



## Dream: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it..

I wanted to be a painter when I was a kid. That's because I liked to paint and draw, I wanted to live by drawing picture that I liked. But I know that there are many people who are more capable than me, so I gave up on that dream. Next, I wanted to be a teacher. That is because I had teachers who taught me a lot, I admired them and I wanted to be a good teacher like them. Then I was thinking of going on to the Faculty of Education. And then I came to want to study abroad and lost the motivation to enter university, I didn't study at that time. After graduating from high school, I worked at the gym, but I didn't want to give up studying abroad, so I started studying English. Such efforts were in vain, and the world was exposed to the threat of the Coronavirus, and my study abroad plan was ruined. Nevertheless, I still not wanted to give up studying abroad, I decided to study for university exam, so I am TKU student now. And recently I started house teaching, so I teach elementary and junior high school students to study. That's why my dream of becoming a teacher has come true. My recent goal is to study abroad in Australia. For that purpose, I will do my best. I want to be the owner of a company in the future. Since I am a faculty of business administration, I would like to learn how to manage a business while I am in the university and start a business on my own.

### How can you improve the writing?

Need to put in paragraphs with **clear topic sentences** to help the reader understand the main points and *concluding phrases*.

Make a living	- have a job
follow in their footsteps	- follow the same idea/dream as them
put on hold	- stopped temporary
study abroad / homestay / language exchange programme	

**I have had several dreams and surprisingly, they are actually coming true except one.** When I was at elementary school, I wanted to be an artist. That was because I liked to paint and draw and I thought that it would be wonderful to make a living from drawing pictures I liked. However, I also knew that there were many people who were more talented than me at art so *I gave up on this dream.*

**The next dream I had was to be a teacher when I entered junior high.** I had teachers who taught me a lot, especially history and science classes. I admired them and I thought I could follow in their footsteps and be a good teacher like them. However, this changed again when I started high school. I lost the motivation to enter university and so I did not study much. Instead, I thought about studying abroad. After graduating from high school, I worked at a gym but I didn't want to give up the idea of entering a language exchange programme so I started studying English hard. However, my efforts were in vain as the world was affected by the threat of the Coronavirus and my study abroad plan was put on hold. Nevertheless, *I still did not want to give up on this dream of studying abroad.*

**To be able to join a suitable homestay programme, I decided to study for the university exam.** If I could enter university, I could specialize in English. I am now a student at uni which has a study abroad programme. Also recently, I have started tutoring at student homes, teaching elementary and junior high school students. Looking back, I can see that my dream of becoming a teacher has actually come true. And that I am on my way to fulfilling my other dream to study abroad in Australia. I will continue to do my best as this would seem to put me on the right path somehow. And in the future, *I might start my own company as I am studying business and so I would like to learn how to manage a business while I am at university.*



## From the above work, try to chunk the speech

Find the pause – Chunking    short /    longer //

CAPITALISE the stressed (important) word

I LIKE this class / because the teacher is GOOD / and everyone is FRIENDly. // ALso, / my English is getting BETter.//

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