

ISE Foundation

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Covent Garden

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

You are going to hear a short talk about a place in London called Covent Garden. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts about Covent Garden, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me five facts about Covent Garden. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

Now tell me five facts you heard about Covent Garden.

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

Welcome to London everybody! Today we're going to start our tour with a visit to Covent Garden Square. Does anyone know it? It has over 44 million visitors every year! In the past it was London's fruit and vegetable market. This first market closed in nineteen seventy-four. Today the markets are usually open from 10 o'clock in the morning, but on Sundays they open at 11 o'clock in the morning. Now, there's also a food market at night. There is a great French restaurant in Covent Garden. You can eat good meat there. In Covent Garden you can listen to street musicians – maybe we can hear some playing. There is also a museum called the Film Museum. It's great! Let's walk to the square now.

Answers

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

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	It has (over) 44 million visitors a year	How many people visit Covent Garden every year?
2	It was a fruit/vegetable market	What kind of market was Covent Garden in the past?
3	The first market closed in 1974	When did the first market close?
4	The markets usually open at 10 (o'clock)	What time do the markets usually open?
5	The markets open at 11 (o'clock) on Sundays	What time do the markets open on Sundays?
6	You can buy food at the night market	What can you buy at the night market?
7	There is a French restaurant	What kind of restaurant is there in Covent Garden?
8	You can eat (good) meat	What kind of good food can you eat at the restaurant?
9	You can listen to (street) musicians/music	What can you listen to in Covent Garden?
10	One museum is called the Film Museum	What's the name of one of the museums in Covent Garden?