

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 2 - An unusual job

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a short talk about a woman called Mary Jones, who has an unusual job. 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 Mary Jones and her job. Are you ready?

The task will play once.

Now tell me six pieces of information about Mary Jones and her job.

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

Today we're going to talk about the job of driving a truck. Only 10 per cent of Britain's truck drivers are women. Maybe this isn't surprising. Transport companies want to employ more women, as they don't have enough drivers. So what is it like for a woman truck driver on the road?

Let me tell you about Mary Jones. Mary is 22 years old and she was a hairdresser. But now, she delivers food to supermarkets. She sometimes works for up to fourteen hours a day. Despite this, Mary prefers driving to hairdressing. This is because she likes travelling. For her, the main problem is that she misses her family on long trips.

To become a truck driver, you have to be over eighteen. And of course you need to have a driving licence. Now let's talk to Mary about her job...

Questions and answers

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

What the talk is about: (Women) truck drivers, or similar.

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	(Only) 10% of Britain's truck drivers are women	What percentage of Britain's truck drivers are women?
2	Transport companies want to employ more women	What do transport companies want to do?
3	They don't have enough drivers	Why do transport companies want to employ more women?
4	Mary Jones is 22 years old	How old is Mary Jones?
5	Mary was a hairdresser	What was Mary's job before she was a truck driver?
6	Mary delivers food (to supermarkets)	What does Mary deliver?
7	Mary sometimes works up to 14 hours a day	How many hours does Mary sometimes work in a day?
8	Mary prefers driving to hairdressing	Which job does Mary prefer?
9	She likes travelling	Why does Mary prefer truck driving to hairdressing?
10	Mary's main problem is that she misses her family (on long trips)	What is the main problem Mary has with her job?
11	To become a truck driver, you have to be over 18	How old do you have to be to become a truck driver?
12	To become a truck driver, you need to have a driving licence	What do you need to have to become a truck driver?