

ISE I Independent Listening Task 1

The examiner will read some instructions to introduce the task and will give the candidate some blank notepaper they can use to write notes on if they want to. The candidate may ask for repetition or clarification.

Below is an example from the sample exam:

'You're going to hear a short talk about a festival in England. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. After, I will ask you six questions on some facts about the festival.'

Are you ready?'

The examiner will play the recording for task 1. The recording will play twice. While the recording is playing the candidate can make notes.

After the recording has played twice the examiner will ask the candidate the following questions:

1. Where does the festival take place?
2. When does the festival happen?
3. What shape is the cheese?
4. What does the winner have to do?
5. Who has won the race recently?
6. Why have people wanted to cancel the festival?

Task 1 sample audio script

There's an unusual Cheese Festival in the south of England. It has taken place in the month of May. They use the local hard cheese, because it's in the shape of a wheel. This means that people can push it down a hill. The cheese weighs about 5 kilos, so it moves fast.

People take the cheese to the top of a hill. This is where the race begins. The cheese goes 200 metres to the bottom of the hill, and the competitors run after it. People always fall over because the hill is so steep. The first person to catch the cheese is the winner.

Nowadays, people come from all over the world for this festival. Recent winners have been a woman from America, and a man from Japan. People have wanted to cancel the race because the weather is too wet. But it hasn't happened yet.

Answer key

1	South of England
2	In May
3	Round / a wheel
4	Run after / catch the cheese
5	American woman / man from Japan
6	Wet weather