

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 1 – Basketball

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a talk about basketball. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then, I will ask you six questions on some facts about basketball. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Audio script

Basketball has become one of the most popular team sports in the world. It was invented in 1891 by James Naismith a sports teacher from the USA. He wrote rules for the game because he wanted to teach his students how to play it. Because he had 18 students in his class, he divided them into two teams of nine to play the game. In these first games players threw the ball into fruit baskets. It took a long time to play because every time the ball went into the basket someone had to climb up a ladder to take the ball out. From 1893, many colleges in the USA started playing basketball. After a few years they reduced the number of players in each team to five. The first basketball league began in 1898 in the USA. There were six teams in the league. Trenton Nationals were champions in the first season. Unfortunately, the league was not very popular and it ended after a few years. Basketball soon became popular all over the world. The first international match took place in Russia in 1909. Basketball is now played in nearly every country in the world.

Questions and answers

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

	Question	Answer
1	What job did James Naismith do?	(Sports) teacher
2	How many players were on the first basketball teams?	Nine
3	What did the students throw the balls into?	(Fruit) baskets
4	What happened in 1893?	Colleges started playing
5	How many teams were in the first league?	Six
6	Where was the first international basketball match?	Russia