

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Tigers

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a short talk about animals. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then I'll ask you to tell me in a few words what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

The task will play once.

Now tell me in a few words what the talk is about.

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

Now listen to the talk again. Write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me six pieces of information about tigers. Are you ready?

The task will play once.

Now tell me six pieces of information about tigers.

When the candidate has finished, select four follow-up questions from the list below. Choose four questions which correspond to facts not already reported by the candidate.

Audio script

On today's programme we will be visiting Nepal to see one of the most beautiful creatures on Earth. We're going to see tigers. A fully grown tiger is a heavy animal and can weigh up to 363 kilograms. As you can see they are large creatures and a tiger's tail on its own can be one metre long. Tigers usually hunt alone. They wait until it is dark to hunt other animals. Tigers can see very well in the dark, six times better than humans can. Tigers often eat 5 kilograms of meat in one meal. When they have eaten enough, they cover the rest of the meat with leaves and dirt and come back to it later. Unlike most other members of the cat family, tigers enjoy water and are good swimmers. You can identify an individual tiger by its stripes as each tiger has a different pattern of stripes. Tigers can make a very loud noise when they roar. You can hear a tiger as far as three kilometres away.

Questions and answers

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

What the talk is about: Tigers (any broadly similar formulation is acceptable).

Fact from recording		Follow-up question
1	Weigh 363 kilograms	How heavy is a full-grown tiger?
2	Tail up to one metre	How long can a tiger's tail be?
3	Tigers hunt alone	How do tigers usually hunt?
4	They wait until dark to hunt	At what time of day do tigers hunt?
5	They can see six times better than humans in the dark	How well can they see in the dark?
6	They eat five kilograms of meat in a meal	How much meat do they eat in a meal?
7	They cover meat with leaves/dirt	What do they do with meat they haven't finished eating?
8	They come back later to finish eating/eat it later	
9	Enjoy water and are good swimmers	How are tigers different from other cats?
10	You can identify a tiger from its stripes	How can you identify a tiger?
11	Each tiger has a different pattern of stripes	Do all tigers look the same?
12	You can hear a tiger from three kilometres away	How far away can you hear a tiger roar?