

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 45

## IELTS Speaking Part 3 Questions

- **Will the way we dress influence the way we behave?**

Yeah I guess so. It's kinda interesting you know; I've got **firsthand** experience with this one. It's pretty much like when you put on something which represents a specific **cult**, you seem somehow drawn to it. Much like, whether you like it or not, that sort of **attitude wraps around** you like a **prehensile tail** and so **inundated** you'll get that you wouldn't be able to **disentangle** yourself from it. Well, you could feel it in your bones, I mean the **urge to put your money where your mouth is**, you know what I'm saying, you throw a bunch of clothes together making you look like a **hippy**, you might as well act like one

- **Where do people in your country buy clothes?**

This whole online shopping thing is **gaining momentum** these days. Since everyone's almost always **swamped with** their duties, tasks and jobs, they could barely make time to hit the malls buy clothes. This way of shopping is actually at an all-time high right now. On the other hand, some folks like me, are a bit **old school**, I couldn't **for the life of me bring myself to** order clothes online. It's gotta be physical 100%. I gotta be able to touch the fabric and try that stuff on to see if it fits

- **Do people wear formal clothes more often or less often than the past?**

I'd say, they're less **inclined** to wear formal, kinda **restraining** clothes, I'm not quite sure though. I think the society is becoming more and more receptive to new **fads** and **vogues**, especially the ones which are all about loose and comfy clothes. I mean, you wouldn't be **pigeonholed** or called names if you decided to spend a day at work in your jeans and T-shirt rather than your suit which'll **give you a hard time** moving around. Yet, this doesn't mean they wanna throw their formal clothes away either. Sometimes, it is just **inevitable**, you know.

# Language Focus

## **Firsthand**

(of information or experience) from the original source or personal experience; direct.

"first-hand accounts of activities behind the enemy lines"

## **Cult**

a system of religious veneration and devotion directed towards a particular figure or object.

"the cult of St Olaf"

## **attitude**

a settled way of thinking or feeling about something.

"he was questioned on his attitude to South Africa"

## **wrap around somebody**

fold or drape something onto someone. He wrapped a towel around himself and went to answer the telephone

## **prehensile**

(of parts of the body) able to hold on to things, especially by curling around them:

a prehensile tail

## **inundated**

overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.

"we've been inundated with complaints from listeners"

## **urge**

a strong desire or impulse.

"he felt the urge to giggle"

## **put your money where your mouth is**

take action to support one's statements or opinions.

## **hippy**

(especially in the 1960s) a person of unconventional appearance, typically having long hair, associated with a subculture involving a rejection of conventional values and the taking of hallucinogenic drugs.

"hippies and spiritual seekers made their way to India in the sixties in search of enlightenment"

## **gain momentum**

move faster

The wagon gathered/gained momentum as it rolled down the hill.

## **swamped with**

If something swamps a person, system, or place, more of it arrives than can be easily dealt with:

Foreign cars have swamped the UK market.

I'm swamped with work at the moment.

## **for the life of**

If you say that you cannot for the life of you understand or remember something, you are emphasizing that you cannot understand or remember it, even if you try hard. [informal, emphasis] I can't for the life of me understand why you didn't think of it.

## **bring oneself to do sth**

be unable to do something because it is too unpleasant or embarrassing, or makes you too upset

He can't even bring himself to talk to me.

## **inclined**

likely or wanting to do something:

Tom is inclined to be lazy.

No one seemed inclined to help.

## **restraining**

intended to keep someone under control or prevent someone from doing something.

"Cara put a restraining hand on his arm"

**fad**

an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for something, especially one that is short-lived; a craze.

"some regard green politics as no more than the latest fad"

**Vogue**

the prevailing fashion or style at a particular time.

"the vogue is to make realistic films"

**pigeonhole**

assign to a particular category, typically an overly restrictive one.

"I was pigeonholed as a 'youth writer'"

**give sb a hard time**

deliberately make a situation difficult for someone

**inevitable**

certain to happen; unavoidable.

"war was inevitable"