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(00:00) let's start off by talking about high school who was your favorite teacher in high school um I think my favorite teacher in high school was Miss Malika she was my second grade teacher and I think she eventually like at the later stages she became my eighth grade teacher as well so I was very familiar with her and she remembered me um so we had good memories together what was your favorite subject in high school um my favorite subject would be I think was English because I liked reading stories and novels and it just kept me engaged

(00:40) wherein like with the other subjects you had to um it was more technical by enjoyed the reading bit and I still do enjoy reading so i' say English do you ever miss being in high school um I do actually because um I started working very early I did not get to experience the University or college so um the memories that I have or the friends I have is from high school and I do think about times where we could just go back and have a reunion and like have that moment again now let's talk about Transportation do you take public

(01:21) transportation or private transportation um I do not like public transportation um I moved to Dubai a few years ago and and I got my driving license just because I hated going in metros or um buses um so I got my driving license and I enjoy driving is it easy to catch public transportation in your country um in my country yes it's quite easy and convenient I would say the streets are very busy the traffic is crazy um so it's easy easier for people to get to work with public transportation um yeah is driving a

(02:02) private car popular in your country um I would say in Countryside it's quite popular um as there's not as much modes of Transport as in the big cities so in the countryside it's quite popular wherein in the big cities people prefer taking public transportation it's faster it's convenient now let's talk about the internet how often do you use the internet I think every day we are also addicted to internet so yeah what are your favorite websites to visit um I think it's Instagram I think

(02:36) Instagram is the one website I use every single day whenever I'm bored um just to see what my friends are up to and that's yeah Instagram do you think that you ever use the internet too much um I'd say when I'm having a bad day I would just stay home and like scroll on Instagram and just try to escape reality in a way but on the other days like when I'm out I do not use Instagram or any social media websites that much now let's talk about your free time what do you normally like to do in your free

(03:16) time a lot of things actually it just um I think I'm someone who likes Variety in everyday life so um just going out checking out a new place or trying different activity seeing my friends yeah I try to keep busy on my days off are you very active in your free time I like to think I am active yes um if I have nothing to do I just go to the gym um or to the pool um read a book but I try to do something on my free time something yeah what do you normally like to do on the weekend um like I mentioned earlier I like to see

(03:56) my friends um try different restaurant Cafe or an activity just last weekend I went to try this ice bath um you just jump into a bucket of Ice uh so just yeah try different things describe a day when you thought the weather was perfect where we um I was inai a couple of months ago um uh just when the summer was about to end um there was this day when I was was just

standing in my balcony it was bit cloudy that day um and then like few minutes later I saw the lightning and the thunderstorm and it just got darker

(04:45) um and then we I was S standing in my balcony and I saw the lightning and I have the whole view of Dubai Skyline so I could see the Birch Khalifa the Dubai frame and I saw the lightning on top of like right on top of Birch Khalifa which was beautiful I recorded it and I posted on Instagram and then I saw a lot of people were posting the same stories but from different places um a friend of mine came over um we had a glass of wine on the balcony and then it started to rain um like heavily rain heavily so thunderstorm

(05:23) rain and it just not very common to see that in Dubai that's why I thought the weather was perfect because it's always hot and sunny and humid and as soon as like the season starts to change um I think they do something called cloud seeding where um then they make it rain apparently um so it was very beautiful to see the rain we had a nice day nice evening in the balcony having glass of wine um looking at the beautiful weather the traffic was very crazy by the way the roads were flooded um and I think like a lot of we ordered

(06:05) some food by the way um and it took us two hours to get the food the deliveries that's the end of the two minutes and that's the end of part two and we're going to move on to part three now so we've been talking about a perfect day and we're going to continue to talk about the weather um what type of weather do people in your country dislike the most to thank you for watching this video I want to give you a free course that has helped thousands of students improve their I speaking score what it's

(06:36) going to do is take you through every single part of the test and give you strategies for part one part two and part three and also allow you to practice at home for free and get feedback to sign up for that for free all you have to do is just click the link in the description thanks very much and let's get back to the video um I think um my country India it's quite quite um hot and humid especially some parts of India so I I suppose people hate the summer because it can get really intense uh but where I grew up it's not

