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Sample Independent listening task 1 – Henri Matisse

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a talk about an artist called Henri Matisse. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then, I will ask you six questions on some facts about Henri Matisse. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Audio script

Almost anyone who loves modern art, can recognise a painting by Henri Matisse. He was an artist and he changed the world of art. Matisse was born in France in the year 1869. He worked in a law office and took drawing lessons in the evening. When he was aged twenty-one he became ill and couldn't work so he started to paint. It was then that he knew what he wanted to do with his life. He wanted to take more lessons in drawing and painting. So in 1891 he moved to Paris to study. When he was studying he became very interested in art from Japan. He began to show his own work in galleries and people who went to galleries really liked his work. But Matisse was looking for more. And he found it in 1904 when he went to the south of France where the sun is bright. From that day. The style of his paintings changed and he became famous for his beautiful pictures. Now let me show you some of ... (fade)

Questions and answers

If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the guestions once.

	Question	Answer
1	Where was Matisse born?	France
2	Where did Matisse work when he started drawing lessons?	A law office
3	How old was Matisse when he started painting?	21
4	Where did Matisse move to in 1891?	Paris
5	What kind of art was he interested in?	Art from Japan
6	In what year did he move to the south of France?	1904