



Sports: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I like watching baseball, however I can't like playing baseball, I like only watching the baseball game. My body can't freely be moved when I play the sport, so I don't like playing sport. But I like watching the baseball game, because I like cheering my favorite baseball team. It is very exciting to cheer my favorite baseball team on TV or in baseball stadium. I have been to "Meiji Jingu stadium" which is the baseball stadium located in Shinjuku to watch the baseball game, because my favorite baseball team is "Tokyo Yakult Swallows" which is Japanese baseball team, so this stadium is home stadium for Swallows. Now, "Central league" which is Japanese professional league is holding, Swallows is participating in league. But Swallows has same point, so I want them to win over defeat point. I like cheering the team on TV, but I like the best cheering the team in the stadium.

Second, I often cheered the baseball team of my high school, because I belonged to the brass band club. When the team has the game, our club must go to the studio which hold the game to cheer. It was very exciting for me to cheer my friends who belonged to the baseball team. The game always hold in summer and the stadium don't have any roof, so we always very tired. But we can have a good time and are very happy when the team won.

How can you improve the writing?

Needs to be more specific: There would seem to be a lot of information that can be cut out

My body can't freely be moved	-	Natural ability / eye-hand coordination
Play sports	-	participate in sports (play <i>ball sport</i>)
Their stadium	-	home ground
Must go	-	had to go (can use the past tense)

To be honest, I don't think I have any natural ability or eye-hand coordination when I participate in sports. And so, I don't really like playing ball sports. However, I like watching baseball, especially when I cheer for my team, *Tokyo Yakult Swallows*. I like supporting them either on TV or at their home ground which is at Meiji Jingu Stadium, located in Shinjuku. Now in the Central league, The Swallows are joint top but we can't afford to lose any points.

I also used to cheer for my high school baseball team because I belonged to the brass band club. When the team had a game, our club had to go to the stadium, where the game was held, to cheer for our team and also to perform for our supporters. It was very exciting for me to cheer my friends who belonged to the baseball team. The games were always held in summer and the stadium didn't have a roof so we were always very hot and tired. However, we could have a good time and were very happy when our team won.



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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