entering the required details. The registration deadline varies from one country to another, and will be published per country on the Registration page of the Hippo Olympiad website. After the enrolment deadline, no further amendments can be made. The system will automatically assign candidate numbers to applicants. The lists of candidates will remain available for printing the Preliminary Round attendance lists.

NB: School coordinators are required to print the attendance registers for the preliminary round of the Olympiad. They are also kindly requested to double check the accuracy of candidate details. Candidate entries can only be made in Latin letters (A - Z, no language specific letters).

No candidate can be registered without the DOB and grade. School coordinators need to have the data ready before they start registering the candidates.

Some of the participating countries accept individual candidates. To find out whether your country accepts individual candidates, please visit the Registrations page of the Hippo website and contact the local coordinator. In the countries where individual candidates are accepted,

they will be given the opportunity to compete in the nearest possible approved venue. The full list of venues will be known after the enrolment deadline. Candidates will then be contacted and assigned to the nearest approved venue.

No venue approval forms or enrolments will be accepted after the deadline. For detailed information about deadlines, schools need to contact the country coordinator. For group enrolments, payment instructions will be sent by email upon the receipt of the application. For Olympiad fees, please contact the country coordinator. The list of participating countries and coordinators, as well as some country specific details, are available on the Registrations page of the Hippo Olympiad website.

NB: Children, family or relatives of organisers, coordinators or anyone involved in the Olympiad organisation cannot compete in the Olympiad.

3. Definitions of Hippo Olympiad Qualifier Regions

The Olympiad participants will be divided into Olympiad regions (hereinafter regions) for the purpose of organising regional qualifiers. The number of regions will depend on the number of participants.

Hippo Association will decide on the final number of regions after the applications are finished. Based on the number and location of the participants in previous Hippo years, the pre-set zones have been established.

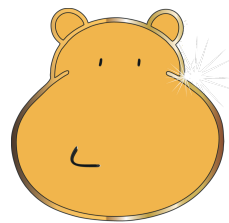
Pre-set regions as follows:

Europe
Maghreb & Middle East
Central Asia
India & Southern Asia
China & Eastern Asia
South East Asia
Africa
Central & South America

4. Regional Qualifiers

Where the number of enrolments in a specific region reaches 10,000 students in the 2022 edition, with a minimum of 1,000 candidates per Hippo Category, HIPPO association will organise an additional round of the Olympiad, called Qualifiers. Within 15 days of the enrolment deadline, when the data on the number of enrolments is available, information on the Qualifiers venues and dates will be available on the Hippo website.

Students with the best placement among those not qualified for the World Finals will be admitted to the Qualifiers. The number of admitted students will depend on the total number of students initially enrolled for each HIPPO category. No more than three students per category per country will be admitted to the Qualifiers.



Where no student qualifies for the Qualifiers, the best student in the country will be invited in order to maintain the principle of multiculturalism whereby students from all countries of the region participating in the Qualifiers are represented.

Qualifiers will be held onsite. Students will not be allowed to participate online unless there are restrictions due to Covid-19 in the country of origin. The recommendations published by the national Embassy of Italy through the official website will be the only ones considered.

Qualifiers will be held by 30 June 2022. The venues will be published on the official Hippo website and on social media.

The winner of each category will proceed to the World Finals.

5. Olympiad Materials

In the preliminary round schools can choose between online and paper-based examinations.

ONLINE

In the Preliminary Round schools will be provided with login details. Students will need to take the test in their approved HIPPO Venue.

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Tests for the preliminary round of the Olympiad will be delivered to the approved venue 2 days before the Olympiad date and need to stay closed until the preliminary round start time. They need to be sent back on the Monday after the preliminary round date and must be delivered within 5 working days, unless the Country Coordinator has provided another deadline. The return address will be provided with the materials. Where the return address is not provided with the materials, schools need to contact either the local coordinator or coordination@hippo-olympiad.org for instructions. The materials delivered after this date will not be marked.

