

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 an animal called a 'giraffe'. 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 giraffes.

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 giraffes get water from?
2. How fast can giraffes run?
3. After how long can a baby giraffe stand up?
4. What happens to baby giraffes after 10 hours?
5. How long do giraffes live for?
6. How do you know the age of a giraffe?

Task 1 sample audio script

Giraffes are often five-and-a-half metres tall and not surprisingly, are the tallest animals on the planet. Their height is useful for eating from trees, but drinking is difficult for giraffes. Fortunately, giraffes do not need to drink everyday as they get most of the water they need from the plants they eat.

They eat most of the time and often sleep about two hours a day. They can run up to fifty-five kilometres an hour and are so powerful that they can kill a lion by kicking it.

Female giraffes have babies standing up and so the babies fall one-and-a-half metres to the ground. They are not hurt by the fall and after only 30 minutes the baby giraffes can stand by themselves. Amazingly, after 10 hours, the baby giraffes can run around with their mothers.

Giraffes live up to 25 years in the wild. You can tell the age of a giraffe from its spots. As a giraffe gets older, its spots get darker. They really are beautiful animals. [fade out...]

Answer key

1	From plants/the plants they eat
2	(Up to) 55 kilometres an hour
3	They are standing up
4	They can run around (with their mothers)
5	(Up to) 25 years
6	(By/from) its spots