

Places of Study

Task: The King's School of Canterbury

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening task for the GESE 3.

You are going to hear a talk about a school. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts if you want to. Are you ready? ready?

Audio Script

You can find the King's school of Canterbury in England. It is in the city of Canterbury, the county of Kent. It is one of the oldest schools in England and the world. It opened in 597 AD. It was an all-boys school, and then girls started to go to school there in the 1970s. Also, the school has many traditions and activities. The last week of the summer term there is a festival of arts and there are over one hundred events. This started in 1952 and people are seeing anything from classical concerts to theatre performances. One of the many traditions that happens at the school is the Walpole Carnations. The girls that live in Walpole house organize this event, then on Valentine's day a carnation with an anonymous message is given to a friend or love interest. The school colours are blue and white and the school uniform is called full canterbury dress. Boys wear white shirts with wing collar, pinstripe trousers, and the waistcoat, jacket, socks, tie and shoes are all in black. Girls wear a white blouse, brooch, pinstripe skirt, with the jacket, tights and shoes are all in black. This school has a very good reputation.

Now listen again. Then I'll ask you to tell me about five facts about the King's School of Canterbury. Are you ready?

Now tell me facts that you heard about the King's School of Canterbury.

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.



Answers:

| | Answers | Questions |
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| 1 | Canterbury, Kent, England | Where is the King's School of Canterbury? |
| 2 | 597 AD | When did the school open? |
| 3 | In the 1970s | When did girls start going to the school? |
| 4 | A festival of arts | What goes on in the last week of the summer term? |
| 5 | Over one hundred (100) events | How many events does the school have in the last week of the summer term? |
| 6 | in 1952 | When did the activities in the last week of the summer term start? |
| 7 | classical concerts and theatre performances | What activities do people see? |
| 8 | girls that live in Walpole house | Who organizes the tradition for Valentine's day? |
| 9 | blue and white | What are the school colours? |
| 10 | white shirts with wing collar / pinstripe trousers / black waistcoat / black jacket / black socks / black tie / black shoes | What clothes do boys have to wear? Say at least three. |

Marks: +_ / +10

Grammar used in the listening task:

- Present Continuous
- Modal Verb: can / can't
- Prepositions of movement: from, to up, down, along, across, through...
- Prepositions of time: on, in, at
- Prepositions of place: near, in front of, behind, opposite, in
- Past Simple with the verb to be: was / were
- Connector: and
- Connector: then
- Connector: and then