6. Schedules and Inspections

Each approved venue decides on the start time of the test depending on the number of participants per category. All approved venues must send their schedules to venue@hippo-olympiad.org by the Wednesday before the Olympiad date for possible inspections. Olympiad Examination Regulations¹ will apply throughout the Olympiad.

¹ Olympiad Examination Regulations are detailed in Appendix 1

7. Olympiad – Regular and Special Categories

The participants will compete in 9 categories (6 regular and 3 special) based on the Common European Framework and will be taking Gatehouse Awards exams.

CATEGORY	AGE	CEFR LEVEL PRELIMINARY	CEFR LEVEL SF & FINAL
LITTLE HIPPO	Students born in 2012 & younger	CEFR Pre A1 YL	CEFR A1 YL
HIPPO 1	Students born in 2010 & younger	CEFR A1 YL	CEFR A2 YL
HIPPO 2	Students born in 2009 & younger	CEFR A1	CEFR A2
HIPPO 3	Students born in 2007 & younger	CEFR A2	CEFR B1
HIPPO 4	Students born in 2005 & younger	CEFR B1	CEFR B2
HIPPO 5	Students born in 2003 & younger	CEFR B2	CEFR C1

NB: Students who reached Hippo 2021 final round, cannot compete in the same category in Hippo 2022.

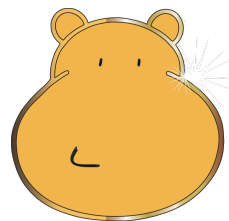
The students of lower grades than the ones in the table can also compete if they feel prepared for the level. The age limit for the Olympiad is 19 or as long as the students are in high school.

Bilingual students will not be admitted to the Olympiad. Students that are considered bilingual are the ones who were born or have lived and attended school for at least 3 years in an English-speaking country as well as those who live in a non-English speaking country but attend an English/American International or a specialised school. Should a student, who is considered bilingual according to the above, apply for a regular category through another school, and should one of the abovementioned schools apply as a regular school, Hippo Association reserves the right to disqualify them from the Olympiad.

Special categories are aimed at students who are considered bilingual according to the Hippo Olympiad regulations (see above) as well as for the international schools and the schools where the majority or all subjects are taught in English (except for the countries where English is the only official language, e.g. UK). These students can compete in one of the following three categories:

CATEGORY	AGE	CEFR LEVEL PRELIMINARY	CEFR LEVEL SF & FINAL
HIPPO S10	Students born in 2010 and younger	CEFR B1	CEFR B2
HIPPO S15	Students born in 2007 and younger	CEFR B2	CEFR C1
HIPPO S19	Students born in 2003 and younger	CEFR C1	CEFR C2

N.B. Global Hippo Association keeps the right to check the school's curriculum, the language of instruction and number of hours of English taught. Students who enrol in one of the regular categories but are supposed to compete in the special categories according to the regulations will be disqualified.



8. Olympiad – Preliminary Round

The tests for the preliminary round of the Olympiad will consist of three parts: a test of reading comprehension (multiple choice questions), a test of listening comprehension and a Use of English

test. The maximum allowed time per part is shown in the table below. It is strictly forbidden to open the Olympiad materials before the exam date. The school coordinator can open the parcel to check that all the materials have been received. The transparent envelopes with the tests however need to stay sealed and be opened in front of the students, right before the start of the preliminary round tests.

The links to the listening test audios will be available on the .soa portal on the Wednesday before the preliminary round date. The Hippo coordinator needs to log in with their log-in details in order to download the audios and have them ready for the preliminary round tests. At least one of the school staff approved by Hippo Association must be present during the tests.

The reading and the listening test samples are available on the Olympiad website. There is only one correct answer to every question. There are no negative marks. Ranking is based on the average number of marks achieved on all three tests.

	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4 & S10	HIPPO 5 & S15	HIPPO S19
READING	30 questions (1 point each)	30 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
USE OF ENGLISH	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)
LISTENING	20 questions (1 point each)	20 questions (1 point each)	22 questions (1 point each)	22 questions (1 point each)	22 questions (1 point each)	22 questions (1 point each)	22 questions (1 point each)

Answers are given on an answer sheet (OMR) and not in the test booklet.

