

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 48

## IELTS Speaking Part 3 Questions

- **Do you use technology to communicate with friends?**

Yeah, my phone is **chuck full** of social media apps and I often use them. It's much better than any other means of communication, instant messaging and everything. It's not just me who's using these apps, almost 9 out of 10 of my friends are **full-blown** social media addicts. It's like ok until you haven't used them, but once you install one of them, you'll **get hooked** and can't really **give it a wide berth**.

- **Does social media help to build you relationships?**

It does, to some extent. There are also **downsides**, which actually **comes with the territory**. I mean every new development would sure as hell have some **drawbacks** that would one way or another affect your life. But since I'm **glass-half-full** kind of guy, I **tend to** look more on the positive aspects and **tune out** the negatives. I **figure** if you're a little **wary** about your relationships, you could develop very good relationships which could even lead to bigger and permanent ones.

- **Is it important for kids to have friends?**

Kids ought to **touch base** with peers since they're living at a **critical age** which is actually the **cornerstone** of their future life. You know Humans are sociable creatures and **hardwired** to be in constant contact with each other. This **urge** is even more deeply felt when it comes to kids. That is where they figure out their **flairs** and through **persistent give and takes** that takes place while they're in relationships, they would **flourish**.

# Language Focus

## **Chuck full**

filled to overflowing.

"my case is chock-full of notes"

## **Full-blown**

fully developed.

"the outbreak has the potential to become a full-blown pandemic"

## **Get hooked**

strongly attracted to something or someone:

We were afraid she was getting hooked on painkillers, so we changed the medication.

## **give somebody/something a wide berth**

avoid someone or something

## **the downside**

the negative part or disadvantage of something

**OPP upside:** Digital cell phones offer more security, but the downside is that they have less power.

## **Come with the territory**

be an unavoidable result of a particular situation.

## **Drawback**

a disadvantage of a situation, plan, product etc:

It's a great city – the only drawback is the weather.

## **The glass-half-full**

used to refer to an attitude of always thinking about the good things in a situation rather than the bad ones:

Align yourself with people who think the glass is half full.

**Tend to**

if something tends to happen, it happens often and is likely to happen again: People tend to need less sleep as they get older.

**Tune out**

to ignore or stop listening to someone or something:

A bored child may simply tune out.

**Figure**

form a particular opinion after thinking about a situation

figure (that) From the way he behaved, I figured that he was drunk.

**Wary**

someone who is wary is careful because they think something might be dangerous or harmful.

**Touch base**

talk to someone for a short time to find out how they are or what they think about something:

I just wanted to quickly touch base with you: did you get an email from my secretary about the meeting?

**A critical age**

something that is critical is very important because what happens in the future depends on it

**SYN crucial****Cornerstone**

something that is extremely important because everything else depends on it

**Hardwired**

if an attitude, way of behaving etc is hard-wired, it is a natural part of a person's character that they are born with and cannot change:

The desire to communicate seems to be hard-wired into our brains.

**Urge**

a strong wish or need SYN desire

**Flairs**

a natural ability to do something very well

SYN talent: Jo has a flair for languages.

**Persistent**

Continuing to exist or happen, especially for longer than is usual or desirable:

Persistent rumors

**Give and take**

a willingness between two people or groups to understand each other, and to let each other have or do some of the things they want

SYN compromise: In any relationship there has to be some give-and-take.

**Flourish**

Develop well and be successful

SYN thrive: The economy is booming and small businesses are flourishing.