

ISE Foundation

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Antarctica

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

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

The task will play twice.

Now tell me five facts that you heard about Antarctica.

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

Antarctica is a continent in the most southern part of the world. You can find the South Pole there. Most of the continent is covered in ice and it is the coldest place on Earth. About 90% of all the world's ice is in Antarctica. The name of the continent comes from a Greek word and means 'opposite the north'. Humans don't live there all the time but some scientists live and work there for short periods of time. Some animals do live there all the time including seven types of penguin. The first person to cross Antarctica and reach the South Pole was from Norway and that was in 1911.

Answers

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

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	A continent in the most south(ern) part of the world	Where is Antarctica?
2	The South Pole is there	What (else) can you find there?
3	It's covered in ice	
4	It's the coldest place on Earth	What is the temperature like?
5	90% of the world's ice is there	How much of the world's ice is there?
6	Greek word – name means 'opposite of the north'	What does the name 'Antarctica' mean?
7	Scientists live there for a short time	What people live in Antarctica?
8	Seven types of penguin live there	What animals live in Antarctica?
9	The first person to reach the South Pole was from Norway	Where did the first person to reach the South Pole come from?
10	The first person reached the South Pole in 1911	When did the first person reach the South Pole?