Maximum allowed times per category and part:

	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4 & S10	HIPPO 5 & S15	HIPPO S19
READING	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	35 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes
USE OF ENGLISH	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
LISTENING	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes

9. Olympiad – Semi-final Round

After the preliminary round tests have been marked, the top 10% of participating students from each participating country will be invited to the semi-final round. The list of semi-finalists will be expanded to include all the students whose number of points is the same as the number of points of the last students in the first 10%. The list of semi-finalists will be published on the Olympiad website within three weeks of the preliminary round date. The network of semi-final venues will be based on the location of the semi-finalists.

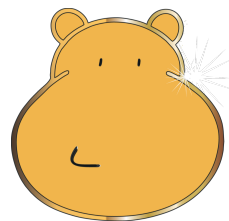
Wildcards are available for the countries where no student qualifies for the final round and will be granted to the best candidate in each category from the country. The exam level for the semi-final round will be one CEFR level higher than the one in the preliminary round. The tests for the semi-final round of the Olympiad will consist of: a reading test, a writing test (30 questions) and an essay (except for Little Hippo).

There is only one correct answer to every question. There are no negative marks. Ranking is based on the average number of marks achieved on both the reading and the writing test.

	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4 & S10	HIPPO 5 & S15	HIPPO S19
READING	30 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
WRITING	30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)

Answers to the reading test questions are given on an answer sheet (OMR form) and not in the test booklet.

The writing test will consist of a free-writing task (100 – 200 words depending on the category) and 30 questions. The level of difficulty of all the questions will be one level higher than the one



in the preliminary round. The essay will be assessed only in case two or more candidates have the scores on both the reading and the writing test.

Maximum allowed times per category and part:

	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4 & S10	HIPPO 5 & S15	HIPPO S19
READING	30 minutes	30 minutes	35 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	50 minutes
WRITING	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes

10. Olympiad – Final Round

In the final round of the Olympiad, the candidates take a Gatehouse Awards exam, all 4 skills included. The test samples / past papers are available on <http://www.hippo-olympiad.org>. The exam level for the final round will be one CEFR level higher than the one in the preliminary round that is the same as the semi-final round test.

In addition to the four-skill GA examinations, candidates take a Use of English test consisting of 30 questions. The results of this test will be used for final round ranking purposes and will not affect the GA examination qualification score.

11. Marking and Ranking

Tests of reading and listening are marked by an OMR device and for that reason need to be properly filled in. Candidates are required to use a pen while completing the OMR form. An OMR sample form will be available on the website two weeks before the preliminary round of the Olympiad at the latest.

Considering that in the semi-final round, candidates complete the reading and writing tests only and not the listening test, the OMR will be used for the reading test only.

In case an OMR form is not properly filled in (e.g. incorrect or missing candidate number) or scanned and the OMR device cannot read it, Global Hippo Association keeps the right to disqualify the candidate if the identity of the candidate cannot be established.

In the semi-final round, the essay will be marked only if two or more candidates have the same number of points on both the reading and the writing test or in case of suspected cheating or malpractice.

For online examinations, in case of suspected malpractice, Hippo Association keeps the right to re-test the candidates using a parallel test and under the invigilation of the Hippo staff.

The ranking list for all categories as well as the names of the candidates who qualified for the semi-final round will be available on <http://www.hippo-olympiad.org> within three weeks of the preliminary round date.

The ranking list for all categories as well as the names of the candidates who qualified for the final round and eventually regional qualifiers will be available on <http://www.hippo-olympiad.org> by mid-April for Option 1 and by mid-May for Option 2.

The final round places will be assigned in the following way:

Top 120 finalists will be admitted directly from the semi-final ranking list. The number of finalists per category will be proportional to the number of preliminary round participants in each category.

Additional 10 places will be assigned to the regular categories with the highest number of enrolments independent of the country or region and in accordance with the ranking list.

In order to promote a multicultural environment, wildcards will be granted to the best participant from each of the countries that failed to produce finalists.

