

Animals

Task 1: Beavers

Activity 1: Listening

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

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

Audio Script

Beavers are going to be identified by most people as a rather special type of animal and soon you will surely think so too. They are one of the few animals that have modified their habitat and they do this in order to create protection from predators. However, if they find themselves in danger, they have to use their wide flat tail to slap it against the water. This will likely scare away most predators and also warn other beavers to seek shelter.

Something interesting is that it might seem strange, but a lot of beavers prefer to eat wood as a snack. Animal enthusiasts were thinking that they eat wood since they also need to use it for creating their dome-like lodges, along with leaves, twigs and so on. Additionally, when beavers go under water, they will be able to stay under water for six to eight minutes without coming up for air because of the large lungs that they have. Moreover, beavers can swim six miles per hour because they have webbed hind feet that help them do this. Finally, it must be noted that the North American beaver has been documented as the biggest rodent in North America for some time now, weighing up to sixty-five pounds and being three to four feet long.

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.

Questions & Answers:

1	Why do beavers build dams?	protection from predators
2	What do they use their tails for?	scare predators / warn other beavers
3	What do beavers sometimes eat?	wood
4	How long can beavers stay under water?	for six (6) to eight (8) minutes
5	How fast can beavers swim?	six miles per hour (6 mph)
6	How much does the North American beaver weigh?	up to sixty-five (65) pounds

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Used grammar in the listening task.

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- Present Perfect Simple (for / since / ever / never / just)
- because
- because of
- will for future possible uses (will probably / likely / surely)
- Adverbs of quantity: a lot / much / many
- Expressions of preferences: prefer to / would rather

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- zero conditional
- first conditional
- Present Continuous for Future use
- Past Continuous
- Must
- Might
- Need to
- Have to
- Infinitive of Purpose: in order to / so as to