



# HIPPO 2023 ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Let's get together and show how good and creative you are in our Hippo Memories Book project and become part of our Hippo writing community.

## Who?

All the students who have enrolled in the 2023 edition or are planning to enrol. There are different word counts for different Hippo categories.

## Why?

There are multiple reasons! First of all, to practise your writing skills.

Second, the winners of each category will receive Future Success 1 or 2 (depending on their category) and Crosswords e-books. Second place winners will receive the Crosswords e-book. Third place winners will receive free-of-charge enrolment in Hippo 2023 or Hippo 2024 if they have already enrolled in Hippo 2023.

Finally and most importantly, all the essays written by the students who have participated in at least one Hippo edition will be published without being edited or corrected in the Hippo Memories Book to be used as a diagnostic tool for the teachers around the world.

## Hippo Memories Book

The book will contain all the submitted essays of all the students worldwide, as long as the student has ever participated in the Olympiad. It will be divided into chapters per category and per country with analyses of the most common errors (in terms of grammatical, textual, functional and sociolinguistic knowledge) the students from a specific country and worldwide make. That way, both the students preparing for Hippo and teachers in different countries can use it as a diagnostic tool to help the students master what they are missing to enhance their English language performance.

## Categories and Word Count

In each of the categories, students need to write about their Hippo experience, whether it was happy or sad, exciting or disappointing, whether they reached the finals and won or they participated in a couple of rounds but didn't make it to the finals.

The topic for all the categories is My Hippo Experience or Memory. The word count for each category is:

- Hippo 1 approx. 100 words
- Hippo 2 approx. 100 words
- Hippo 3 approx. 120 words
- Hippo 4 & Hippo S10 approx. 150 words
- Hippo 5 & Hippo S15 approx. 180 words
- Hippo S19 approx. 220 words

You are all part of our Hippo family. Tell us how it makes or made you feel!



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## Deadline

Please send your essay to [coordination@hippo-olympiad.org](mailto:coordination@hippo-olympiad.org) by 20 March 2023. Please make sure the essay is in a .doc / .docx file. Make sure you include:

- your name and surname,
- date of birth,
- school name,
- town / city and country of origin.

The name of the file needs to include your name, surname and Hippo category, for example: *John\_Smith\_H4.doc*. The email subject needs to be Hippo Essay Contest.

N.B. Teachers can submit multiple essays with a single email.

## What will be assessed

The essays will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. Grammatical knowledge (grammar and vocabulary)
2. Textual knowledge (cohesion and coherence)
3. Functional knowledge (use of functions)
4. Sociolinguistic knowledge (register, natural and idiomatic expressions, figures of speech, etc.)
5. Communicative achievement

## Winners

The names of the winners will be published on our social media on 31 March 2023.