(07:13) um very hot so some parts like especially the north it's not very hot actually like throughout the year um the temperature I'd say would go up to 22° but we in like down from Del onwards it gets really hot and humid and it's just because a lot of people use public transportation and it's not easy to use public transportation or walk around because when it's just so hot so I suppose they would hate the hot climate more than the cold yeah what jobs can be affected by different weather conditions um a lot of jobs uh related

(07:53) to transport I feel will be affected driving um I'd say taxis or buses even uh the flights Pilots or cabin crew um when the weather is not right the flights might be delayed and then if it's raining the the taxis would uh not be able to Dy because of the water or the floods so I think a lot of Transport related jobs and even food for that matter like deliveries um all the delivery u companies they would have an impact of in in a in a way now let's talk about weather forecasts okay what's the best way to get accurate information

(08:39) about the weather uh well I personally use Google Maps or sorry Google weather reports um I'm not very sure about this one because it depends from person to person for me I think Google um weather reports are quite um accurate but I I do not have a clear answer for that is it easy to predict the weather in your country um I suppose it is yeah uh because like I said earlier uh some parts of India the weather like cannot the temperature doesn't go over a certain uh degrees but where in some parts are really hot and humid

(09:22) throughout the year so I think it's quite easy to predict but when it comes to um rain or monsoon season it's a bit hard like last this year sorry a few months ago um in the north of India it was raining heavily and the rain did not stop for um I'd say two weeks so that was not predictable that's the end of the speaking test well done thank you I'd like to give you some feedback on your performance because I think that you're capable of getting one of the very highest bands um but there are some

(09:55) things that you just need to be aware of so what I'll do is I'll divide the um the feedback up into part one part two and part three and then give you feedback on fluency grammar vocabulary pronunciation talk about the technical Parts um on what band scores you you would expect to thank you for making it this far in the video I want to give you 10% off our VIP course I VIP course is the most successful I course in the world that is a fact because we have more band seven eight and nine success stories than any other ILS course in the

(10:31) entire world we do that by simplifying the whole I process supporting you with some of the best is teachers in the world and being with you every step of the way until you get the score that you need all you have to do is just look down in the description just click that and you can sign up if you have any questions about the VIP course always feel free to get in touch with us we answer 100% of the questions that we get hope that you become a VIP if not enjoy the rest of this free video part one was great and you developed your answers

(11:02) enough it was like talking to a friend or talking to a colleague and you could tell that you were a little bit nervous um but those nerves didn't really in part one anyway didn't really prevent you from from doing well and and you were you know answering the questions naturally your nervousness didn't cause any problems with fluency on test day yeah you might be even more nervous H so a lot of my advice to you will be about kind of preventing nerves taking over the the way I always describe it is

(11:36) our brain is kind of like a computer and stress is is like putting too much opening too many programs on your computer like you might have a great MacBook Pro but if you put it under stress everything kind of slows down and that's just I think the same with you you've got a a MacBook Pro up there for for speaking English but you're you're putting a little bit too much pressure on yourself so the enemy is really yourself if that makes sense and you're more than capable of doing well and what

(12:06) I would always say is I know it's difficult because you're speaking to an examiner you've never met before but imagine a friend imagine someone you're close with and they're they're just asking you these questions imagine you're in a coffee shop in in your your local area having a coffee maybe if they ask you some of these questions you be like what why are you asking me that but just that sort of of frame of mind that attitude and that often does does help students the other thing to know is like

(12:36) I would not lie to you I'm telling you that you are very very good you are more than capable so you should have confidence in your in yourself part two um was good also there was a little bit of repetition halfway through you were like yeah my friend came around I had a glass line um that would be a problem if you constantly did that so if you said uh something like there was lightning my friend came around we had a glass of wine we put it on Instagram yeah there was lightning that day and you know my friend came around you didn't do that

(13:12) you just repeated one little bit the reason you did that I think I might be wrong is you were trying to think of more things and you wanted to keep talking while was that correct yeah

that's correct okay so the examiner will recognize that and probably won't Mark you down for that uh they would only Mark you down if you you did that a lot cuz there's four bullet points what a lot of students do is they will talk about the bullet points the four or or maybe some other things for a minute and then they'll just go back and they'll

(13:42) rehash them they'll just repeat them you didn't do that but again on test day if you get nervous it's kind of like a defensive thing to do is like look at the bullet points again oh I'm just going to talk about those things so a good tip is to um add maybe three or four more bullet points common things like how you felt past present future examples stories things related to that topic and then when you start to think oh I'm running out of things to say just look down talk about that and then talk

