

AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 35

IELTS Speaking Part 3 Questions

1. Why do many people enjoy participating in national celebrations?

I mean if the opportunity presents itself, it could **literally** be anything. You know, it heavily depends on the amount of free time they could possibly get. There are national holidays where you could get a couple of days off and start **putting your mind into** how to get together and spend some **face time** with your **kith and kin**. I shouldn't forget to mention the family occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and you know a whole lot of others events. Of course, sometimes they might give you a headache especially when they're **dragged out** more than they should but they gotta be looked upon as a reunion gift in our super **hectic** life. All in all, I think families do cherish these special events and they're putting a **spotlight** on them since these events are the only way to keep the family **bonding** alive

2. What sort of things do you think countries will celebrate to the future?

Well, it gives them a sense of togetherness. I mean They sort of **relish** having a reason to be around others. They feel like oooh **let's paint the town red** cause we gotta. I would say a celebration is not in and of itself something that'd put anyone in an **exuberant** mood, but it's exactly us who make it sound special and of course we should. I mean we desperately need to be **exposed** to good vibes, given the current state of affairs in our lives. We actually define whether we are going to be happy or not and these celebrations would just **propel** us a **tad** further in that direction. It's more like when you're surrounded by all that **upbeat** atmosphere while spending time with your **posse** of friends, their happy mood could easily **rub off on** you and make you happy as clam too.

3. What sort of occasions do family and friends like to celebrate?

I think this issue falls under international holidays rather than national ones. Some **groundbreaking** discovery might provide the enough reason to add another celebration to the calendar. Of course, **variegated** events could lead to brand new celebrations and holidays, I mean it is tough to put your finger on the right one since tomorrow is indeed a mystery and I'm sure as hell no good fit to **prophecy** anything solid. These hypothetical celebrations might also have some religious grounds like some sects of a religion join ranks and celebrate the day. The point is, whatever it is that might possibly **pave the way** for a new celebration or holiday, it should definitely be something big that could ultimately leave its huge mark.

Language Focus

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'.

Put one's mind into sth

decide you are going to do something and to put a lot of effort into doing it: If you'd just put your mind to it, I'm sure you could do it.

Face time

time that you spend talking to someone when you are with them, rather than on the telephone

Kith and kin

family and friends

Drag out

to make something continue for longer than necessary

Let's not drag this meeting out any more than we have already.

Hectic

very busy or full of activity: I've had a pretty hectic day.

The spotlight

a lot of attention in newspapers, on television etc

Bonding

a process in which a special relationship develops between two or more people

Relish

to enjoy an experience or the thought of something that is going to happen

Paint the town red

go out to bars, clubs etc to enjoy yourself

Exuberant

happy and full of energy and excitement: an exuberant personality

Expose sb

to put someone in a situation where they are not protected from something dangerous or unpleasant

Propel

move someone into a new situation or make them do something

Tad

slightly: It's a tad expensive.

Upbeat

positive and making you feel that good things will happen

Posse

a group of the same kind of people

Posse of

I was surrounded by a posse of photographers.

Rub off on

if a feeling, quality, or habit rubs off on you, you start to have it because you are with another person who has it

She refused to give up, and her confidence rubbed off on the others.

Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking work involves making new discoveries, using new methods etc: groundbreaking research

Variegated

VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS consisting of a lot of different types of thing

Prophesy

Say what will happen in the future, especially using religious or magical knowledge

Pave the way

Make a later event or development possible by producing the right conditions: The Supreme Court decision paved the way for further legislation on civil rights.