

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 41

## IELTS Speaking Part 3 Questions

- **Is it better to buy clothes in small shops?**

I don't think that's such a good idea. I mean, I'd personally **rather** try on **tons** of clothes before coming to a final decision as which one I'd ultimately buy. With that being said, I don't think I could limit myself to a handful of choices I'd probably get in these small shops. What's more, they can't afford those designer clothes people always **crave** and that means you could only buy clothes that are **for the birds**. **Bottom line**, I don't see any point in buying from shops which borderline small **cubicles**, one **oughta** try numerous places before **making their mind up**.

- **What is good customer service?**

Responsibility comes first I guess. You know, it's not just true about **inferior** brands, even some those **up and coming** manufacturing companies try to **weasel** their way out of providing **descent** customer services by **cutting corners** and fooling people into believing that the issue they need help with is not covered by their **constitution**. In addition, **long-haul** support for the products they let out in the market gotta be **mandatory**. I mean if you're not sure that your product is gonna last long, **why the heck** would you let people use it **in the first place**.

- **Why is shopping such a popular activity?**

I've never managed to **wrap my head around** why there exist constant shoppers. Many of them don't even have a clear idea what they're buying. You know some people of course believe that it's kinda **cathartic**. Let me put it this way, you put all your negative thoughts behind and zero in on buying some brand new stuff that could change your **bore-fest** life in some ways. But here is this other theory of mine where I think it's actually a **ham-fisted** effort to **compensate** for the inability to **lace up** and **face the music**. That somewhere in your life, something is really wrong.

# Language focus

## I'd rather

would rather PREFER

used to say that you would prefer to do or have something:

I'd rather have a quiet night in front of the TV.

## Tons

very much or very many: I feel tons better after a rest.

## Crave

have an extremely strong desire for something: an insecure child who craves attention

## For the birds

be silly, useless, or not practical

## the bottom line

used to tell someone what the most important part of a situation is, or what the most important thing to consider is: In radio, you have to keep the listener listening. That's the bottom line.

## Cubicle

a small part of a room that is separated from the rest of the room: a shower cubicle

## Ought to

used to say that someone should do something because it is the best or most sensible thing to do

## Make up one's mind

decide which of two or more choices you want, especially after thinking for a long time:

I wish he'd hurry up and make his mind up.

## Inferior

not good, or not as good as someone or something else

## Up and coming

likely to become successful or popular: up-and-coming young artists

## **Weasel**

avoid doing something you should do by using clever or dishonest excuses

## **Decent**

of a good enough standard or quality: a decent salary

## **Cut corners**

save time, money, or energy by doing things quickly and not as carefully as you should:

Don't try to cut corners when you're decorating.

## **Constitution**

a set of basic laws and principles that a country or organization is governed by

## **Long haul**

over a very long distance

## **Mandatory**

if something is mandatory, the law says it must be done

## **Why the heck**

used to show that you are annoyed or to emphasize what you are saying: Oh heck! I've lost my keys!

## **In the first place**

used to talk about the beginning of a situation, or the situation before something happened: Why did you agree to meet her in the first place?

## **Wrap one's head around sth**

Find a way to understand or accept (something) I just couldn't wrap my mind around what had happened.

## **Cathartic**

helping you to remove strong or violent emotions: a cathartic experience

## **Bore-fest**

something that is very boring

## **Ham-fisted**

not at all skilful or careful in the way that you deal with people

## **Compensate**

replace or balance the effect of something bad: Because my left eye is so weak, my right eye has to work harder to compensate.

## **Lace up**

meaning to get ready and keep on going though the struggles of life

## **Face the music**

accept the unpleasant results of one's actions