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Introduction

Breakthrough Activity Books are a new self-study resource for language learners. First and foremost they are designed to provide extra practice in reading and writing skills in a digestible, enjoyable and easy-to-follow format.

They are based on the content of the successful Breakthrough language courses and they will certainly be welcomed by learners who are using or have used Breakthrough, but they are of equal value to people who have been following other first-level radio, television or tape-based courses. The Activity Books take as their starting point the crucial topics you need when visiting or developing contacts in overseas countries. So, you find yourself involved in activities to help you when you are introducing yourself; describing your family, your job, or your town; asking for directions; shopping; ordering meals or booking rooms; saying what you like or dislike; talking about your holidays or saying goodbye.

The books are particularly appropriate for people who have made reasonable progress in listening and speaking, but who feel they now need something a bit more concrete to reinforce the vocabulary and structures they have learned. The activities, therefore, have been carefully selected to practise key language points in a palatable way.

Everything is carefully explained and you should have no difficulty knowing what you are expected to do. At the end of each unit are full answers, so you can check how you are doing. These have been made as comprehensive as possible, so you can sort out where you went wrong.

Everybody works at a different pace, but on average you should expect to spend 1–1½ hours working through each unit. It is a good idea to have a dictionary handy to check on any words you don't know. You might also find it fun to work through the books with somebody else in your family or with friends. Two or three heads are better than one and you can help each other. You can work at home, in your lunch breaks or even on plane or train journeys.

The *Breakthrough Activity Books* are ideal for practising, refreshing and developing your language skills in an easy-going way which nevertheless covers the ground thoroughly. When you feel that you have mastered the activities in the 15 units you will have a sound base to make the most of holidays, visits from friends and the many situations where language skills open up hitherto closed doors.

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