

ISE Foundation

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Apples

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

You are going to hear a short talk about apples. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts about apples on your notepaper, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me five facts about apples. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

Now tell me five facts you heard about apples.

When the candidate has finished, select three follow-up questions from the list below. Choose three questions which correspond to facts not already reported by the candidate.

Audio script

Today, we are going to learn about apples. The first apples came from Asia. And now in fact, about half the world's apples grow in China. These days, farmers grow around eighty-five million tonnes of apples. Wow! Now you can buy about one hundred different types in the UK. And did you know, small apples are better for making juice.

And what else? Well, apples today are sweeter than they were in the past. For example, one kind of apple has about seventeen grams of sugar. And another thing, one of the newest types of apple is called the Pink Lady.

The best thing about apples is that they keep you young. And finally, in many old stories, apples meant love. How sweet!

Answers

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

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	The first apples came from Asia	Where did the first apples come from?
2	(About) half the world's apples grow in China	Where do half of the world's apples grow?
3	Farmers/people grow 85 million tonnes of apples	How many tonnes of apples do farmers grow these days?
4	You can buy about 100 different types in the UK	How many types of apple can you buy in the UK?
5	Small apples are better for (making) juice	What are small apples better for?
6	Apples today are sweeter than in the past	How are apples different today?
7	One (kind of) apple has 17 grams of sugar	How much sugar does one kind of apple have?
8	One of the newest apples/A new (type of) apple is called Pink Lady	What is one of the newest types of apple called?
9	(The best thing about) apples (is that they) keep you young	What is the best thing about apples?
10	(In many old stories,) apples meant love	What do apples mean in many old stories?