



After Graduating: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I want to get a job after I graduate. However, I haven't decided on what job to do yet, but I want to use my English skill in the future. That's because I like speaking English with foreigner and to know their thoughts which are completely different from Japanese. Also, I prefer to treat even young people equally, and I think foreigner company tend to be more common in such a way of thinking. On the other hand, Japanese don't think like that. For example, it's hard to give an opinion to our boss. language has many honorifics expression so it's really confusing to understand and use. Therefore, I'm thinking to work a place with a lot of foreigners or in other country. Though I have no detail idea what I will do after graduate about job, I want many experiences various things after graduate. I have only a little money now, so what I can do is limited but after graduate and could get a job, there are many moneys that I can use. One of the ideas is sports. I want to play golf because I love walking. Also, I want to travel around the world and climb many high mountains. The other idea is living alone. Off course I like home, but I want to do every thing by myself. For example, I want to layout furniture as I like and also I want to cook every day that I want to eat.

How can you improve the writing?

Informal tone:	I want A job to do That's because Now	I would like a job to pursue The reason is due to the fact that At the moment
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Consistent grammar patterns:

I like speaking English to foreigners and ...to EFL learners
One idea is to

...and know their thoughts
Another idea is to

Perspective	- see from other viewpoints
Impertinence	- speaking out and being rude
Endeavours	- what I would like to challenge myself and do

I **would like** to get a job after I graduate but I haven't decided on what job I **would like to pursue**. I would, however, like to use my English skills in the future. **The reason is due to the fact that** I like speaking English to foreigners and to know their thoughts and perspectives which are different from my own culture. Also, I believe that I would benefit greatly from working in a foreign company as they treat younger employees equally. Japanese companies **generally** do not enable younger talent the freedom to perform to the best of their abilities. For example, it would be hard for a new recruit to give their opinion to their manager due to the honorific nature of the Japanese language and culture. It would simply convey the wrong message to the boss of impertinence. I, therefore, feel that I would be better suited working in an international environment here in Japan or in another country.

I would also like to broaden my horizon. Though I have no specific ideas in what I will do, I **would like to** gain all types of experiences after I graduate from university. **At the moment**, I have saved only a little money so I am limited to what I can do after I graduate. I, therefore, need to enter a company and save money for my future endeavours. One of my ideas is to take up a sport. I **am considering** to play golf because I love walking. Also, I **would like to** travel around the world and climb up some of the highest mountains. Another idea is to live alone. Of course, I like where I live now with my family but I **would like** to be more independent. For example, I would really like to decide the layout of me furniture and what I **would like to** cook and eat. I know that it won't be long until I graduate so I should make the most of my time while I can and plan ahead.



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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