(14:15) about that so just give yourself enough ammunition um to use part three um you did you did very well in part three The Examiner will ask you more difficult questions the worst thing you can do is when you get a difficult question is just a lot of people just laugh and go I know I don't know you didn't do that even though you did get one question that you didn't know a huge amount about you did very well because you attempted an answer if you attempt an answer what you're saying to The Examiner is I don't

(14:48) know about this topic specifically but my there's nothing wrong with my English remember it's an English test it's not a Knowledge Test it's not an IQ test like b n is is the top Mark um I think you're you could be capable of getting a band n but let's see whether you would actually get a band n the first thing is pronunciation The Examiner will be thinking about two things uh Clarity can they understand all the words that that you're saying and then higher level pronunciation features we'll talk about

(15:20) Clarity first you're from India um and there's nothing wrong with having an Indian accent a Vietnamese accent an Irish accent there's nothing wrong with any of those things but a lot of the Indian students that we work with are worried about their their accent being too strong I I don't think that there's a problem with having a strong accent and any accent but I think what they're saying is that their accent causes problems for the listener with with certain words that is not an issue for

(15:49) you at all there's not a single word that I couldn't understand you still have your your your Indian accent and that's a great thing you should be very proud of it there aren't extra marks for sounding British or sounding American I'm sure that you know lots of Indian celebrities that have an Indian accent but speak uh English very very clearly um prianka shopra for example like she speaks with an Indian accent but you can understand every word that's the same the same with you so you're doing very

(16:18) very well there one thing about being nervous and being stressed is that um people can sometimes speak kind of inside their mouth yeah um and speak at the back of their throat because it's it's just a it's a subconscious thing where we don't want to be criticized we we're afraid of saying something wrong so we kind of speak inside our own mouth I used to do it when I was a child my little nine-year-old boy does it all the time it's about confidence you know you didn't do that but I could see that if

(16:51) you were really under pressure and you were very like let's say you had a Visa deadline yeah and you you must get this and you know everyone's expecting you you could go into the test and speak inside your mouth that could affect Clarity and could drop your score a little bit it didn't happen this time my best advice would be imagine you are speaking to the examiner and

they are sitting against that wall and pointing 10 ft away all right so we're about 6 ft away double that okay all right don't don't be afraid of like I'm

(17:30) speaking quite loud to you at the minute don't be afraid of cuz you see you seem the type of person that um maybe thinks speaking loudly at someone is rude and some I don't know some different cultures is that the case in India or um yeah it is I think I'm Irish so we don't care how loudly we you know if you go to an Irish Pub you you'll you you'll hear how the volume that most people Speak Up the Volume a little bit again pretend that they're 10 ft away instead of 6 feet away you also um use

(18:06) higher level pronunciation features quite well um intonation so the intonation is when our voice goes up and our voice goes down if I come home late and my I said my wife says fine that's not that doesn't mean fine you know so we use intonation to convey meaning so fine F fine the same word two completely different meanings one I'm in trouble one everything is actually fine when people are nervous they tend to have quite flat intonation you didn't do that but um on test day just be aware of that a good tip is to

(18:47) before the test record yourself speaking and listen to your intonation if I listen to you speak to your friends yeah your intonation would be more extreme I think cuz hey hey how's it going you know more when people are in a test and they're nervous and they're formal they tend to speak more like this and very very formal it is not a formal test and you might get an examiner who is very friendly yeah sometimes you don't sometimes they had a you know everybody has a bad day and their intonation might

(19:19) be quite flat and form formal and robotic and people often um mirror other people especially when there's a party Dynam like someone seems more powerful because they're an examiner some students go in and they have great intonation outside the test and then they go into the test and their intonation their speech patterns are a little bit rigid and formal and robotic that wasn't the case I don't think with you a little bit maybe but not not a big deal okay next is um coherence and fluency coherence is did you answer the

(19:53) question it's like if I asked you to talk about when the weather was perfect did you actually mentioned a day when the weather was perfect um and you did all the questions you actually answered them and you developed them enough um even some of the questions in part three that you had difficulty with um you developed them enough and and that that was absolutely fine of no problems with that at all your fluency um the only time when you had an issue with fluency was in the middle of part two when you were you know reformulating things and

