

IELTS SPEAKING TEST. BAND 9. ANASTASIA. TRANSCRIPT

Ian: Hello.

Anastasia: Hello.

Ian: Good morning. My name is Ian. Can you tell me your full name please?

Anastasia: My name is Anastasia.

Ian: Where are you from?

Anastasia: I'm from Athens, Greece.

Ian: Can I see your identification please? Thank you. Thank you very much. Now, in this first part I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself. Let's talk about learning a language. How did you learn the languages that you know?

Anastasia: Well, I started going to an English Language School when I was eight, as a matter of fact, most children start learning a foreign language around that age in my country.

Ian: Okay, why do people learn more than one language?

Anastasia: Obviously with so much competition in the workplace, a second or third language can be an advantage when looking for a job. Also by learning foreign languages communication with people from other countries is made easier.

Ian: Right, do you think that all children should be taught foreign languages at school?

Anastasia: In to my opinion, yes they should, because not all families have the resources to send their children to a private language school or get a private tutor, this would be fairer for all children regardless of their background.

Ian: Let's move on to talk about the media, do you read any newspapers or magazines?

Anastasia: Actually, I don't read any newspapers I usually take paid with current affairs by watching the news on TV or listening to the radio. I do like to read fashion magazines once in a while though to find out about the latest fashions.

Ian: Right, and what kind of articles do you find the most interesting?

Anastasia: Most of the articles in fashion magazines interest me, but I especially like those about health and nutrition or fashion and beauty also I find articles about celebrities lives appealing. Well, you might find this a bit silly, but I like to read the celebrity gossip too.

Ian: And how about advertising? Do you enjoy watching the adverts on television?

Anastasia: Generally I don't enjoy watching ads and I get annoyed when the program that I'm watching is interrupted. Even though advertisements inform you about new products, I'm really not interested and I often find them boring. I have to admit though that some are very clever and funny, those I don't mind.

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Ian: Now I'm going to give you a topic and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes. Before your talk, you will have one minute to think about what you're going to say and you can make some notes if you wish. Do you understand?

Anastasia: Yes.

Ian: So, here's some paper and a pencil for making notes and here is your topic.

Anastasia: Okay.

Ian: All right. I'd like you to describe a website that you often use, all right? You're ready? Okay, so remember you have one to two minutes for this, so don't worry if I stop you. I'll tell you when the time is up. Can you start speaking now please?

Anastasia: Actually, I use a lot of websites, especially social networking sites, but I'd say that the one that I use the most is Facebook. I've been using it since I was 14, that's about eight years now, and ... and I find it fascinating. All my friends started using Facebook at that time and so did I. It was the in thing to do then, but I don't regret it. It's a great way to see what my friends are up to, especially the ones who have moved abroad. I can also chat to close relatives that I can see every day. Uh, the fact that Facebook is interactive makes it far more personal than sending an email. I love the fact that my friends are right there and I can speak to them at any time and see them too, if I use video chat. What I enjoy the most though is when somebody posts something funny or unusual that makes me laugh, it's fun writing comments about their posts too, as a matter of fact, I don't think I could live without Facebook.

Ian: All right, thank you.

VOCABULARY

advantage (noun) - a thing that helps you to be better or more successful than other people

annoyed (adjective) - slightly angry

background (noun) - the details of a person's family, education, experience, etc.

comment (noun) - something that you say or write that gives an opinion on or explains somebody/something

especially (adverb) - more with one person, thing, etc. than with others, or more in particular circumstances than in others

fairer (adjective) - acceptable and appropriate in a particular situation

fashion (noun) - a popular style of clothes, hair, etc. at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

interrupted (verb) - to say or do something that makes somebody stop what they are saying or doing

magazine (noun) - a type of large thin book with a paper cover that you can buy every week or month, containing articles, photographs, etc

networking (noun) - a system of trying to meet and talk to other people who may be useful to you in your work

newspaper (noun) - a set of large printed sheets of paper, or a website, containing news, articles, advertisements, etc. and published every day or every week

nutrition (noun) - the process by which living things receive the food necessary for them to grow and be healthy

regret (verb) - to feel sorry about something you have done or about something that you have not been able to do

resource (noun) - a supply of something that a country, an organization or a person has and can use, especially to increase their wealth

unusual (adjective) - different from what is usual or normal