

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 1 – Squirrels

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a short talk about a small wild animal called the squirrel. 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 squirrels. 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

Today I'm going to tell you about a small wild animal called the squirrel. Now, the first thing that I would like to tell you is that squirrels usually make their homes in very high places. Amazingly, baby squirrels are only two centimetres long when they are born. How about food? Well, young squirrels go out looking for food in the day time. These young squirrels usually come back to their home at night time because they feel safe there. That seems to make sense!

We know that squirrels are very intelligent animals because they hide food under the ground for the winter. Now then, let's see. What else can I tell you? The squirrel's front teeth never stop growing all their life. Now, it's time to have a look at the life of another interesting animal. Let's look at...

Questions and answers

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

	Question	Answer
1	Where do squirrels make their homes?	In (very) high places
2	How big are baby squirrels at birth?	2 centimetres long
3	What do young squirrels do in the day time?	They look for food
4	Why do young squirrels return home at night time?	Because they feel safe (there)
5	How do we know that squirrels are intelligent?	Because they hide food (underground) (for the winter)
6	What is special about squirrels' front teeth?	They never stop growing