

ISE Foundation Independent Listening Task 2

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:

'You're going to hear a short talk about a writer called Roald Dahl. You'll hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts about him in the spaces on your form if you want to [the examiner will point to the spaces for notes].'

The examiner will play the recording for task 2. The recording will play twice. While the recording is playing, the candidate can make notes.

After the recording has played once, the examiner will say:

'Now listen again. Then I'll ask you to tell me five facts about Roald Dahl. Are you ready?'

After the recording has played twice, the examiner will say:

'Now tell me five facts that you heard about Roald Dahl.'

The candidate will report to the examiner five facts that they have heard in the recording. They may refer to their notes.

While the candidate is responding, the examiner will note which facts the candidate has correctly or incorrectly reported. When the candidate has finished, the examiner will select three follow-up questions from a list.

Task 2 Sample audio script

Roald Dahl was a famous writer. He was born in Wales in 1916. His parents were from Norway. When he was 23 years old he became a pilot. Everybody called him 'Lofty' because he was very tall. Dahl wrote mystery stories for adults at first. Later when he had children he started writing children's stories. Dahl worked in a small building in his garden. He wrote for four hours every day. He always used pencil and yellow paper. When he had an idea for a story he wrote it in an old red notebook. Dahl loved chocolate and his most famous book was about a chocolate factory.

Task 2 answer key and examiner follow-up questions

	Fact from text	Corresponding follow-up question
1	Born in Wales 1916	Where/when was he born?
2	Parents from Norway	Where were his parents from?
3	23/pilot	What did he do when he was 23? How old was he when he became a pilot?
4	Called 'Lofty' – very tall	Why was he called 'Lofty'?
5	First wrote mystery stories for adults	What did he write first?
6	Had children – wrote children's stories	When did he start writing children's stories?
7	Worked in small building in his garden	Where did he work?
8	Wrote 4 hours every day	How often/When did he write?
9	Used pencil/yellow paper	What did he use?
10	Loved chocolate/wrote about chocolate factory	What food did he love?