

IELTS SPEAKING. DREAMS & AMBITIONS. TRANSCRIPT

Maria: Do you think you are an ambitious person?

Rory: I think I certainly used to be when I was younger. I dreamed about publishing books and travelling the world and having an exciting life. Now that I've achieved all of that, though, I think I'm a more calm and centred person, by and large.

Maria: What was your dream when you were a child?

Rory: Oh, to be an author. And that came true a few years ago. So that was a great feeling having fulfilled that childhood ambition.

Maria: What's your main ambition in life now?

Rory: Well, until recently, it was to be a husband and father, but I sort of had to shelve that on account of not having a partner to do any of that with. So in the short-term, immediate future, my plan is to pass my delta course, delta two is like an advanced course for language teachers. And in the long term, it's to own my own home.

Maria: What's your dream job?

Rory: Being a teacher, so I've accomplished that particular life goal. I always wanted to be one. And I was actually quite surprised at how easy it is to accomplish. So now my career goal is to be, well, it's being a good teacher. And that's sort of an ongoing process.

Maria: Are you the kind of person who never gives up on your dreams?

Rory: I wouldn't say so. But I would say I like to take the scenic routes in the course of achieving them. I mean, it took me 20 years to publish my first book. And it took me a little bit longer to become a teacher, although that was more about working up the courage to actually do it. But yes, I didn't give up but I did take a little bit of time.

VOCABULARY

By and large (idiom) - when everything about a situation is considered together.

Centred (adjective) - self-confident, stable, and well-balanced.

Courage (noun) - the ability to control your fear in a dangerous or difficult situation.

Goal (noun) - an aim or purpose.

In the long/medium/short term (phrase) - for a long, medium, or short period of time in the future.

Ongoing (adjective) - continuing to exist or develop, or happening at the present moment.

Scenic route (noun) - a way that is not the fastest way but that has beautiful scenery.

The immediate future (phrase) - the period of time that is coming next.

To accomplish (verb) - to finish something successfully or to achieve something.

To fulfil (verb) - to do something as promised or intended, or to satisfy your hopes or expectations.

To shelve (verb) - to not take action on something until a later time.

To work up (phrasal verb) - to develop an emotional or physical state that you feel strongly, after a period of effort or time.