

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 1 – Emus

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a 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. Then, I will ask you six questions on some facts about the emu. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

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.

Questions and answers

If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the questions once.

	Question	Answer
1	Where do emus live?	Australia
2	What kind of places do emus like living in?	Open country
3	How fast can they run?	50 (kilometres per hour)
4	Can you tell me something they eat?	Plants and/or insects
5	What colour are emus?	Brown
6	What can you tell me about their eyesight?	(they have) very good (eyesight)