

ISE Foundation

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Canada

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

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

The task will play twice.

Now tell me five facts that you heard about Canada.

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

Canada became a country in 1867. It is one of the largest countries in the world but its name came from an old word for 'village'. The population of Canada is 35 million people. It has millions of lakes and half of the country is covered with forests. There are also over 40 national parks in Canada and you can see large animals like black bears and brown bears there. In 1917 Canada gave a baby bear to London Zoo and it was very popular. Half of the world's polar bears also live in northern Canada.

Answers

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

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	Canada became a country in 1867	When did Canada become a country?
2	One of the largest countries in the world/ it is very large	How big is Canada?
3	Name came from an old word for village	Where did its name come from?
4	35 million people live there	What is the population of Canada?
5	It has millions of lakes	How many lakes has Canada got?
6	Half of the country is forest	What covers half of the country? or How much of the country is covered by forest?
7	Over 40 parks	How many national parks are there?
8	Large animals/(brown and black) bears	What animals can you see in the national parks?
9	Gave a baby bear to London Zoo in 1917	What did Canada give London Zoo in 1917?
10	Half of the world's polar bears live in northern Canada	Where do half of the world's polar bears live? or How many of the world's polar bears live in northern Canada?