

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 47

## Describe a childhood friend of yours.

### You should say:

- Who this friend is
- What you did at that time
- How you know about each other
- And describe why you chose to describe this occasion

I remember when I was a kid, I was a child who everybody would call **husky**. I was the tough kid on the block and pretty much **intimidating** I would say. So, it's not hard to imagine that I wouldn't probably **hit it off** with just anyone. If I wanted to make a friend, that specific person should've been as tough as I was. That **cherry-picking** attitude kinda left me **a loner** you know. The thing is, I wouldn't really mind being alone, I was **self-sufficient** if you **catch my drift**. Anyways, once I was **taking a stroll** around the **hood** and I saw this tiny **pushover** getting **bullied** by some other kids. Now I wasn't sure if I should have done anything, but me being me, I went there and got the poor kid **out of that pickle**. That was the beginning of our life-long friendship. His name is Ramin. Although I didn't **take an instant liking to** him, he **grew on me** in time. we used to do stuff together, **fooling around** in the neighborhood, **beating up** other kids in the block and a whole lot of other things which I'm not really proud of. Anyways, that's how we got to know each other and we've been friends ever since. Now that I'm a grown-up, I don't keep to myself as I used to before but this experience has always **stuck with me** because making a friend that way was not the exactly my **MO**.

# Language Focus

## **Husky**

a man or boy who is husky is big and strong

## **Intimidating**

making you feel worried and not confident:

Some people find interview situations very intimidating.

## **Hit it off**

be naturally friendly or well suited.

## **Cherry-pick**

to choose the best things or people you want from a group before anyone else has the chance to take them

## **A loner**

someone who prefers to be alone or who has no friends: Ken's always been a bit of a loner.

## **Self-sufficient**

able to provide all the things you need without help from other people: a self-sufficient farm

## **If you catch my drift**

The phrase "if you catch my drift" is merely a marker to alert the listener (or reader) that there is an inference to be drawn.

## **Take a stroll**

walk in a relaxed way, especially for pleasure: People were strolling along beside the river.

On Sunday, they took a stroll in the park.

## **Hood**

a neighborhood

## **Push over**

be easy to persuade, influence, or defeat: They aren't the best team in the league, but they're no pushover, either.

**Bully**

threaten to hurt someone or frighten them, especially someone smaller or weaker

**Out of the pickle****in a (pretty) pickle**

PROBLEM to be in a very difficult situation and not know what to do

**Take an instant liking to someone**

to begin to like someone or something: He immediately took a liking to Steve.

**Grow on somebody**

become increasingly liked or enjoyed by someone: Living in a small town was tough at first, but the place grows on you.

**Fool around**

behave in a silly way, especially in a way that might have dangerous results:

Don't fool around with matches.

**Beat up**

hurt someone badly by hitting them: Her boyfriend got drunk and beat her up.

**Stick with someone**

stay close to someone, or to continue to do something:

Stick with me, and we'll do lots of interesting things.

**MO**

The way a particular person tends to do things.

'his MO isn't prescribing the solution but sparking more questions'