

PTE Young Learners - Quickmarch May 2012

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

Task One: Talking about the Singing Competition

Mr Brown and Anna are talking about a singing competition at Anna's school. Listen to their conversation. After each part of the conversation, answer the question. Put a cross in the box under the correct picture. You will hear the conversation twice. First, listen to the example.

[TONE/BEEP]

[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

Example: What is Mr Brown doing?

ANNA: (*calling out*) Hi! Dad! Are you in the living room? (*slight pause, then calling again*) Dad? Where are you? In the kitchen?

MR B: (*calling out*) Hi Anna! I'm out in the garden. Cutting the grass.

ANNA: Ah, there you are.

The correct answer is B. Now answer the other questions.

[*beep*]

Number 1: When is the school singing competition?

ANNA: (*a bit breathless and excited*) I've got some great news, Dad! I'm in the school singing competition.

MR B: Brilliant, Anna! (*slight pause*) When is it?

ANNA: Well, we sing in front of our own class first. That's on May the twelfth, but the competition is on the fourteenth of May.

MR B: Oh that's good because I'm working on the fifteenth.

[*5 second pause*]

[*Beep*]

Number 2: Why couldn't Anna sing in the competition last year?

MR B: (*relieved*) Of course. (*slight pause*) Was there a singing competition last year, Anna? I don't remember.

ANNA: Yes, but I wasn't in it.

MR B: (*butting in*) Oh that's right. You broke your arm at the beach.

ANNA: (*laughing*) No, dad. That was two years ago! Last year I had a bad eye.
Remember? I stayed in bed - with those dark glasses on.

MR B: That's right. You looked like a film star.

ANNA: (*slightly sarcastic*) Ha ha! Very funny!

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 3: How is Anna planning to sing?

MR B: So, Anna. What song are you going to sing?

ANNA: I'm not sure. A country song perhaps.

MR B: Great. (*Slight pause*) And how about the music?

ANNA: Well, our music teacher can play the piano for us, or we can sing without music.

MR B: Or you could play your guitar. You play so well.

ANNA: Yes, I'm going to do that.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 4: What does the competition winner get?

MR B: And does the winner get something in this competition?

ANNA: What? Like money?

MR B: Yes, or a special gold or silver cup.

ANNA: (*laughing, surprised*) Gold or silver cup! No! Last year my friend Maria won the competition. She got a piece of paper with 'Winner' on it. And it's the same this year.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 5: What is Anna going to wear in the competition?

MR B: What're you going to wear when you sing, Anna?

ANNA: My black dress. But some of us are going to wear T-shirts, skirts, and jeans... We can wear anything.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 6: What time does the competition start?

MR B: So, is the competition in the morning or afternoon?

ANNA: It's after lunch from two until six.

MR B: (*surprised*) Four hours!?

ANNA: I know. It is quite long. But it's going to be great.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 7: What are the Brown family going to eat after the competition?

ANNA: Dad, can we go out for dinner after the competition?

MR B: Good idea, but let's try something different this time. How about noodles?

ANNA: Yes, that sounds much better than pizza or hamburgers. Let's do that.

[TONE/BEEP]

[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

You will now hear the conversation again. First, listen to the example.

[TONE/BEEP]

[REPEAT RECORDED TEXT]

[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

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

Task Two: Talking to Mr Dale

Mr Dale is the music teacher at Anna's school. Mrs Brown is talking to him. Listen to their conversation. After each part of the conversation, write a short answer to the question. You will hear the conversation twice. First, listen to the example.

[TONE/BEEP]

[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

Example: How does Anna feel about singing in the competition?

MR D: Oh hello, Mrs Brown. Nice to see you. Anna is going to be in the singing competition this year. I'm so glad.

MRS B: Yes, but she's a bit nervous because it's her first competition. She couldn't do it last year.

The correct answer is 'nervous'. Now answer the other questions.

[beep]

Number 1: When did Mrs Rose start the competition?

MRS B: When was the first competition, Mr Dale?

MR D: Let me think. (*thinks*) Yes, I started teaching here two years ago, but the music teacher before me, Mrs Rose, started the competition four years ago.

MRS B: Oh Mrs Rose, I remember her.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 2: How many children were in the first competition?

MRS B: Is the competition very popular?

MR D: Yes. But in the first year there weren't many children. Mrs Rose wanted twenty to twenty-five, but in the end, there were only fifteen. (*enthusiastically*) This year it's going to be much better with forty children.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 3: Who is choosing the winner this year?

MRS B: So do you choose the winner or do the other children decide?

MR D: No. We want the competition to be fair. So a music teacher from another school decides. This year it's Mr Green.

MRS B: Mr Green from City School?

MR D: Yes that's right.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 4: Which song did the winner sing last year?

MRS B: Anna's friend Maria won the competition last year.

MR D: That's right. She sang the song Monkey Monster. It was really good.

MRS B: Monkey Monster? That's Sophie's favourite song.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 5: Where is the competition going to be this year?

MRS B: Is the competition going to be here in the school?

MR D: Well, it was here last year. But this year we're having it in the theatre because more parents are coming.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 6: How much are the most expensive tickets?

MRS B: And how much are the tickets?

MR D: Oh! They are very cheap. Three pounds for adults but only a pound for children. You can buy them from the school office.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 7: Why do some of the children cry in the competition?

MRS B: Do the children always enjoy the competition?

MR D: Yes always, but sometimes they cry.

MRS B: *(surprised)* Cry? Why? Because they lose?

MR D: *(laughs)* No, the opposite! Because they win!

MRS B: *(laughs)* Oh right, I understand.

[5 second pause]

[Beep]

Number 8: When is the special competition?

MRS B: Have you got any plans for the future?

MR D: (*enthusiastic*) Yes, really exciting ones. In March, we're going to have a special competition with all the winners from other schools. In July, we are starting piano and guitar classes.

MRS B: What an excellent idea!

[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

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[FIVE SECOND PAUSE]

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