

Hello kids, hello boys and girls. Today's test is Breakthrough. Tasks One and Two are listening. Good luck and have fun!!

**Task One: Mrs Brown's Job**

Ben arrives home from school and talks to his mum, Mrs Brown, about her job. Listen to their conversation and put a cross in the box under each correct answer. The first one is an example.

You will hear the conversation twice. Listen carefully!

□ TONE/BEEP □

□ FIVE SECOND PAUSE □

(Ben: a teenage boy & Mrs Brown)

Mrs Brown: Hello Ben. It's half past six. Where have you been?

Ben: I was at the school Computer Club from five until five thirty and then I played football with some of my friends.

Mrs Brown: Well, now you're here, you can help me in the kitchen. Or would you rather tidy your bedroom or work in the garden?

Ben: I'll help you, Mum.

Mrs Brown: Thanks, Ben. *(pause)* Have you got any homework today? French? Or maths?

Ben: No French today, Mum but I've got English. Tomorrow's the day for maths. *(pause)* Mum, I've got to do a project about a job.

Mrs Brown: What do you want to write about? A pilot? Or maybe a policeman?

Ben: No, I've decided to write about your job.

Mrs Brown: My job? A vet?

Ben: Yes. What do you do, Mum?

Mrs Brown: I look after sick animals, Ben.

Ben: Which animals do you like best, Mum? Horses? Dogs?

Mrs Brown: Well, I do like horses but rabbits are my favourites.

Ben: Mum, can I help you at work on Saturday?

Mrs Brown: Yes, Ben. That's a good idea -- one of my assistants is ill.

Ben: Who? That short girl? You know, she always wears black clothes.

Mrs Brown: No, that's Mary. She's fine. It's Lisa. She isn't tall either but she never wears black. She always comes to work in white.

Ben: If I help you, Mum, can I have a pet animal? A rabbit?

Mrs Brown: I can give you a book about rabbits. Or you could have a special cake.

Ben: Mmmmm ... I love cake! But I'm going to choose the book.

Mrs Brown: Good. *(pause)* I hope Lisa gets well soon.

Ben: What happened to her?

Mrs Brown: She was riding her bike when a car hit her. *(correcting herself)* I mean a bus.

Ben: Wow! Did she break any bones?

Mrs Brown: Yes but she was very lucky. She hurt her arms and legs badly, but only her right hand was broken.

Ben: That's good, Mum. I hope she can leave hospital soon. *(fade)*

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**You will now hear the conversation again.**

**[TONE/BEEP]**

[REPEAT RECORDED TEXT]

[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

That is the end of Task One. Now go on to Task Two.

Task Two:           A Sick Dog

Mr Clegg takes his dog to the vet. He speaks to Mrs Brown and Ben. Listen to their conversation and give a short answer to each question. The first one is an example.

You will hear the conversation twice. Listen carefully!

□ TONE/BEEP □

□ FIVE SECOND PAUSE □

Mr Clegg:           Hello Mrs Brown.

MRS BROWN:       Hello Mr Clegg. It's only four o'clock. You're very early.

Mr Clegg:           Am I? My appointment's at ten past four, isn't it?

MRS BROWN:       No, it's at half past four. (*getting to the point*) What's the problem this time? Is it your cat again? That cat's always ill. I saw it only last week.

Mr Clegg:           (*annoyed*) My cat's all right and so is my wife's. It's my dog. I'm very worried about him.

Ben:                I've got a dog called Rover. What's yours called?

Mr Clegg:           Well, Ben, I've got three dogs. This one's Blacky - he's the smallest. And I've got Rex and Nipper. Nipper's bigger than Rex.

MRS BROWN: (*getting back to the point*) And what's the matter with Blacky? Is it his leg like last time? Or is he eating too much?

Mr Clegg: (*indignantly*) He never eats too much! And now he won't eat anything, Mrs Brown. The good thing is he drinks plenty of water.

MRS BROWN: How long has he been like this? A day?

Mr Clegg: No, longer than that. Three days - no two days.

MRS BROWN: I see. I need to look at Blacky, Mr Clegg. Please put him on the table.

Mr Clegg: That little table over there?

MRS BROWN: No, that's my desk. I mean that round table.

Mr Clegg: Oh, I see. Down you go Blacky.

MRS BROWN: Open your mouth Blacky. (*pause*) Oh ... I see. Blacky's got a bad tooth. That's why he can't eat. (*pause*) I'm going to give you some medicine for him.

Mr Clegg: How often do I give it to him? Two or three times a day?

MRS BROWN: That's too often! Now, here's a bottle of medicine - give him two spoons of this once every evening.

Mr Clegg: Thank you Mrs Brown. I'm sure Blacky will get better soon. Now, how much is the medicine?

MRS BROWN: It's £5 - sorry, £6 - for that bottle and £10 for a larger one.

Mr Clegg: I'll have the smaller one please. Here's the money ... *(fade)*

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**[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]**

**That is the end of the listening tasks. Now go on to Task Three.**