

ISE Foundation Independent Listening Task 1

The candidate is handed a listening exam form and should write their name at the top.

The examiner will read some instructions to introduce the task. The candidate may ask for repetition or clarification. Below is an example from the sample exam:

'This is a map of an island. Here, it shows north, south, west and east [The examiner will point at the compass].

You're going to hear a talk about the island. You'll hear the talk twice. These pictures [the examiner will point at the pictures] show some places on the island. The talk will tell you where the places are.

Each picture has a letter. Write the correct letters in the circles on the map. There's one circle that you do not need to write in.

There's an example to show you what to do [the examiner will point at both Picture A and the circle]. Please look at the map and the pictures now. You have 15 seconds [the examiner will wait 15 seconds]. Are you ready?'

The examiner will play the recording for task 1. While the recording is playing, the candidate completes the task.

The candidate has up to 15 seconds after the recording has finished playing for the second time to complete the task if necessary.

Approximate time for Task 1 – 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

Task 1 Sample audio script

This map shows an island in the Pacific Ocean. There is only one village, which is on the east of the island. The people who live here mainly eat rice and fish. The rice is grown in the centre of the island which is very flat. A river runs through the rice fields, and there is a small fishing port where the river meets the sea. The people grow fruit in the north-west of the island, especially oranges and bananas. There are also small farms in the north where the farmers keep goats. The west side of the island is mainly covered by trees.

Task 1 answer key

