

IELTS SPEAKING TEST. BAND 9. PHILLIP GUYS. TRANSCRIPT. EDITED

Dominic: Good afternoon.

Phillip: Good afternoon.

Dominic: My name is Dominic Bullock. Can you tell me your full name?

Phillip: My name is Phillip guys.

Dominic: And can you tell me where you're from?

Phillip: I'm from Germany, from the Northwest. I live in a very small town, maybe you won't know it.

Dominic: May I see your identification please?

Phillip: Yes, of course.

Dominic: Thank you, that's fine. Now in this first part, I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself. Let's talk about where you're living now. Tell me about the town or city where you're living at the moment.

Phillip: At the moment I'm here in Oxford, in the UK, in Homestay, with a host family, and I really like the city, it's really nice. I'm in Oxford for three more weeks and then I will go home to Germany again.

Dominic: Do you think you will move to a different place in the near future?

Phillip: I will, definitely. I will have an internship in a law office in Schwerin, in the north east of Germany, so quite far away from home and I will move there for another four weeks and in July-August I will move to Hamburg, also in the north, for my studies so there will be a lot of **changes** in the next few months.

Part 2

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

Phillip: Yep.

Dominic: Here's some paper and a pencil for making notes and here's your topic. Please don't write anything on the booklet. I'd like you to describe a hotel that you know. All right, 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?

Phillip: Okay. This hotel I'm describing is in Greece, **on the island of Crete**. I **stayed there** with my family a few years ago, with my brother and my mother and father. It's really close to the sea, which is what I really like, because I like to go swimming, I like to wake up and have a look **at** the ocean, the Mediterranean Sea. We were there in summer. It was 30 to 35 degrees, not too hot. We were quite lucky because usually it's 40 degrees. They have good food. There was always different food in the afternoon. The breakfast was really good and they had a nice pool area. They had three different pools, some for children and then pools that the adults could use. I like to go swimming. Because the hotel was close to the sea, we also were allowed to go fishing, they offered fishing trips. I also fish in Germany. I really enjoyed that and what's also cool, they had a gym. They also had some bars, I was not allowed to drink at the time. It was a rather big hotel, so I would prefer a smaller hotel with less people.

Dominic: Have you ever recommended this hotel to anyone?

Phillip: Actually I didn't, but my mother did, so my uncle was there with his wife and my cousin so

they went there.

Dominic: Thank you. Can I have the booklet and the paper and pencil back please?

Phillip: Sure.

Dominic: Thank you.

Part 3

Dominic: We've been talking about a hotel that you know and I'd like to discuss with you one or

two more general questions related to this. Let's consider first of all staying in hotels. What are the sorts of things that are important when people are choosing a hotel?

Phillip: Oh, several things. First of all, I think the location is very important, so of course the area where you want to travel to - what important tourist sites are there? Different cities, museums, cultural things to do. If it's close to the sea, if you have a nice view from your room. The other thing of course then is the hotel itself - how big is it? How many people are there? Are there lots of children? Is it good for single people?

Dominic: Why do you think is it that some people just don't like staying in hotels?

Phillip: Because it's maybe a bit impersonal. Some people rent a private flat for a week or for two weeks for holidays, because it's more personal, because you're staying in the old town, you don't have to stick to certain times for breakfast, you have your own time management, you have more privacy as well, you don't have to look at other guests all the time staying with you for breakfast in the dining room.

Dominic: Do you think that staying in a luxury hotel is a waste of money?

Phillip: It depends on the hotel and where it is. If you have like a luxury hotel in the middle of nowhere, of course I would consider that a waste of money.

Dominic: Let's think about working in a hotel. Do you think that working in a hotel is a good career for life?

Phillips: That depends on the job that you do there so if you, for example, are a manager in a really big hotel with lots of guests, you have to deal with a lot of people, you have to manage, you have to have a good overview of the whole hotel, you have to be good at multitasking. The other thing is if, for example, you're a cook in a small hotel you can deliver good food that the customers appreciate, you can concentrate on the quality of the food, create something new, create something special. Of course, if it's a really famous hotel in a big city, that could help your career. In a smaller hotel, you can concentrate on the people, you can take care of them, you can advise them on their trip, on the things they can do, that's maybe one advantage in a really small hotel, because you don't have to spend that much time on dealing with everything else, with the food, the cleaning, with lots of guests, because everything's smaller, you can really concentrate and deliver a better product.