(20:27) you were repeating things to try and think of other things that is fine and because you only did it once in part two it's not like they focus in oh you paused one time or you repeated something one time they will listen to the whole thing and base the score on the whole thing um and you you did an excellent job overall you did pause at some times in part three when you were trying to think but that had nothing to do with your language ability some people pause um when they're trying to think of the correct what's the correct

(20:58) ad or what's the correct verb to use and what's the tense to use you didn't do that it was only really about ideas and again that's related to stress and nervousness because people think that the examiner wants the best idea or the correct idea remember it's a speaking test there are no extra marks for great ideas you could be the leading expert in the world on on weather and weather forecasting or you could know nothing about it it doesn't matter all that matters is your

pronunciation your

(21:33) fluency your grammar and your vocabulary so just do what you did and if you get an unusual topic or topic you're not comfortable with do what you did which is attempt it but explain like I don't really know much about this and again just don't put too much pressure on yourself thinking I need to give the world's greatest answer you don't for grammar um so there there's two things EX examiner will think about one is range of your grammar do you have enough grammar so if I ask you about the past

(22:04) do you know how to use past simple present perfect um if I ask you about things to do in the future do you have future structures do you know how to use comparatives and all and superlatives and all of these different little grammar structures everything that I threw at you you were able to cope with that so I don't think there's any problem with your range of of grammar at all the second thing that the examiner will think about is the um your your accuracy um overall your accuracy is very good there's no systematic errors

(22:36) what a systematic error is every time you use that part of grammar such as articles or prepositions every time or nearly every time you use it you make a mistake that means that that system that part of the grammar you don't know how to use that yet you don't have that but you do have little slips every now and again um and those are are not a huge problem problem so for example you have these errors most of the time you use prepositions correctly but sometimes you have little slips so most of the time

(23:08) you use articles you use them correctly but sometimes you make little slips but they're quite rare and they don't stop me understanding what you're saying so if you said to me my friend and I went to a cinema instead of my friend and I went to the cinema that doesn't stop me understanding that you and your friend went to a cinema so for grammar you would get a very high score but on test day if you're nervous and that MacBook Pro starts having too much pressure on it just like a computer we make more

(23:42) mistakes when we're nervous and when we're stressed out so there's nothing wrong with your grammar again the biggest enemy is really yourself the more pressure you put on yourself yeah the more mistakes that you will make vocabulary so there's two things that the examiner will think about accuracy are you using words accurately to describe things and you know nouns verbs adjectives are are those actually accurate the words that you're using you've no problem with accuracy at all and then the second thing is range when

(24:13) I ask you about weather do you have enough weather vocabulary to do that when I ask you about we were talking about high school and education do you have enough vocabulary you do but I think that you play it safe a little bit so the weather was nice MH is are there other ways that you could describe the weather that is not inaccurate there's nothing wrong with that but in a speaking test you are capable of showing off your vocabulary more now for the vast majority of people I would say the opposite especially people from India

(24:50) tend to show off and add in these crazy big long uh amazing words and they think that will booster score you have the opposite problem which I think that which is quite rare you're capable of using more vocabulary but you play it quite safe and it all depends on what score you want if you want the absolute top score you don't have to every sentence be throwing in a big complicated word but you just have to you know every now and again throw in something a little bit more advanced and that would really really help you am I

(25:27) correct in that you are capable of doing that or you are yeah up to you what you want to

do but I think that that would be my advice so for um pronunciation if you were nervous and you were speaking inside your mouth you would get Pro on test day you would probably get a band eight but I think that you are capable of a band nine I think today you were a band nine um which is the top score fluency on test day if you were repeating things a little bit and and you were searching for ideas and you're putting too much pressure in yourself

(25:57) you possibly could get a band eight I think you're capable of getting a band nine today I think that you were a band nine which is the top score what it says for grammar is that even a band nine student can make slips I think that today you probably would get a band nine on test day if you're nervous and you make them a bit more regularly you would get about eight vocabulary I think today you were a band eight because you all of your stuff is accurate um but you're playing it too safe today you would get

(26:31) a very very high score but in our next test I'll be expecting an even higher score because I think you can do way better than than you're you're currently showing what do you think about that any questions or anything no no