

ISE Foundation

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Polar Bears

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

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

The task will play twice.

Now tell me five facts that you heard about polar bears.

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

Polar bears are different to other bears because they do not sleep through winter. They spend most of their time at sea. Their large feet help them swim. Did you know that Polar bears can swim 100 miles without stopping? The male polar bear can weigh 700 kilograms. It is difficult to believe, but baby polar bears often weigh only half a kilogram. Baby polar bears usually stay near their mothers for two years. Scientists can look at a bear's teeth and tell how old it is Polar bears use their sense of smell to hunt for food. Polar bears can live without food for weeks.

Answers

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

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	Different from other bears/they don't sleep through winter	Why are polar bears different from other bears?
2	Spend most of their time at sea	Where do they spend most of their time?
3	Large feet help them swim	What helps polar bears swim?
4	Can swim 100 miles without stopping	How far can they swim without stopping?
5	Male polar bear weighs 700kg	How much can a male polar bear weigh?
6	Babies weigh half a kilo	How heavy are baby polar bears?
7	Babies stay near mothers for two years	How long does a baby polar bear stay with its mother for?
8	Can tell age by looking at teeth	How can scientists tell how old a polar bear is?
9	Use sense of smell to hunt	What helps polar bears hunt for food?
10	Can live without food for weeks	How long can they live without food?