

ISE I Sample Independent listening task 1 - Mangoes

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a short talk about a fruit called the mango. 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 mangoes. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

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

Audio script

Morning everyone! I expect all of you like eating fruit and today we're going to talk about one of my favourite fruits: and that's the mango. In some parts of the world it is even called the king of fruits! It's surprising to know that mango trees can grow up to 40 metres high. I thought they were much shorter!

Mangoes take up to six months to become ripe – so be patient! About half of the world's mangoes grow in India, but India exports very few of the world's mangoes. This is because Indian people eat most of their mangoes. I'm not surprised! People say if you give someone a basket of mangoes, it is a sign of friendship. Isn't that nice! Now let's try some of the delicious mangoes we have here today and see if you like them.

Questions and answers

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

	Question	Answer
1 \	What is the mango called in some parts of the world?	The king of fruits
2 H	How high can mango trees grow?	(Up to) 40 metres
3 H	How long do mangoes take to become ripe?	(Up to) 6 months
4 ł	How many of the world's mangoes grow in India?	(About) half
5 ۱	Why does India export so few of their mangoes?	Because Indians/they eat most of them
6 ۱	What does it mean if you give someone a basket of mangoes?	(It's a sign of) friendship