

CONTINENTAL ROUNDS

Your extra chance to reach the World Finals

Hippo Continental Rounds - Qualifiers - (formerly Regional Qualifiers) offer another qualification opportunity to high-performing students who **came close to the World Finals**, but did not qualify directly through the National Finals.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE



Students are invited to the Continental Round if they:

- **did not qualify directly** for the World Finals from the National Finals;
- ranked among the **top 20% of non-winning students** in their category;
- achieved at **least 70% of the score of the first-place student.**

The winner, just the first one, of each category at each Continental Round qualifies for the Hippo 2026 World Finals in Italy.

Participation in a specific Continental Round is determined by the **student's country of residence.**



CONTINENTAL ROUND LOCATIONS & DATES

Venice, Italy | 17–20 May 2026

Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Ghana, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Malawi, Malta, Moldavia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherland, North Macedonia, Nigeria, Niger, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

Baku, Azerbaijan | 25–28 June 2026

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cambodia, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Phuket, Thailand | 2–5 July 2026

Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Buenos Aires, Argentina | September 2026

Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, Venezuela

FOUR LOCATIONS ONE GLOBAL STAGE

First-place winners in each category will earn a place at the Hippo 2026 World Finals in Italy, advancing to the most prestigious stage of the Contest.



WHAT TO EXPECT

During the three-day event, participants will:

- sit the Hippo Test of English;
- take part in organized cultural and social activities;
- receive exclusive Hippo merchandise;
- connect with students from around the world in a truly international environment.



WHY JOIN

Challenge yourself, grow your confidence, and become part of a global community of young English learners.

The Hippo Continental Rounds combine competition, learning, and cultural exchange in unforgettable destinations.

For full details on eligibility, participation fees, accommodation, and travel, visit our [website](#).



