

PTE Young Learners - Breakthrough November 2009

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

Task One: Can I Learn the Guitar?

Anna arrives home from school and talks to her mum, Mrs Brown, about some new clubs at school. 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]

Mrs Brown: Hello Anna. It's five thirty. Where have you been?

ANNA: There was a Music Club meeting from four until four thirty and then I talked to some of my friends.

Mrs Brown: (*disapprovingly*) Did you go to that Internet café again?

ANNA: No. We went to the park near the school.

Mrs Brown: Oh yes, I know. (*pause*) What was the meeting about Anna?

ANNA: Well, you know Mrs Taylor, our new music teacher?

Mrs Brown: The old woman with short, curly hair and glasses?

ANNA: No, that's Mrs Newton. Mrs Taylor's quite young. She's got long, dark hair and always wears a jacket and trousers.

Mrs Brown: No, I don't know her.

ANNA: No, she's only been at the school since Mr Brett left.

Mrs Brown: He left two or three weeks ago, didn't he? Or was it four?

ANNA: It was two. Mrs Taylor started the same day.

Mrs Brown: (*getting back to the point*) So what happened at the meeting?

ANNA: Well, Mrs Taylor's starting some new clubs.

Mrs Brown: What clubs?

ANNA: Well, she's good at playing piano and violin and she's even better at guitar. She's starting a club for each one. *(pause)* Can I join Guitar Club?

Mrs Brown: Yes, why not? *(pause)* When is Guitar Club? Not on Thursdays I hope.

ANNA: No, it's on Wednesdays or Fridays - we can choose. Volleyball Club is on Fridays so Wednesday is best for me.

Mrs Brown: OK. *(doubtfully)* Has the school got enough guitars?

ANNA: There are six but that's not enough for everybody. And Mrs Taylor needs one of them. The children can use the other five. *(pleading)* Can I buy a guitar Mum?

Mrs Brown: I'm not sure about that.

ANNA: *(determinedly)* Please. I'll practise every day.

Mrs Brown: Well, let's go to 'Music for All' tomorrow and look at guitars.

ANNA: That's the most expensive music shop in town. 'The Music Centre' is a bit cheaper but for really cheap guitars there's 'Music4U'.

Mrs Brown: Well, we'll see.

ANNA: Mum, can you play any instruments?

Mrs Brown: I had keyboard lessons last year - remember? And piano lessons at school. But I've forgotten all that now. Maybe I can start learning guitar with you.

ANNA: Great idea Mum - let's tell Dad. *(fade)*

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: Guitar Lessons for Anna.

A few weeks later Mrs Brown phones her friend, Alice, about some guitar lessons for Anna. 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]

(sound of telephone ringing and being picked up)

KELLY: Hello.

MRS BROWN: Hello. Is that Alice?

KELLY: No, it's Kelly. Alice is my mum.

MRS BROWN: Oh hello Kelly. This is Liz Brown. Is your mum there?

KELLY: Yes, I think she's upstairs. Just a minute. *(shouts)* Mum! It's
Liz Brown on the phone.

ALICE: *(shouts back)* I'm in the garden Kelly. Just a minute.

KELLY: She's in the garden Liz. She won't be long.

(sound of phone being put on a table, a door opening, footsteps getting closer and the phone being picked up from the table)

ALICE: Hello Liz. How are you?

MRS BROWN: I'm fine Alice. And you?

ALICE: I'm fine.

MRS BROWN: Alice, I'm phoning about Anna.

ALICE: Oh yes.

MRS BROWN: Yes. Well, she's started playing the guitar and it's very
difficult for her so she wants some extra lessons. Do you still
teach guitar?

ALICE: Yes private lessons. I'm not at the music school now.

MRS BROWN: Oh?

ALICE: I found a new job and decided to leave. I'm working in a shop now. Now I only teach at home in my free time.

MRS BROWN: Really? When did you leave the music school? You were teaching there six months ago.

ALICE: That's right. I left the music school two months ago and started my new job a month ago.

MRS BROWN: I see. Why did you leave Alice? For more money?

ALICE: No, I'm getting less money. No, I left because I wanted a change.

MRS BROWN: Will you have time to teach Anna or have you got too many students already?

ALICE: Well, I've got three now and another one is starting next month. With Anna I'll have five - that's OK. *(pause)* When would Anna like to start?

MRS BROWN: I don't know. She's busy on Wednesdays and Fridays.

ALICE: And I'm only free on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If Monday is OK with Anna, she can start next week.

MRS BROWN: Anna's out now, Alice. But she'll be home at seven. Shall I ask her to phone you at seven thirty?

ALICE: Let's say eight. That'll be better.

MRS BROWN: OK Alice. Thanks very much. *(fade)* Let's meet for a cup of tea soon.

You will now hear the conversation again.

[REPEAT RECORDED TEXT]

[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

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