

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. CHILDHOOD. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Did You Enjoy Your Childhood?

I would say yes, I did enjoy my childhood. It was a free time when I compare to now. It was very free, so I often went to the beach, I played football with my friends, and there was just not many obligations for me. It was it was quite a free life. My parents were not too strict so I could enjoy myself and go outside a lot.

Part 2. What Do You Miss Most About Being A Child?

I would say again that it was the football. As I mentioned before, I really enjoyed going to the park with my friends. We went there so often even on school nights, so during the week. I think we must have gone to the park 3 or 4 times a week to play football, really organised football as well. I'd say we were obsessed with playing football and obsessed with playing sport in general, so that's what I most miss about being a child.

Part 2. Describe A Memorable Childhood Experience.

I have a lot of memorable childhood experiences, but I am going to choose to talk about my hiking trip to the Lake District. When I was, I used to love hiking, I was really fond of going up to a National Park called the Lake District. I often went there with my father. He would take me there every year and we would hike for a round about a week. That's what I remember, a week to 10 days going, staying in hostels, going from youth hostel to youth hostel and it was a really wonderful experience, but the one that comes to my mind specifically is when I went with my sister. At that time, I could drive so I planned the whole hiking holiday, which was around a week and I drove 7 or 8 hours. That's how long it took to get to the National Park and we spent the week following my route that I had planned before.

Let me tell you a little more about this holiday. As I said, I had planned it before I really enjoyed planning hiking trips. You know getting the maps and finding the trails and we stayed in youth hostels same as I always did and it was wonderful. We had to sleep separately because of, you know, girls and boys dormitories. So that was a little bit difficult because my sister was young, but we just stayed in the same youth hostel, just one. You know, we came back and ate in the pubs at night or ate at the restaurant, the nearby restaurant and overall it was just a wonderful week together in the Lake District. it was probably one of my...

VOCABULARY

childhood (noun) - The time in a person's life when they are a child.

fond (adjective) - Liking something or someone a lot.

hostel (noun) - A place where people can stay for a short time, usually for low prices, like a hotel for travellers.

mention (verb) - To say or talk about something.

obligation (noun) - A duty or something you must do.

obsessed (adjective) - Thinking about something all the time, like when someone really loves something.

pubs (noun) - Places where people can go to drink, eat, and talk with friends.

route (noun) - A way or path to go from one place to another.

strict (adjective) - Being very firm and not allowing mistakes or breaks.

trails (noun) - Paths, often in nature, where people walk or hike.