

AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Part 28

IELTS Speaking Part 2

Cue card

Describe an interesting story that you heard or read about in the news.

You should say:

- when you heard or read about the story
- what the story was about
- why the story was in the news

and explain why you thought the story was interesting.

It wasn't more than a month ago, you know, I was **heading** home right from work and all I was thinking about was to get home, **feed my face** and **have** my usual **forty winks**. Well, True to form I turned the radio on and I expected some rock n' roll but it was actually the news that was going on, I started to **tune in** something I usually don't do. At first, I didn't realize how interesting its gonna get but for some reason **unknown** to me, I kept on listening. The **anchorman** was reading a report of a mother and son **reuniting** after spending 20 years apart from each other. As the story **unfolded**, I learned that the son had gone missing back then while playing around in their neighborhood. The police couldn't crack the case and it was declared to be an **abduction**. Despite all the effort and time that was put into it, the case remained an unsolved mystery. The mother didn't give up though, she searched **every nook and cranny**. Working the **leads**, she got form numerous sources, finally after 20 years she managed to locate her son in a neighboring country. She travelled there and found him working at a dirty **joint** for making a couple of bucks to **get by**. You know, the interesting and at the same time **mind-boggling** point of this whole story was the mother's **incessant** search for her son. I still haven't figured out what could drive a person to have hopes of finding a long gone son.

Language focus

head

to go or travel towards a particular place, especially in a deliberate way

head for/towards/back etc

The ship was heading for Cuba.

It's about time we were heading home.

feed your face

to eat a lot of food

SYN stuff yourself

Have forty winks

To sleep for a short time; to take a nap.

Dad's upstairs catching forty winks before dinner.

Tune in

to watch or listen to a broadcast on radio or television

tune in to

get their information by tuning in to foreign radio stations.

Unbeknown

unbeknown to somebody

without that person knowing about it:

Unbeknown to him, his wife had been trying to phone him all morning.

Anchorman

someone who reads the news on TV and introduces reports

SYN anchor

Reunite

to come together again or to bring people, parts of an organization, political party, or country together again

be reunited with somebody

The children were finally reunited with their families.

The band will reunite for a US tour.

Unfolded

if a story unfolds, or if someone unfolds it, it is told:

As the story unfolds, we learn more about Max's childhood.

Abduction

to take someone away by force

SYN kidnap:

every nook and cranny

every part of a place:

We searched every nook and cranny.

Lead

a piece of information that may help you to solve a crime or mystery

SYN clue: The police have checked out dozens of leads, but have yet to find the killer.

Joint

a cheap bar, club, or restaurant:

a hamburger joint

Get by

to have enough money to buy the things you need, but no more:

I don't earn a huge salary, but we get by.

Mind-boggling

difficult to imagine and very big, strange, or complicated:

a problem of mind-boggling complexity

Incessant

continuing without stopping

SYN constant:

The child's incessant talking started to irritate her.

Incessantly adverb:

They quarreled incessantly.