



Animals / Insects: Silkworms

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 1 about insects.

You are going to hear a talk about **silkworms**. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write the **missing information**. Are you ready?

Audio Script

The silkworm is a **small** insect. It eats white mulberry **leaves**. Silkworms are the colour **white**. Silkworms have **eleven** legs. A silkworm can be between **four** to **six** centimetres long. They live up to **six** to **eight** weeks. The silkworm has **four** cycles in all of its life: egg, larva, cocoon and adult moth. The silkworm is famous for making **silk**.

Now let's look at the text with the correct answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

Marks: +_ / +10

NOTE:

→ This is a good listening activity to work on numbers and colours. Also, the adjective "small" is used as well as the plural noun "leaves" in order to allow the student to gain practice in the vocabulary of the natural environment.

→ You may have to play this listening more than two times to allow the students to get used to collecting the information.

→ Apart from that, it is fine after putting it on between 4 to 6 times, to play and stop the listening activity, while writing the answers and having the students write the answers.

→ It is also a good idea to say the sentence with emphasis on the answer a couple of times in order to allow the student to hear and make sense of the sounds and sentence structure.

→ If you are able to translate it into their native language, you can do this by simultaneous translation, but only once or twice, so that the student knows what they are listening too. It is to the listeners advantage that they hear this as many times as possible in English while developing their listening skill.



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