



## Summer Vacation: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I will tell you my summer vacation.

My best memories of summer are BBQ with GCP members and meeting with high school friends.

First, I will tell you BBQ with some of GCP members.

I wanted to meet with all GCP students, but some people couldn't come there. So, nine people could take part in the BBQ. Some people went to buy food stuff like meats and vegetables, and another people went to buy something like paper cups, paper plates, and so on.

I went to buy paper cups, paper plates, knife, board, and aluminum foil at hundred-yen store. And then, we gathered at "Tachihi-beach".

This beach is near "Tachihi station" and it is in Tachikawa city. So, I went there by train and monorail. In this place, I could talk a lot with GCP members. We talked about Tokyo Keizai University, subjects of this university, hobby, and so on. I was very happy, because I could meet with them and talk a lot.

Second, I will tell you another memory with high school friends.

On summer vacation, I met with many high school friends after a while.

We didn't talk for a long time, so we couldn't stop talking.

We talked about university life such as class, subjects, homework, and so on.

Everyone said that online classes are difficult and there are a lot of things that we don't understand. We thought same things, so I was a little relieved and I thought I want to do my best in Autumn semester too.

### How can you improve the writing?

Signal Language: first / actually / unfortunately / so, only / And then, / I finally

There were two things (I did this summer) which were enjoyable.

The first event (I enjoyed) was going to a BBQ with other GCP members.

we gathered at "Tachihi-beach" which is near Tachihi station

The other event (I enjoyed) was with my high school friends.

Let me tell you about my summer vacation. There were two things I did this summer which were enjoyable. The **first** event I enjoyed was going to a BBQ with other class members. I **actually** wanted to meet all the students from our group but **unfortunately** some people couldn't come there. **So, only** nine people could come to the BBQ. Some of us went to buy food for the BBQ like meat and vegetables while the others, including me, went to buy things like paper cups, paper plates, a knife, a cutting board, and aluminum foil at the hundred-yen store. **And then**, we gathered at "Tachihi-beach" which is near Tachihi station in Tachikawa city. It was so much fun because I **finally** had the chance to talk to others about university life, the subjects we are taking at university, our hobbies, and so on. I was very happy because I could meet my classmates and talk a lot.

The second event I will tell you about was when I met with all my high school friends who I hadn't seen for a while. We hadn't spoken to each other for a long time so when we met up, we couldn't stop talking. There was so much to catch up on. We talked about new university life and things such as our class, subjects we took, the amount of homework, and so on. Everyone agreed that online classes had been difficult and there were a lot of things we couldn't understand initially. I was so relieved to find out that we all had the same ideas. After this conversation, I thought about the Autumn semester too and that I will do my best in my subjects. And these were the two most memorable events last summer.



### 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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