

## IELTS INSIDER. SERENA. BAND 8.5. TRANSCRIPT

**Tom:** Hello, my name is Tom. I'll be your IELTS interviewer today. Could you tell me your full name, please?

**Serena:** Sure, my full name is Serena Campusano.

**Tom:** Do you like watching TV?

**Serena:** Yeah, I do. I used to watch TV more when I was young, but I still do. Yes, for sure.

**Tom:** Ok, how often do you watch TV?

**Serena:** Oh, I mean, now that I'm a student, I don't have a lot of time, so I would say twice a week.

**Tom:** OK.

**Serena:** Not that often.

**Tom:** All right, and when you watch TV, what kind of programs do you like to watch?

**Serena:** Well, since I get very stressed because of my student life, I try to watch just comedy shows. I don't like watching dramatic TV shows or anything too serious, so kind of like, for example, Modern Family or Friends. Those kinds of TV shows are the best for me.

**Tom:** OK. And what are the most popular TV shows in your country?

**Serena:** Oh, actually, in Italy, we don't have a lot of TV shows. We have a lot of, I would say, telenovelas or things like that, but I think there is one that could be similar to Friends, it's called Camera Café, but it's old. So yeah, it's kind of a tricky question because Italians do not watch a lot of TV shows. They like drama.

**Tom:** OK. And has the Internet affected your viewing habits?

**Serena:** Yeah, for sure. I do watch a lot of TV shows or Internet shows on YouTube way more often because, of course, it's easier, and you can watch them anywhere. So I would say yes.

**Tom:** OK, very good. Thank you for answering those questions. Now we're going to talk about books. How often do you read?

**Serena:** These days, when it comes to study, I do read a lot because my major is International Relations. So we have to read articles basically every day. I would say sometimes I read 100 pages a week, but books just for me, during my leisure time, not that often anymore. So I would say maybe one book every four months, not that often.

**Tom:** OK. And do you have many books at home?

**Serena:** Oh, not really, because I use eBooks more often. It's way easier. So no.

**Tom:** OK. And do you prefer to buy books or borrow them?

**Serena:** Borrow, for sure. I am an eco-friendly person, so if I have the chance to borrow books or go to a second-hand bookshop, I would do that.

**Tom:** OK. And what are the benefits of reading?

**Serena:** Of course, there are a lot of benefits, but for me, for example, I tend to read things that I enjoy the most. So things related to my major. What I find when I talk with my friends who do not like reading is that they read something they do not like, but of course, there are a lot of benefits. You get to know more about the world, you get to know more about yourself, and you question yourself more. Or even, you use your imagination more. So there are a lot of benefits.

## PART TWO

*Describe an organisation or a company you know. Please say:  
How big is it?  
Do you find this company to be successful? Why?  
What can you say about the working environment there?  
What makes this company different from its competitors?*

**Tom:** OK. If you're ready, could you begin speaking about it?

**Serena:** Yep. So my topic was to talk about a company that I know, and the first one that came to my mind was Samsung, because we are here in Korea, and for sure it is one of the largest companies in the world, everyone knows about it. What I find successful about Samsung, and I actually studied it when I was young, was something my teacher told me in high school. It was very fascinating to get to know how it became successful. If I'm not wrong, the CEO in the beginning was selling rice cakes, and he was very determined to succeed. So I always find it very fascinating.

However, when it comes to the working environment, I have a lot of friends that work for Samsung, and it's very competitive. I mean, this is probably my personal opinion, but I do think it's not one of the best working environments. It's very hard. It's tough. You have to work a lot of hours, even just to get in. I know that for selection, they have about four interviews. So I don't know if I would work there, but for sure, it's a very successful company.

What I would say makes it different from other companies is that they sell everything. Like, you can go to a Samsung store just to buy a TV or, of course, a phone, but you can also buy a fridge or even an air conditioner. So it's something that I always find so unique and very different from most other competitors when it comes to companies and organizations.