

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 1 – Ants

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

You're going to hear a short talk about ants. 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 ants. Are you ready?

Play the task. The task will play twice.

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

Audio script

Today I'm going to tell you about a small, common insect that is called an ant. Now, it might seem unbelievable, but there are more than twelve thousand types of ant in the world! It's really quite interesting that there are no ants at the South Pole. And did you know, the ant has lived on the earth since there were dinosaurs!

And what's more, ants have a second stomach. They fill this stomach with food for other ants. Isn't that incredible? Now, here's another important piece of information: every day, ants have about a hundred and fifty short sleeps! And one last thing that I want to tell you, it's about the queen ant. The queen ant lives much longer than any of the other ants because she sleeps so much. Now, it's time to look at another very important type of insect.

Questions and answers

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

	Question	Answer
1	How many kinds of ant are there?	(More than) 12,000
2	Where are there no ants?	At the South Pole
3	How long have ants lived on Earth?	Since (there were) dinosaurs
4	What do ants do with their second stomach?	(Use it) to feed other ants
5	How many times do ants sleep every day?	150
6	Why does the queen ant live much longer than other ants?	Because she sleeps so much