

ISE Foundation

Sample Independent listening task 1 — A Map of Spain and Weather

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

Examiner rubric

This is a map of **Spain**. Here, it shows north, south, east and west (point to compass on map). You're going to hear someone talking about **Spain**. You'll hear the talk twice. These pictures (point to the pictures) show some places in **Spain**. The talk will tell you where the places are. Each picture has a letter. Write the correct letter in the circles on the map. There is one circle you do not need to use. There's an example to show you what to do (point to where it says A on the map). Please look at the map and the pictures now. You have 15 seconds (wait 15 seconds). Are you ready?

Audio script

There are all types of places with different weather in Spain, making it great for different types of holidays. People that like to do water sports and windsurfing have to go to Valencia on the **east side of Spain**. Valencia is well-known for its warm windy climate. In the **south-west of Spain**, there is usually good weather in Sevilla, because it is very sunny. This is great for sight-seeing but it can be extremely hot in the summer. So be careful when you walk in the sun. To see some amazing sights in a **cloudy environment and enjoy the mountains**, then you should go to the **Pyrenees Mountains in the north-eastern corner of Spain**, completely on the opposite side of Spain from Sevilla. It can get cold at night, so make sure to take some warm clothes, even in the summer. In the **north-west of Spain**, you can enjoy green landscapes in Asturias, but it is often rainy there. So don't forget your umbrella! Also in northern Spain, to the right of Asturias, there is Bilbao. Maybe you are interested in photography. There are some wonderful landscapes and forests near Bilbao. It is normal to find foggy weather there, but this is really great for taking some beautiful photos.

