



Things settle down: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

When things settle down, I want to go to abroad first. And, I have a place that I want to go. That is Michigan in the United States. When I was in the fourth grade to six grade in elementary school, I lived in the United States for my parents' work. When I was there, I had so many friends. Even though I could not speak English, everyone treated me kindly. I don't know which college everyone went to and maybe they don't remember me. Even so, I'd like to see them if I can. And I want to talk about what has happened in each other's lives so far. I also had a lot of Japanese friends in the United States. They were on the same soccer team, so we played at each other's houses many times. Some of the friends who were playing are exchanging phone number, so if I have a chance to go to Michigan, I would like to play again.

The second thing I would like to do is take off the mask. I like basketball, so I still play it sometimes, but I can't help feeling like I'm struggling to breath. On a hot day, even if you are not exercising, you may find it difficult to breathe. That is a first reason. The second reason is that you can hardly see people's faces. These days, we can not see our face down from our nose except for eating food. So, when I met someone who had only meet once, I did not know who they were. It would be rude, so I want to take off my mask as soon as possible.

My suggestions

Want	Would like/love (Better for writing)
Go to abroad / Go to there	No "to" (no specific direction)
Lived / worked	living / working (explaining the situation before the main point)
May be they don't remember	they may not remember
Play	meet up (more grown up)
Know	recognize (know person from how they look)

When things settle down, I would like to go abroad first and I have one place in mind that I would love to go. That is Michigan in the United States. When I was living there, which was during the fourth to six grade in elementary school as my parents' were working there, I made so many friends. Even though I could not speak English, everyone treated me kindly. I don't know what happened to them or which college they went to and they may not even remember me but I would still like to see them if I can. And I want to learn about their lives and what happened to them over the years. I also had a lot of Japanese friends in the United States. They were on the same soccer team so we often played at each other's houses. Actually, I exchanged phone numbers with some of the friends who were playing football so if I have the chance to go back to Michigan, I would like to possibly meet up with them again.

The second thing I would like to do is take off this annoying face mask. I like basketball and so I still play it at times, but I can't help feeling like I'm struggling to breath. First, on a hot summer's day, if you are not exercising regularly, you may find it difficult to breathe. The second reason is that you can hardly see people's faces. These days, we cannot easily recognize each other as we cannot see our face from nose down except for when we remove the mask to eat food. So, when I met someone who have only met only once before, I do not instantly recognize who they are. I feel it is rude not to remember people's faces so I would like to not wear a mask outside as soon as possible.