

AFARINESH IELTS Radio (Part 26)

Describe a website you use that helps you a lot in your work or studies.

You should say:

- What the website is
- How often you use the website
- What information the website gives you

And explain how your work or studies would change if this website didn't exist.

Well, there are **zillions** of websites out there which are **tailor-made** in a way, that they would do their best to **cater to** their specific users. I do study English a lot and **I'm** kinda **into** learning new words and vocabulary. There is this website "vocabulary.com", as you can see the name is **self-explanatory**, it's all about words. I mean if you're looking for a place to get **bombarded** by words, this website is where you wanna be. I personally spend as many as 3 hours or so when I log into my account on vocabulary.com. it's sort like **time flies** and you **lose the track of** it just like that. Now, let me tell you a bit about how this website gives you what you need. If you're a guy like me who **goes nuts over** learning words then you're definitely always trying to make your learning as competitive as it gets, I mean you gotta feel challenged to **step up** your game right? Vocabulary.com **literally** makes it a game in which you compete against vocab **buffs** who might even be able to **run rings** around you no matter how **competent** you are. Whenever I think what would have possibly happened if this website didn't exist, it sends **a shiver down my spine**. I mean I can't even imagine how many books it would have taken to contain all these words and gosh I don't even wanna think how I would have had to move all these books around if vocabulary.com was not there.

Language focus:

Zillions

a very large number of things

a zillion

I've seen that movie a zillion times.

zillions of something

zillions of mosquitoes

Tailor-made

exactly right or suitable for someone or something

The job's tailor-made for you.

Cater to

To provide a particular group of people with the things they need or want:

an LA bank catering to Asian businesses

To be into sth

to like and be interested in something:

I'm really into folk music.

Self explanatory

clear and easy to understand without needing any more explanation:

The video controls are pretty self-explanatory.

Bombarded

to do something too often or too much, for example criticizing or questioning someone, or giving too much information:

The office was bombarded by telephone calls.

Time flies

used to say that a period of time seems to pass very quickly:

'Is it midnight already?' 'Well, you know what they say – time flies when you're having fun!'

Lose track of sb/sth

to pay attention to someone or something, so that you know where they are or what is happening to them, or to fail to do this:

It's difficult to keep track of all the new discoveries in genetics.

Go nuts over/about

to like someone or something very much:

My wife is nuts about kids.

Step up

to increase the amount of an activity or the speed of a process in order to improve a situation:

The health department is stepping up efforts to reduce teenage smoking.

Literally

according to the most basic or original meaning of a word or expression:

The name of the cheese is Dolcelatte, literally meaning 'sweet milk'.

Bufs

someone who is interested in wine, films etc and knows a lot about them

run rings around somebody

to be able to do something much better than someone else can:

I'm sure you can run rings round him.

Competent

having enough skill or knowledge to do something to a satisfactory standard **OPP incompetent:**

A competent mechanic should be able to fix the problem.

send shivers/chills up (and down) your spine

to make you feel very frightened or excited:

The eerie howl of the siren sent chills up her spine.