

## WHAT CANDIDATES NEED TO KNOW - QUICKMARCH

### General Objectives

This test is designed to motivate and reward young learners who have achieved a basic level of English and who are in advance of Springboard.

### Language Content (*in addition to Springboard*)

#### 1. Areas of Language Use

Talk and ask about sports and hobbies  
Talk and ask about everyday activities  
Talk and ask about countries, cities, towns, shops and buildings  
Talk and ask about modes of transport and journeys  
Order food in a restaurant  
Talk about past events  
Understand, ask and answer questions about a story  
Understand a simple story  
Talk about future plans  
Tell the time (hours and minutes)

#### 2. Main Structures

Past tense of 'to be'  
*Was, were*  
The simple past tense  
*I 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.*  
Present continuous for future use  
*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.*

### 3. Topics and Vocabulary

- Spare time
- Time
- Places
- Jobs
- Illness

Topics included at lower levels may also be recycled and developed

- Clothes
- Food
- Description of Animals
- Homes
- Families
- Pets and Animals
- School
- The Body and People's Appearance
- Toys
- Houses

Common spare time activities

*Swimming, dancing, playing computer games*

Hobbies

*Collecting stamps or teddy bears, solving puzzles*

Common jobs and professions

*Teacher, doctor, police officer, taxi driver, nurse*

Common illnesses which affect children

*Headache, toothache, sore throat*

Names of countries and nationalities

*France, French, China, Chinese, Canada, Canadian*

Points of the compass

*North, south, east and west*

Basic geographical features

*River, mountain, sea, lake*

Town facilities

*Museum, cinema, supermarket, library etc*

Shops and essential shopping items

*Baker's, bread, chemist's, medicine, newsagent's, newspaper*

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