

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 type of bird called an 'emu'. 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 emu.

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 do emus live?
2. What kind of places do emus like living in?
3. How fast can they run?
4. Can you tell me something they eat?
5. What colour are emus?
6. What can you tell me about their eyesight?

Task 1 sample audio script

The emu is one of the strangest birds on our planet. It's very large. In fact, it's the second tallest bird in the world. It's found in Australia where it lives in open country and avoids forests and towns. Emus can't fly but they have very long legs which means they can run very fast, up to 50 kilometres an hour. They travel a lot, especially in search of food. They feed on insects and plants but can live without food and water for a long time.

Both the male and the female emu are brown in colour which can make it difficult to see them. They also have very good eyesight which helps them to escape from animals and birds that might attack them. Young emus reach full size after six months and emus can live up to 20 years in the wild.

Answer key

1	Australia
2	Open country
3	50 (kilometres per hour)
4	Plants and/or insects
5	Brown
6	(they have) very good (eyesight)