



Travel

Task 1: Bermuda

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 6.

You are going to hear a talk about **Bermuda**. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about **Bermuda**. Are you ready?

Audio Script

Bermuda, a British overseas territory, has 181 islands. They were discovered in 1505, by the navigator, Juan de Bermúdez. The currency is the Bermudian dollar, the same value as the United States dollar, and both currencies are used on the islands. Bermuda is well-known for lost ships at sea. When snorkeling, 300 wrecks can be seen since the water isn't very deep. Spanish and Portuguese sailors were afraid of the ocean, but also thought the islands had demons, monsters and witches, because of the crying sounds they would hear. It was really from cahows, a species of seabird, trying to attract other cahows. A tradition that Bermuda has is because it used to export onions. So, for New Years when the clock strikes midnight, a giant onion full of Christmas lights is hung up in front of the town hall and brought down to sit in St. George's Town Square.

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

Now let's look at the questions again, but with the possible answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

Questions & Answers:

1	How many islands does Bermuda have?	181 / one hundred and eighty-one islands
2	In what year was Bermuda discovered?	1505 / fifteen-oh-five
3	How many currencies does Bermuda use?	2 currencies (the Bermudian Dollar and the United States dollar)
4	How many shipwrecks are known near the Bermuda islands?	300 wrecks / shipwrecks
5	What was the crying sound that the sailors heard on the islands?	Cahows / Seabirds
6	What is placed in front of the town hall at midnight, on New Years?	(a giant) onion (with christmas lights)

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