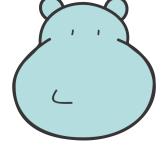
HIPPO SAMPLE

Semifinal Round

Special Hippo 2 Writing Test SAMPLE

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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| 1. Does technology alienate people? (Write about 180 words.) |
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| 2. For each question, fill the space in the sentence using the base word given in bold at the end. The required word may be a noun, adverb, adjective or verb and it may be either positive (e.g. helpful) or negative (e.g. unhelpful). |
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| The survey showed many young offenders had had difficult Bring Despite the striking similarities between the two paintings, the court decided the artist was not guilty of making a copy. Fraud You should dress for the party. No tuxedo required! Formal |
| 4. The stray dog spent his days following tourists hoping to one of them. Friend 5. Severe problems in the country's prisons persuaded the government to invest more money in its prison rebuilding programme. Crowd |
| 6. The child's inability to hear his mother calling was blamed on a slight hearing disability which was eventually solved using a new technique from Norway. Revolution 7. Put your things on that small table over in the corner. Wood 8. The tunnel under the river is near now and should be open before next summer. Complete |
| 9. AC/DC stands for current and direct current. Alter 10. Copper is an excellent of electricity. Conduct |
| 3. For each space, choose ONE word which you think best completes the sentence. Look carefully at the words both before and after each space. |
| 1. Your exams are only two weeks away children! With this mind, I have decided we can do a practice test today. |
| 2. The Earth could be faced serious climate problems unless governments worldwide take strong action. |
| 3. I don't mind the cold so much, but in damp weather, I am prone suffer painful joints, especially the wrists. |
| 4. As the weather deteriorated, the mountain ranger stated that boys had chance of survival overnight. |
| 5. The two parents stood silently in the departure lounge. "Come on Meg, let's go home. If you wait here looking sad long, you'll see them return from their vacation!" |
| 6. You have been looking so tired recently. I think you have taken too much responsibility at your job. |
| 7. We must face to the fact that this school is failing the local community. |
| 8. This photo is so blurry - I can't make what it is. Is that a person on the left? |
| 9. Don't your mosquito bites or you'll make it worse. |
| 10. I felt great when my teacher me on the back and said "well done". |

4. In this exercise, you need to take the information in the first sentence and re-write it, using the word in bold so that the second sentence has exactly the same meaning. You cannot change the word in bold in ANY way. You must use a minimum of THREE and a maximum of EIGHT words for each space. Contractions, which count as two words, should only be used for negatives: e.g. don't / hadn't / wouldn't, etc.

| I could only afford that house because of the loan you gave me. lent |
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| Had money, I wouldn't have been able to afford the house. |
| 2. You don't have to come and see the new house if you don't wish. obligation |
| You are and see the new house if you don't wish. |
| 3. You should have seen the boss as soon as you arrived. You knew he wanted to see you. supposed |
| You boss when you arrived. |
| 4. She is already married and you knew! I wish you had told me. might |
| You she was married! |
| 5. I went in to work for an hour even though I knew it was a holiday. not |
| I need into work but I did anyway. |
| 6. The headmaster will give a prize to the top student of the year. awarded |
| The a prize by the headmaster. |
| 7. Police arrested Johnson because they think he was involved in the robbery. suspicion |
| Johnson was detained in the robbery. |
| 8. You don't need to concern yourself with the new tax laws till October. effect |
| The new tax laws |
| 9. It only took us a few days to get to Perugia. Matter |
| We got to Perugia days. |
| 10. George didn't get the job because he was considerably less experienced than Hannah. Deal |
| Hannah got the job because she had than George. |