



Learning English: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I would like to tell you about what is learning English. I have been studying English since I was 16 years old. I had really hated to study English, because It was truly exhausting as I had not known the reason why I should learn English. I had no friend whom I can talk to and felt it has no meaning to learn English. However, I met such a great teacher when I was 16. He taught me how enjoyable to learn English, He always showed us touching film scenes and amazing songs during a class. I was totally attracted to American cultures and then I decided to go to U.S. for studying English and their cultures. I made many nice friends and talked in English. A guy met in U.S. from Switzerland is still one of my best friends. He came to see me last year. We had so many conversations even though we don't know how to speak each other's mother tongue during his visiting my home. English is the most helpful language I've ever seen in my life. I can find any content in the internet when I can't find in Japanese. The language always gives me a lot of opportunities to connect to people have a different background. That's why I am still keeping on learning English. Now I have a dream which is to organize a great company in the future. I am sure that learning English will help me achieve my dream someday.

How can you improve the writing?

tell you about the experience I had

I had no friend who spoke English

I met one guy from Switzerland who became one of my best friends

find anything which I cannot find in Japanese

He taught me how enjoyable to learn English – enjoyable learning English is

Be specific about examples

Should – cannot use in the past tense – I had to...

The most helpful language – such a useful language / so useful

I would like to tell you about the experience I had learning English. Basically, I really started studying English from when I was 16 years old. Before that, I had studied it as a subject at school and really hated it because it was truly exhausting. I had to learn lists of vocabulary and work out grammatical rules. I didn't know the reason why I had to learn English. I had no friend who spoke English to talk to and so I felt that there was no meaning to learning English.

However, this changed in the second year at high school when I was taught by a great teacher. He taught me how enjoyable learning English is. He always showed us touching film scenes and amazing songs during his class. I was totally attracted by American culture and this experience made me decided to go to U.S. to study English and their cultures. There, I made so many nice friends and relied on English only. In fact, I met one guy from Switzerland who became one of my best friends. He even came to my house in Japan to see me last year. We had so many conversations even though we didn't know how to speak each other's mother tongue. English is such a useful language for me. I can also find anything which I cannot find in Japanese on the internet. The language always gives me a lot of opportunities to connect to people that have a different background. That's why I still keep on learning English. Now, I have a dream to set up a company in the future and I am sure that English will help me achieve this dream someday.



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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