

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. IN THE UK. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. What comes to mind when you think of England?

The obvious answer for me is that it's my home. It's my home nation. So I feel a lot of warmth to England because it's where I grew up until I was 21. In terms of other aspects that you might know, I think music comes to my mind. You know, bands such as The Beatles or Oasis.

Food. I know a lot of people say British food is not good, but I do love roast dinner, full English breakfast, Shepherd's pie. I've talked about this on the podcast before. So, yes, that's what comes to my mind when I think of England.

Part 1. Do you enjoy watching British TV shows or movies?

Personally, I don't watch a great deal of dramas, movies, and TV in general, so I'm not a big fan of TV. But when I do watch TV, I do like British dramas particularly. I think they have a different feeling than American dramas. They're a bit darker, a bit more wordy, less action. So to some people, that doesn't appeal. For me, I do enjoy that.

Part 2. Describe a famous landmark in England that you would like to visit.

I'd like to tell you about the Natural History Museum in London. About 20 or 25 years ago, I went to London, and I went to the London Science Museum, and I had a wonderful time there. I was really amazed at how big this science museum is and the incredible exhibits. There were a lot of interactive exhibits that we could get involved in and do experiments. I had a fantastic time in the Science Museum.

However, I never got a chance to go to the Natural History Museum in London, which is very famous. I've been to London a number of times. I went there throughout my childhood, and I think I went to most of the galleries and museums, but never the Natural History Museum.

So let me tell you a little more about the Natural History Museum. I don't know a great deal about it, but I do know that it has incredible dinosaur bone exhibits where they've reconstructed dinosaurs so you can get a feeling of the scale. I think they've done the same with perhaps a blue whale. I seem to remember.

But anyway, there are incredible exhibits there. It's enormous, and incredibly, I think it's such a good feature in the UK, it's free. So you can go in there for free. Enjoy it. There's so much to do. I think you could spend a whole day there, to be honest.

Yeah, as I said, that's a place I would love to go in the UK. For me personally, I actually really am interested in natural history, so I think it would really appeal to me and also my family. I think my daughter would love to visit there as well.

VOCABULARY

darker (adjective) - when something has less light or is not as bright as before

enormous (adjective) - very, very big

exhibits (noun) - things that are shown in a museum or a display for people to look at and learn about

interactive (adjective) - something that lets you be involved, like pressing buttons or answering questions

throughout (preposition) - all the way through something, from the beginning to the end

warmth (noun) - a cozy feeling of heat or kindness

wordy (adjective) - using too many words to explain something