

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 famous boat called the Queen Mary. You'll hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts about the boat 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 the Queen Mary. Are you ready?'

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

'Now tell me five facts that you heard about the Queen Mary.'

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

The Queen Mary was a famous passenger ship which travelled for many years between Britain and the USA. It was built in Scotland and first sailed in May 1936. For a long time it was the fastest ship crossing the Atlantic. It continued to carry passengers between Europe and America until 1967 but by then it was quite old and there was competition from air travel. The ship was taken to California where it has become a museum. You can also stay there as it's a hotel as well.

Task 2 answer key and examiner follow-up questions

	Student reported fact	Follow-up question
1	(Passenger) ship/(fastest) ship	What was the Queen Mary?
2	(Travelled for) many years	How long did the Queen Mary travel?
3	(Between) Britain and USA/Europe and America/Atlantic	Where did the Queen Mary travel?
4	(Built in) Scotland	Where was the Queen Mary built?
5	(First sailed in) May 1936/1936	When did the Queen Mary start sailing?
6	(Stopped sailing in) 1967	When did the Queen Mary stop sailing?
7	(Competition from) air travel	Why did the Queen Mary stop sailing?
	(Ship was quite) old	
8	(Taken to) California	Where did the Queen Mary go after 1967?
9	Museum	What is the Queen Mary now?
10	Hotel	