



Festivals: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I am not very interested in Japanese festivals. I'm more interested in overseas festivals.

Do you know Vegetarian Festival? This is a festival in Thailand.

This is an annual festival in which a group of traveling entertainers who suffered from malaria recovered from their vegetarian diet in the 19th century, and the festival is full of vegetarian food stalls. One of the events is the march of asceticism, in which metal and knives are stuck in the mouth.

The Vegetarian Festival is a traditional festival that lasts for about 190 years as a ritual to purify oneself by eating vegetables and to show loyalty to God. Its origin dates back to 1855. There were many Chinese migrant workers in Phuket, Thailand. The Chinese Kyogaku troupe, which came to Japan to comfort them, was suddenly struck by a mysterious disease. At that time, the party celebrated two gods, Kiew Ong Tai The and Yok Ong Sone The, through a vegetarian ritual, and as soon as the disease disappeared, the festival began. Even now, on the eve of the festival, huge poles called "Go Tengpole" are erected at each temple to welcome two gods. I hope I can go to this festival someday.

How can you improve the writing?

Try to add more selective information into one sentence.

Be careful to collect information from past and from the present

Avoid repeating the ideas twice.

Use signal language

I am actually not very interested in Japanese festivals. I am more interested in festivals overseas. Have you heard of the Vegetarian Festival? This is an annual festival held in Thailand. The origin of this festival is from the 19th century in which a group of traveling Chinese entertainers, known as the Kyogaku Opera group, grew suddenly sick from malaria but soon recovered by following a strict vegetarian diet. At that time, there were many Chinese migrant workers in Phuket, Thailand. Today, the festival is full of vegetarian food stalls. However, one of the most shocking and brutal events is the March of Asceticism, in which metal and knives are forced through the cheek and into the mouth. This ritual, as well as the vegetarian diet, is to purify oneself to show loyalty to God.



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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