

IELTS ADVANTAGE. BAND 8. TRANSCRIPT

Chris: Let's start off by talking about your home. What's your favourite thing about your home?

Student: My favourite thing about my home would probably be my dog or my sister. I'm not sure because my dog could be annoying sometimes in the morning, he likes to wake me up, but my sister is almost the same person as me, so I like her company. We like to do a lot of the same things and we don't have that big of an age gap, so we're similar in age. We like to share the same hobbies, the same music taste, the same games, and we like a lot of the same things.

Chris: What makes your home comfortable?

Student: I don't want to sound like I'm obsessed with my bed, but my bed... I like being in bed. It's super soft. Um, and also my rocking chair.

Chris: What would you like to change about your home?

Student: I would like to have more windows in my house because I like the sun and I don't like being outside so much because it's hot, but I like daylight, so if I had more windows in my house, I feel like that would make my house better.

Chris: Let's talk about shopping. Where do you prefer to shop?

Student: I used to love shopping at the mall, but ever since this day and age has been evolving, I like shopping online more.

Chris: Do you prefer shopping alone or with others?

Student: I like doing a lot of things with a lot of people, and I've tried shopping alone and I've tried shopping with others. I think that I prefer shopping with others just because I can get their opinion.

Chris: What was your last important purchase?

Student: I would consider grocery shopping important, so food. Does that count as an important purchase?

Chris: Now, let's talk about your free time. What do you like to do in your free time?

Student: I'm currently obsessed with this new game on my Nintendo, so I like playing games.

Chris: How often do you spend time with friends?

Student: I'm with friends almost every day. I wouldn't say that I make it a priority, but every day I spend time with my friends, be it going to the gym, running errands together, or just going for a drive. So, I'll say every other day.

Chris: What new hobbies would you like to develop in the future?

Student: I do want to get into Pilates, just more into wellness things, because I'm super into active stuff. Going to the gym is what I'm doing right now, but I want to expand that by going into Pilates or yoga, stretching, just a lot of breathwork things.

Chris: Now, let's talk about food. What are the most popular foods in your country?

Student: Adobo and Panet are my two personal favourites. For dessert, I like Halo-Halo.

Chris: Do you like trying new foods?

Student: Yes, one thing that I would say about myself is I'm not afraid to try anything from any country, in comparison to anybody else I've met, but there are some foods that I wouldn't try.

Chris: Are there any foods that you really dislike?

Student: Um, so there's balut. I don't know if you're aware of what it is, but it's like an egg, but it's like a foetus of a duck. That's something that I don't like.

PART 2

Describe a skill that took you a long time to learn. You should say:

What the skill is

Where you learned it

How you learned it

And explain why it took you a long time to learn it.

Student: A skill that took me a long time to learn is singing. The reason why I wanted to learn how to sing is because I wouldn't say it's like a tradition where I'm from in the Philippines, but I grew up just hearing people sing karaoke all the time. I always thought singing was beautiful, it's the instrument of a person.

Since I was young, I grew up just watching people sing, or listening to people sing. Then once I got into school, around the fourth or fifth grade, I started going into music class where I would learn instruments, but instruments can do so much, but I feel like the power of the voice is stronger. So I started to have classes where I could learn to sing, and I would practice at home with my family.

We had our own karaoke machine, and my sisters were interested in stuff like that too, so we would sing together or play games like Band Hero. We'd play guitar and drums, and someone would be the singer, which would usually be me.

Another reason I was motivated to do that when I got older, when I was in school, was because we used to have talent shows. I was always interested in music, so I was in the music side of school. In music class, I would go to drumming contests, but that was boring. Then I started to go into singing because everyone else around me was singing, and I wanted to be part of that. When I got to the talent show, I started doing better and better, and I won a couple of times. That motivated me.

VOCABULARY

drumming (noun) - the sound made by hitting something, like a drum, with sticks.

errands (noun) - small tasks or jobs you need to do, like going to the store.

evolving (verb) - changing or growing over time.

instrument (noun) - a thing you use to make music, like a guitar or piano.

motivate (verb) - to make someone excited or want to do something.

pilates (noun) - a type of exercise that helps you stay strong and flexible.

rocking chair (noun) - a chair that moves back and forth when you sit in it.

wellness (noun) - feeling happy, healthy, and strong.