

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. EDUCATION. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Did you enjoy studying in school?

Yes, I quite enjoyed studying in school. I think that's quite an honest answer. I particularly enjoyed studying when I was younger in elementary school and middle school, or junior school as it's called in England. As I got older, I struggled, but once I found my motivation in university that's when I was able to study very hard and enjoy it.

Part 1. Do you prefer studying alone or with friends?

I enjoy studying alone. The reason I enjoy studying alone is it allows me to concentrate. I don't get distracted by other people. I enjoy... actually I don't even care about whether it's quiet or not. You know, I can study alone in a coffee shop that's very noisy, but the important thing is I don't have anyone talking directly to me and I can focus on my work.

Part 2. Describe a subject you enjoyed studying at school.

I'd like to tell you about my favourite subject drama. When I was young, I always liked drama. I liked acting, I liked performing in front of people. I wasn't the most confident person, but for some reason, when I was on stage or when I was in front of my class, I felt very confident and very comfortable to act or perform in some way. Not sing, I'm an awful singer, but yes, I really enjoyed the performance aspect.

Let me tell you a little more about that class. This class had 30 students. The teacher was young and very kind. It was I think twice a week. We had drama class and I just I really enjoyed it every class. It was a different thing you know. We had to do little plays or little scenes that I had to come up with characters. It was really enjoyable and on top of that I actually got an A*, that's the top grade you can get in England. I got an A* every semester or every term so yeah, that was the class for me personally, It was my favourite class and it was kind of a way of relieving stress between the harder classes such as maths or science... the classes that required a lot harder study. It also allowed me to get closer to my classmates. Sport was also a way that I could get close, but particularly mixing with the other gender. It was a really important class for me. In the future, I hope to do a little more drama and acting.

VOCABULARY

directly (adverb) - without stopping or changing direction

distracted (adjective) - unable to pay attention to somebody/something because you are worried or thinking about something else

focus (verb) - to give attention, effort, etc. to one particular subject, situation or person rather than another

gender (noun) - male or female

motivation (noun) - the reason why somebody does something or behaves in a particular way

particularly (adverb) - especially, more than usual or more than others

relieving (verb) - to remove or reduce an unpleasant feeling or pain