

ISE Foundation

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Concorde

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

You're going to hear a short talk about an aeroplane called Concorde. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts about the aeroplane on your notepaper, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me five facts about the aeroplane. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

Now tell me five facts that you heard about Concorde.

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

Audio script

Concorde was a famous aeroplane. It was built by British and French engineers together. Concorde flew faster than the speed of sound. Concorde had a special nose at the front of the plane. The nose could move up and down and that helped to make it fly fast. It flew between Europe and other parts of the world in a very short time. Normal aeroplanes took eight hours to fly from Paris to New York but Concorde took only three and a half hours. It started to carry passengers from 1976. In 2003 Concorde stopped flying forever when it was 30 years old.

Answers

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

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	Concorde was a famous plane	What was Concorde?
2	It was built by French and British engineers together	Who built Concorde?
3	It flew fast/faster than speed of sound	How fast did Concorde fly?
4	It had a special nose at the front	How did Concorde fly so fast?
5	The nose went up and down to make it fly fast	What did the 'nose' help Concorde to do?
6	It flew between Europe and other countries (Paris/New York)	Where did Concorde fly?
7	Normal planes took 8 hours to fly from Paris to New York	How long did a normal plane take to fly between Paris and New York?
8	Concorde took 3.5 hours to get from Paris to New York	How long did Concorde take to fly between Paris and New York?
9	Started taking passengers in 1976	When did Concorde start taking passengers on flights?
10	Stopped flying in 2003 when it was 30 years old	When did Concorde stop flying?