In addition to the above, winners of regional qualifiers will be admitted to Finals.

GLOBAL HIPPO ASSOCIATION keep the right to increase the number of finalists if the number of applicants exceeds 50,000, all in accordance with the Olympiad regulations.

The finalists will have to confirm their participation in the final round by 1 September 2022.

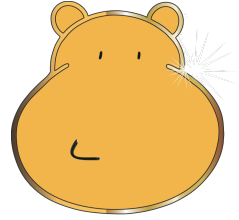
12. Qualifiers & Final Round

Qualifiers will be Held in a Venue located in the region. The name of the Venue will be published on the Hippo website and social media by 31 May 2022. The arrival of students admitted to the qualifiers is expected a day before the examination date. Qualifiers examinations will take place in the morning and the proclamation of the winners in the evening. Students can leave the venue the following day.

Candidates can be accompanied by their English language teacher, or an English speaking teacher from their school. Parents, relatives, etc. who wish to accompany their children need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

The final round of the Olympiad will be held in Rome, Italy, from 29 to 30 September 2022. All candidates can be accompanied by their English language teacher, or an English speaking teacher from their school.

Parents who wish to accompany their children need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements as the hotels where the students are accommodated are booked exclusively for the Olympiad participants.



Three-day half-board accommodation will be provided for all the candidates and their teachers free of charge.

Finalists are expected to arrive on 28 September, while examinations will be done on 29 and 30 September. The proclamation of winners and awarding ceremony will be held on 30 September in the evening.

The programme of the final round will be available on <http://www.hippo-olympiad.org> one week before the final round at the latest and will include the Olympiad final round schedule as well as sightseeing options.

Finalists will be contacted and helped with organising their travel.

13. Prizes

All preliminary and semi-final round candidates will receive a certificate of participation.

All candidates who pass the final round tests (score 55% minimum) will be awarded a Gatehouse Awards internationally recognised certificate in English.

Winners of each category will receive a Mizzou K-12 Online High School course.



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PRELIMINARY ROUND

25 – 26 February 2022

11 – 12 March 2022

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25 – 26 March 2022

7 – 8 April 2022

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REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

May – June 2022

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29 – 30 September 2022

Rome, Italy



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HOW TO REGISTER?

Schools need to download the approval form from www.hippo-olympiad.org, complete it and send it to their country coordinator or venue@hippo-olympiad.org.

Candidate registrations are made online. School coordinators will receive their username and password for the online registration platform (.soa). Instructions on how to use SOA are part of the Olympiad Regulations.

To find out more about Hippo in your country, contact the country coordinator. Contact details are available on the Registration page.



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C A T E G O R I E S

CATEGORY	AGE	CEFR LEVEL PRELIMINARY	CEFR LEVEL SF & FINAL
LITTLE HIPPO	Students born in 2012 & younger	CEFR Pre A1 YL	CEFR A1 YL
HIPPO 1	Students born in 2010 & younger	CEFR A1 YL	CEFR A2 YL
HIPPO 2	Students born in 2009 & younger	CEFR A1	CEFR A2
HIPPO 3	Students born in 2007 & younger	CEFR A2	CEFR B1
HIPPO 4	Students born in 2005 & younger	CEFR B1	CEFR B2
HIPPO 5	Students born in 2003 & younger	CEFR B2	CEFR C1
HIPPO S10	Students born in 2010 & younger	CEFR B1	CEFR B2
HIPPO S15	Students born in 2007 & younger	CEFR B2	CEFR C1
HIPPO S19	Students born in 2003 & younger	CEFR C1	CEFR C2

Students who reached the Hippo 2021 final round cannot compete in the same category in Hippo 2022.

The students of lower grades than the ones in the table can also compete if they feel prepared for the level.

Hippo Special categories are aimed at bilingual students. Students that are considered bilingual are the ones who were born or have lived and attended school for at least 3 years in an English-speaking country as well as those who live in a non-English speaking country but attend English/American International school.

The regulations as well as all the relevant documents are available on the Olympiad website:
www.hippo-olympiad.org



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