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Introduction

Hello!

This book will help you to prepare for the PTE Young Learners *Quickmarch* and *Breakthrough* tests.

The first part of this book will help you prepare for the tests, and includes:

- useful grammar tips, topics and words for *Quickmarch* and *Breakthrough*
- general exam tips
- irregular verb lists
- regular verb tips
- activities and tips in the *Strategies and Exercises* section
- self-assessments for each test in the *Strategies and Exercises* section.

The second part of the book has two past papers for you to complete, one for *Quickmarch* and one for *Breakthrough*. Try to complete each paper in one attempt. If you get a good score, you'll be ready for the actual test!

The *Quickmarch* written test is divided into six tasks:

- Task One tests your listening skills
- Task Two tests your listening and writing skills
- Tasks Three and Four test your reading and writing skills
- Tasks Five and Six test your writing skills.

The *Quickmarch* spoken test is divided into two tasks:

- Task One has a question and answer based on a board game
- Task Two has short talks based on topic cards, such as *my last school trip*, *last weekend* and *my last birthday*.

The *Breakthrough* written test is divided into six tasks:

- Task One and Two test your listening skills
- Tasks Three and Four test your reading and writing skills
- Tasks Five and Six test your writing skills.

The *Breakthrough* spoken test is divided into two tasks:

- Task One has a question and answer based on a board game.
- Task Two is a short talk, and question and answers based on topic cards, such as *a bad day for me and my family*, *a great day* and *transport in my town or city*.

The audio scripts and answer keys for this book can be found online.

For the Quickmarch test, you need to know ...

... these grammar points:

- The verb 'to be' in the past simple tense
was, were
- The past simple tense
walked / I didn't walk / Did you walk?
- Irregular past forms of common verbs
went, got up, ate, drank, slept, came, ...
- 'Going to' to express future plans and intentions
I am going to visit my aunt next week. / I am going to work hard this year.
- The present continuous to talk about the future
She's going out tonight.
- 'Can' for permission
Can we go to the cinema?
- Comparatives of adjectives
Ben is older than Sophie. / Ben is better at English than Sophie.
- Superlatives of adjectives
Anna is the youngest girl in her class.
- Conjunction 'because'
Billy was late for school because he missed the bus.

... these topics:

- Spare time
- Places
- Jobs
- Illness
- Clothes
- Food
- Families
- Pets and animals
- School
- The body and people's appearance
- Toys
- Houses

... and these words:

- Common spare time activities
swimming, dancing, playing computer games, ...
- Hobbies
collecting stamps, solving puzzles, ...
- Common jobs and professions
teacher, doctor, police officer, taxi driver, nurse, ...
- Common illnesses
headache, toothache, sore throat, ...
- Names of countries and nationalities
France, French, China, Chinese, Canada, Canadian, ...
- Points of the compass
North, South, East, West
- Basic geographical features
river, mountain, sea, lake, ...
- Town facilities
museum, cinema, supermarket, library, ...
- Shops and essential shopping items
baker's, bread, chemist's, medicine, newsagent's, newspaper, ...

For the *Breakthrough* test, you need to know ...

... these grammar points:

- **The present perfect**
Have you ever been to London? / I have never been to New York.
- **'Will' in all basic uses**
We think Ben's team will win.
- **The first conditional with 'if'**
If Annie finishes her homework, she will go out.
- **'Would' for polite offers**
Would you like a cup of tea?
- **'Would (rather)' for preferences**
I would rather go to the concert. / I wouldn't like to go to the football match.
- **The past continuous in narratives**
Mr Brown was having breakfast when the phone rang.
- **The infinitive to indicate purpose**
Grandmother made a cake to give to Diana.
- **Tag questions**
She is, isn't she? / They will, won't they?

... these topics:

- The senses
- Nature
- Space and space travel
- Travel
- Jobs and professions
- Spare time
- Places
- Jobs
- Illness
- Clothes
- Food
- Families
- Pets and animals
- School
- The body and people's appearance
- Toys
- Houses

... and these words:

- **Words of senses and perception**
smell, taste, look, sound, feel, sweet, beautiful, loud, rough, smooth, soft, sharp, heavy, ...
- **Extinct and endangered wildlife**
panda, snow leopard, whale, black rhino, dinosaur, ...
- **Professions and jobs**
teacher, doctor, dentist, hairdresser
- **Words connected with travelling**
ticket, airport, delay, suitcase, ...
- **Types of music**
pop, rap, soul, rock, reggae, techno, ...
- **Musical instruments**
guitar, piano, keyboards, drums, ...

Remember: for the *Breakthrough* exam, you also need to know the grammar, topics and words required for the *Quickmarch* exam.