



Summer Plan: Improving your IELTS response

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

I plan to work hard in the summer . I have a long vacation of two months ,so I hope I can work hard, including my social experience. Also, I want to study abroad , so I am thinking of saving travel expenses and money to live there now. I also want to play with my friends . I could not play with my friends . I could not play because I was studying for the entrance exam last year, so I am thinking of playing a lot this year, but there is also the Olympics , and corona is becoming popular again , so I do not know what will happen yet , but I want to play . My dream is to travel with my friends ,, so I want to go to somewhere with them . For that reason , I would like to work hard to save money , and I also think that I will not study for study abroad . I am not as good as other people , so I want to study hard there . I think that there will be an Olympics Games in the summer and many people from overseas will come, so I would like to strengthen my mentality to actively talk to myself even if I go to study abroad
I would like to go home again . My parents house is in Shizuoka. so I would like to go back to my parent's house and play with local friends or go into the sea during the summer . I also want to meet my grandma and grandpa for the first time in a while . I have not been able to meet in corona and it's far away , so I 'd like to go to see my family after conducting a thorough inspection and confirming safety

How can you improve the writing?

The main issue is that the ideas are not clearly organised. As a result, ideas have been put into two paragraphs: one about money and the other about hometown.

I plan on, I hope to, I want to, I would like to, I am VERBing, I can (Clear indicators of ideas of what plans you have)

As, so that, to, because, and so (clear links to understand how ideas connect)

I plan on making the most of this summer **as** I have a long vacation of two months. **I hope to** work hard over the summer and save money **as** **I want to** study abroad. Although my English is not so strong, **I would like to** strengthen my language skills **so that** **I can speak** to others confidently in English if I decide to study abroad. And so at the moment, **I am saving up to pay for** this trip and **to have enough money** to live off when I stay in that country.

However, **I would also like to** go back to my hometown again. Of course, **it would be great to** see my parents again in Shizuoka. There, **I can also** meet my grandparents who I haven't seen for a long time. **I will also** meet up with my local friends and hit the beach. I could not see them last summer **because** I was studying for the entrance exam. **As** I do not have to worry about exams this year, **I would like to** make up for lost time and do something with them. We are close **and so** one idea would be to travel somewhere with them. However, with money issues and covid concerns, **this might be** too much to imagine.



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. //

There are three things / I would like to do / after the government has lifted the lockdown restrictions. // **First**, / I would go to Osaka / because I was initially planning on going there / on a high school graduation trip / with my friends. // We were going to visit Osaka / and make some wonderful memories there / but due to the spread of the coronavirus, / we had to cancel. // It was / and still is / a bitter disappointment. // **However**, / I called my friends the other day / and we decided that we would go to Osaka / during the summer vacation instead. // *I used to see them every day at school* / but now we don't have the chance to see each other / so this trip would be perfect. //

The second thing I would like to do / is have a BBQ with my family. // *I used to have a BBQ at my friend's house every summer / with members from my club.* // **However**, / I have never had a BBQ before with my family / as I had no time / as I was always out with my high school friends. // My image is to have a BBQ / with my family / at a place surrounded by nature. // **Unfortunately though**, / I don't know / whether this is possible / with the covid situation. //

Another thing I would like to do / is watch movies at the cinema. // *I used to watch movies once every two months.* / I really enjoyed the atmosphere / of seeing a film on a big screen. // **Hopefully soon**, / we can enjoy going to see the next blockbuster. //