

WHAT CANDIDATES NEED TO KNOW - BREAKTHROUGH

General Objectives

This test is designed to motivate and reward young learners who have achieved an elementary command of English and who are in advance of Quickmarch.

Language Content *(in addition to Quickmarch)*

1. Areas of Language Use

Describe everyday objects
Describe how objects feel
Describe sensations
Give instructions such as directions and procedures
Write a story/narrative about a special event
Talk about past experiences
Ask for/give explanations and express purpose
Ask for/give opinions
Ask about/state preferences
Predict and discuss future possibility
Offer, request, make spontaneous decisions

2. Main Structures

Present perfect
Have you ever been to London? I have never been to New York.
'Will' all basic uses
We think Ben's team will win.
First conditional form 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 wouldn't like to go to... I would rather go to...
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?

3. Topics and Vocabulary

- The Senses
- Nature
- Space and Space Travel
- Travel
- Jobs and Professions

Topics included at lower levels may also be recycled and developed

- Spare time
- Time
- Places
- Jobs
- Illness
- Clothes
- Food
- Description of Animals
- Homes
- Families
- Pets and Animals
- School
- The Body and People's Appearance
- Toys
- Houses

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, pop singer

Words connected with travelling

Ticket, airport, delay, suitcase, etc.

Types of music

Pop, rap, soul, rock, reggae, techno

Musical instruments

Guitar, piano, keyboards, drums, etc.

Computer games

Gameboy, playstation

Please note that structures and vocabulary given in italics are for guidance only and are not intended to be a complete list.