



## Local Places

### Task: Atocha Train Station

#### Activity 1: Listening

#### Examiner rubric

*Give the candidate some blank notepaper.*

Welcome to a practice listening task for the ISE Foundation, listening task 2.

You are going to hear a talk about the **Atocha Train Station**. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts about the **Atocha Train Station** on your notepaper, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me five facts about the **Atocha Train Station**. Are you ready?

*The task will play twice.*

Now tell me five facts that you heard about the **Atocha Train Station**.

*When the candidate has finished, select three follow-up questions from the list below. Choose three questions which correspond to facts not already reported by the candidate.*

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.

#### Audio Script

The Atocha train station is located in Arganzuela, Madrid, Spain. The train station opened on February ninth (9th) of eighteen fifty-one (1851). Renfe is the company that operates the train station. People who are going to the train station can see that the Plaza in the old Atocha station has a lot of plants everywhere. It is the biggest train station in Madrid but there are nineteen (19) train stations bigger than Atocha in Europe. It has twenty-four (24) tracks and you can even travel from Madrid, Spain to Marseille, France. In 2004, a bombing happened in the Atocha train station and then a lot of people felt very scared to ride the train. However, in 2017 there were about one hundred and ten (110) million people travelling every year through Atocha and are having around that many people even today. Also, every day there are people that always travel to the Madrid-Barajas Airport and they need to travel there quickly. They can catch a train from the train station. Then, to go into the train it only cost three euros and forty cents (3,40€).

**Questions & Answers:**

	<b>Facts from recording</b>	<b>Follow-up question</b>
<b>1</b>	(Arganzuela,) Madrid (,Spain)	Where is it located?
<b>2</b>	(February 9th,) 1851	When did the Atocha train station open?
<b>3</b>	Renfe	Who operates the train station?
<b>4</b>	(A lot of) plants	What does the inside of the Plaza of the old Atocha station have?
<b>5</b>	twenty-four (24) (tracks)	How many tracks are there?
<b>6</b>	(Marseille, in) France	What other country does the train station have daily services to?
<b>7</b>	two thousand and four (2004)	When did the bombing happen in the train station?
<b>8</b>	one hundred and ten (110) million	How many passengers did Atocha have in 2017?
<b>9</b>	Madrid-Barajas Airport	To what other place in Madrid can you travel to and from the Atocha train station?
<b>10</b>	three euros and forty cents (3,40€)	How much can a ticket cost to go to the Airport?

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**Used grammar in the listening task.**

**Gese 5**

- Present Continuous
- Can / Can't
- Preposition of Movement
- Preposition of Time
- Preposition of Place
- Past verb "to be": was / were
- and
- then
- and then

**Gese 6**

- but
- Past Simple Regular Verbs
- Past Simple Irregular Verbs
- Future with going to
- Comparative Adjectives
- Superlative Adjectives
- Adverbs of Manner
- Adverbs of Frequency