

### 13 Read the following on how to express enthusiasm.

We can express enthusiasm by using:

- expressive language

*Example: It was amazing! The crowd went wild!*

- eye contact and body language

Look the examiner in the eye as you speak. When you are enthusiastic, your body language is more dynamic than usual: you may sit forward in your seat, widen your eyes and use your hands.

- stress and intonation

To express enthusiasm, you should put *extra* emphasis on the stressed syllables of the most important words, saying them more slowly and more loudly than the other words. In an emphatic statement, the intonation tends to rise high and then fall dramatically.



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- 14 Listen to the speaker expressing enthusiasm without using words. Copy the speaker, using body language, too. This will help you focus on expressing enthusiasm by using your voice and body rather than just certain words. Expressing intense emotions may make you feel self-conscious, so practising before the exam with a friend will help you.



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- 15 Now listen to the same sentences with words. Repeat the sentences, imitating the speaker's intonation. The syllables with the most stress are in capitals.

1 It was aMAzing!

3 It was BREATHtaking!

2 It was inCREdible!

4 The crowd went WILD!

**Exam tip:** The correct intonation – intonation that reflects accurately how you feel – will improve your marks. If you are telling an exciting story, but your intonation makes you sound bored, the examiner will probably find your story less interesting.

We use different intonation to express different emotions. The best way to improve your intonation is to listen to *how* English-speakers say something, as well as *what* they say. You could watch a film and listen carefully to how the characters sound when they are sad, happy, frightened, and so on. Pause the film and imitate them.

- 16 Record yourself answering the Part 2 questions in Exercise 11 in your own language. Listen to yourself. How did you express your feelings of enthusiasm? Does your language express enthusiasm differently from English?



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- 17 Listen to a sample answer to the Part 2 question in Exercise 11. Then read Track 13, page 101 and underline the language used to convey the excitement of the event. Is there anything you could have used in your own answer?

- 18 Answer the Part 2 Exam questions again and record your answer. Try and improve on your first performance by showing enthusiasm and using appropriate intonation. It will help if you try and remember your feelings when you watched the competition, and express how you felt. Do your best to sound and look enthusiastic when you are telling the most exciting parts of your story, and when you use expressions like *It was incredible!*