



## 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 listening task 2.

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