



Festivals

Task 1: Pumpkins

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the ISE 1, listening task 1.

You are going to hear a talk about **pumpkins**. 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 **pumpkins**. Are you ready?

Audio Script

If you celebrate Halloween, you know how important pumpkins are to Halloween. You need to know that it isn't only important for Halloween but it is also a really great food source that is often used to make recipes like Pumpkin stew or pumpkin pie in autumn. Well, pumpkins originated in Central America, but did you know that the word pumpkin comes from the Greek word, which means "large melon". A lot of people didn't realize that pumpkins are actually fruit. Moreover, it is interesting to know that Native Americans were cooking with pumpkins before pilgrims. So, this must be the reason that the pilgrims started to use pumpkin in the thanksgiving meals and nowadays almost everybody has to have pumpkin pie at thanksgiving. Also, in 2019, the largest pumpkin that has been weighed, came in at 2,517 and a half pounds. In addition to this, the state of Illinois grows up to 12,300 acres of pumpkins every year in order to have enough pumpkins to sell to people. Because of all the vitamin C and E that pumpkins have, you might realize that they are very good for strengthening the immune system in the human body. Finally, if you like Halloween, you will probably want to have a jack-o-lantern because it is a lot of fun. However, don't forget to make something you prefer to eat with what is inside of the pumpkin since it can be really tasty!

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

This is the end of listening task 1.



Questions & Answers:

What kind of recipes can you make with pumpkins?	pumpkin stew / pumpkin pie
In Greek, what does pumpkin mean?	large melon
What type of food are pumpkins?	fruit
Who taught the pilgrims how to use pumpkins?	Native Americans
How many acres does Illinois use to grow pumpkins?	(upto) 12,300 (acres)
What are pumpkins good for in the human body?	(strengthening the) immune system

Marks: +_ / +6

Activity 2: Reading

Find grammar in the audio script and highlight it, writing behind the grammar: For example:

You must know that... = You **must [modal verb: must]** know that

Grammar list:

- Present Perfect
- Because
- Because of
- Will for future use: will probably // will surely // will likely
- Adverbial quantities: a lot // much // many
- Expressions of preferences: I prefer // I would rather // I'd rather
- Zero Conditional
- First Conditional
- Past Continuous
- Modal verb: must
- Modal verb: Might
- Semi-modal verb: have to
- Semi-modal verb: need to
- Infinitive of Purpose: in order to // so as to

Once you have found all the grammar, write down some vocabulary and ideas in the audioscript.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.



Activity 3: Writing

Write a letter to your friend (100 to 130 words) about a special type of food in your country that is used or made in festivities:

- >> Tell what type of food it is or what ingredients it has
- >> What makes this type food important
- >> Explain how people use it or when they eat it

Plan your writing with the grammar, writing format, and ideas from the writing prompt before starting.



Activity 4: Speaking

Now, think about having a two minute conversation about: What type of food is important during holidays or festivities in your country? You can use ideas from the listening activity and/or add your own ideas.

What ideas can you use?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

What questions can you ask?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.