



## Hometown: Improving your IELTS response

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

I was born in Kanagawa prefecture Sagami-hara City. I have lived in here for 18 years. There are so many beautiful parks in my home town. So firstly I would like to tell you one of my favorite parks. Which is called Fuchinobe park. You can see a lot of greens in the broad acres. They include spaces for sport like tennis courts, baseball stadiums and running courses. I often go there for exercising even in the Coronavirus situation. We can hardly find a space for exercising so Fuchinobe park is one of my favorite places. Second, We can do anything we want to like in Shinjuku. we can go karaoke, Cinema, Gym, and even Yodobashi-Camera because my hometown is really closed to other large cities like Machida and capable to go there. So we have no problems with having fun everyday. Third, the atmosphere is truly nice. My hometown is like a place between rural and urban. Which means that it is just perfect for living in. I would like to recommend old people spend the rest of their life in Sagami-hara. I probably will keep on living in here until I get a job because I love my hometown.

### How can you improve the writing?

There needs to be paragraphs and some additional information to make the ideas clearer

West of Tokyo is not the same as West Tokyo  
Lived here (still living at this city) / lived there (now moved away)  
a lot of greens in the broad acres. - a lot of greenery and woods  
For exercising - to exercise (more natural)  
even in the Coronavirus situation - despite the Coronavirus warnings  
anything we want – whatever we like  
go on a train – hop on a train (gives the image of being easy to take public transport)

I was born in Sagami-hara City, Kanagawa prefecture, **which is basically west of Tokyo**. I have lived here all my life. There are so many beautiful parks in my hometown. One of my favourite parks **which is close to my house** is Fuchinobe Park. There, you can see a lot of greenery and woods. There are also plenty of spaces for sports with tennis courts, **a couple of** baseball grounds and a few good running courses. I often go there to exercise despite the Coronavirus warnings. This is because there is hardly any space to exercise **in my house** so Fuchinobe Park is a perfect place **to lose a few calories**.

I also like Sagami-hara City because of its **in a convenient location** so we can do whatever we like. So for example, we can hop on a train and go to Shinjuku, **a popular part of Tokyo to hang out**. Or more locally, we can go to Machida, **which is the largest city to my house**, and there, we can go to a karaoke bar, a cinema, a gym, and even Yodobashi-Camera electrical store. As you can imagine, we have no problems having fun here.

Finally, the atmosphere is comfortable. My hometown is like a place between rural and urban settings which is just perfect for me. However, I would also recommend Sagami-hara City for old people to spend the rest of their life here as it so convenient. I will probably keep on living here until I get a job because I love my hometown. **And then come back, when I retire**.



## 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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