

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio-Part 32

Well, I'm usually in my work **up to my eyeballs** and that doesn't leave me much time to **meander** here and there. You know, my boss isn't exactly the most generous person and he's made it quite clear several times that no **backlog** would be tolerated. Anyhow, once I was on this 5-day vacation in Singapore when I decided to **swing by** different places through the country. actually, **the first leg** of the journey got me to this village, you know I'm no **scatterbrain** but the name escapes me at the moment. Anyways, let me **get down to** the meat and potatoes of this event. I first ran to this dude who seemed pretty **natty**. Well, my **gut** told me that he was one of the locals. He offered to take me on a tour around the village. Although I was not really interested, I thought maybe since I'd already been there, wouldn't really hurt to see what the village was all about. **Taking him up on** his offer, I specifically asked him to take me to the historical stuff. As soon as he heard what I'd asked for, god... I remember it **play by play**, he said that I was in for a treat. I'm afraid my plain description won't **do justice** to the **grandeur** of the place. It was like I was in a movie or something every building was like super old. I was right near floored when I saw the **craftsmanship** in the designs on the buildings. You know the fact that, I'd been looking for something just like this and it was right **under my nose** that whole time and I was gonna **turn down** that dude's offer, makes me think that I actually

## Language Focus

### Up to my eyeballs

Extremely busy (with something); deeply or overly involved (in something); possessing, filled up with, or overwhelmed by an excessive amount (of something). There's no way I can take a vacation right now, I'm up to my eyeballs in work at the moment! I only meant to be peripherally involved in David's business venture, but, before I knew it, I was in up to my eyeballs! Dana was worried she wouldn't find any work as an accountant working for herself, but she's up to her eyeballs in clients!

### Meander

to walk slowly and change direction often, especially without a particular aim

→SYNONYM wander

They meandered around the old town admiring the architecture.

### Blockage

the state of being blocked

to cause/clear the blockage

### Swing by

To visit a place or person for a short time

→SYNONYM drop by/in/round

I'll swing by your house on the way home from work.

leg (of something) one part of a journey or race

→SYNONYM section, stage

The final leg of the trip was by donkey

### **Scatterbrain**

a person who is always losing or forgetting things and cannot think in an organized way

### **Get down to sth**

to start to direct your efforts and attention towards something: I've got a lot of work to do, but I can't seem to get down to it.

### **Natty**

well designed; clever

a natty little briefcase

### **Gut**

the place where your natural feelings that make you react in a particular way are thought to be

I had a feeling in my guts that something was wrong

### **Take sb up on sth**

to accept an offer that someone has made: Could I take you up on that offer of a lift, Rob?

### **Play by play**

relating each event as it occurs

### **do justice to 'somebody/'something; do somebody/something 'justice**

to treat or represent somebody/something fairly, especially in a way that shows how good, attractive, etc. they are

That photo doesn't do you justice.

### **Grandeur**

the quality of being great and impressive in appearance

→SYNONYM splendour

the grandeur and simplicity of Roman architecture

### **Craftsmanship**

the level of skill shown by somebody in making something beautiful with their hands

The whole house is a monument to her craftsmanship.

Under ones nose

if something is under somebody's nose, it is very close to them but they cannot see it

I searched everywhere for the letter and it was under my nose all the time!

**Turn down**

to reject or refuse to consider an offer, a proposal, etc. or the person who makes it

Why did she turn down your invitation?