



School Days: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I've belonged to an private high school called "West High gakkou"for three years and spent a really good time with my best friends.
I have so many memories throw back then. Actuality I didn't take exams to entrance the high school. Junior high school and high school is in the same place and I took a exam when I enterd Junior high school. So I was so lazy when I turned into high school student.
Because I entered the high school without studying.
But something happened to me. I dropped all math classes. I almost repeatd the same grade.
After that happened, I started to study more than before. And I tried everything with my best. It was changing opportunity for me.
When I was second grade, in a school festival, I played "Snow white" wearing dress. It was weird because I am tough looking but fun.
It was my best memory in my high school.
I will never forget my high school time in the rest of my life. I feel sometimes would like to throwback then. I really appreciate my high school teacher and high school friends. Thank you for reading my High school memories.

How can you improve the writing?

Ideas need a little reorganizing into paragraphs to make the points clearer.

...and	- in which (providing extra information about the place)
But / Because / so	These conjunctions should be part of a sentence
Signal Language:	In fact / As a result / As a result / However / From such an experience / From then onwards

I've belonged to a private high school called West High School for three years *in which* I spent a really good time there with my best friends. In fact, I really appreciate my high school teachers and high school friends. I have so many memories from this school.

I didn't actually take any exams to enter this high school as I was already in the junior high school. I did have to take the junior high school exams three years earlier but once I was accepted at the school, no other exams were necessary to enter the high school. As a result, I became so lazy when I entered high school as there was no incentive to study. However, due to my laziness, I dropped all my math classes and almost had to repeat the same grade. From such an experience, I realized I had to start studying harder. From then onwards, I tried to do everything to the best of my ability and it became a life changing opportunity for me.

My fondest memory at high school was when I reached the second grade. It was at the school festival *in which* I played the main role of Snow White and had to wear a dress. It was weird and a bit embarrassing as I like to look tough in front of others but looking so silly was actually a lot of fun. I will never forget this experience and my time at high school and I sometimes feel like I would like to go back.



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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