



Tell me a time you felt excited: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

When I was excited, it was the moment when baseball was off. I used to play baseball on Saturdays and Sundays when I was in elementary school. The baseball practice was all day long. Therefore, there was no day off without baseball and school. We also practiced baseball during holidays such as Golden Week, so I didn't like those. However, when it rained, baseball was sometimes closed. The moment I got that contact, I was very excited. When I woke up in the morning and it was raining, I was so happy that I started dancing. I didn't hate baseball, but it was hard to practice. Especially the warming up time was very hard. There were days when we ran all morning. It hurt my leg all the time.

Another time when I was excited is when I play a game with someone. Especially when the Resident Evil series is released, it is a big event for me. I play 8 Resident Evil series. Half of them played with my father. I sometimes play with my father in other game. Recently, my father sometimes works from home, so I have more time to play games. I sometimes play games with my cousin and aunt during long vacations such as summer vacation at my grandparent's house. Apart from video games, I played cards with my cousin for more than 8 hours a day during the last summer vacation. Now play games with someone online, but I find it many times more fun to play games together in the same room.

My suggestions

When I was

Baseball was off

Therefore

Also

Closed

Got that contact

but it was hard to practice
point)

Recently, my father sometimes works has sometimes been working (more recently: has been VERB + ing)

A time I remember ... VERB + ing (a natural way to start)

It is correct but possibly a little difficult to understand. "A day off" is easier to understand

Furthermore (emphasising an extra point)

Even

Called off (cancelled)

I was told about this

It was **just** that practice was too severe (emphasising a specific point)

A time I remember getting excited was when I didn't have to go to baseball. I used to play baseball on Saturdays and Sundays when I was in elementary school. I enjoyed playing the game but baseball practice was all day long, really strict and really tiring. Furthermore, there was no day off as I had either school or baseball. We even practiced baseball during holidays such as Golden Week so it was a nightmare. However, when it rained hard, baseball was called off. The moment I was told that practice had been cancelled, I became so excited. When I woke up in the morning and it was raining, I got so happy that I started dancing to celebrate. I didn't hate baseball. It was just that practice was too severe. Especially the warming-up time as this was very hard. There were days when we ran all morning. It hurt my legs all the time. It killed me!

Another time I get excited is when I play a game with others. Especially when the computer video game, *Resident Evil* series, were released. This was a big event for me. I have played all eight of the Resident Evil series. Actually, I played half of them with my father. I sometimes play other games with my father. Recently, my father has sometimes been working from home, so I have more time to play games with him. I sometimes play games with my cousin and aunt during the long vacations such as in the summer vacation at my grandparent's house. Apart from video games, I play cards. With my cousin, we played, in fact, for more than 8 hours a day during the last summer vacation. Now, we can play such games with others online but I find it more fun to actually play games together in the same room.