

AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 52

IELTS Speaking Part 3

- **Do you think history is important?**

Well, the thing is I'm not **so hair on fire** excited about history since I personally live by **the motto**, let what lies in the past lie in the past. But it was like I couldn't **ditch** all my history classes in school and kinda had to attend. Nevertheless, history could be significant if we manage to **grasp** the reality of life through that. I mean not **taking everything for granted**, **counting our blessings** and making the most of them while we're still alive and not **pushing up daisies**. By the way, we would also learn to not let our accomplishments **go to our head**, you know being **mortal** and all that stuff.

- **Do you think museums should be free?**

Well, there ain't no such thing as free lunch. you know, You all the time gotta **pay your dues** for doing anything. With that in mind, first of all I gotta say it's technically impossible to visit a museum free of charge. But I believe, the government should **bankroll** such places so they wouldn't **go after people's pockets**. matter of fact, they should actually let folks take pleasure in seeing what **went down** when they weren't **around**, or even if that idea seems so **far-fetched**, then **scratch** it and let's **stick with** a couple of nights a week free plan.

- **Do you think going to museums and art galleries is beneficial for children?**

You know, kids, mostly **wet behind ears** would not get a lot out of **popping by** museums and galleries. I think it's a total waste of time and energy to take kids to museums if we think we're **doing them good** this way, unless there is nothing else for them to do, it's all right to **tag along with** adults going there. You know, they need action, somewhere they could be playing, **cavorting** and to the best of my knowledge, museum is not the most appropriate place for that purpose

Language Focus

Hair on fire

If something sets your hair on fire, it excites you or catches your attention urgently.

The motto

a short sentence or phrase chosen as encapsulating the beliefs or ideals of an individual, family, or institution.

The family motto is 'Faithful though Unfortunate.'

Ditch

Get rid of or give up.

Plans for the road were ditched following a public inquiry.

Grasp

Understand something, especially something difficult:

I think I managed to grasp the main points of the lecture.

Take sth for granted

Fail to properly appreciate (someone or something), especially as a result of overfamiliarity.

The comforts that people take for granted.

Count your blessings

Be grateful for the good things in your life, often to stop yourself becoming too unhappy about the bad things. Relieved and thankful.

Push up daisies (die)

The phrase alludes to one having been buried, with daisies growing over one's burial plot.

You'll be pushing up daisies when Mom finds out that you dented her brand-new car.

sth goes to your head

If something goes to someone's head, it makes that person think that they are very important and makes them a less pleasant person: Don't let fame/success go to your head.

Mortal

(of a living human being, often in contrast to a divine being) subject to death.

All men are mortal.

Pay one's due

Experience difficulties before achieving success.

This drummer has paid his dues with the best.

Bankroll

Support (a person, organization, or project) financially.

The project is bankrolled by wealthy expatriates.

Go after someone's pocket

Get money from someone.

Go down

be recorded or remembered in a particular way.

"his name will go down in history"

Be around

Exist, be relevant, or have significance, usually specified by a particular period of time.

Yes, I'm still around after all these years.

wet behind the ears

lacking experience; immature.

"he's a nice young fellow but a bit wet behind the ears"

Pop by

to visit a place or person for a short period of time

Do somebody good

If you say that something will do someone good, you mean that it will benefit them or improve them.

It's probably done you good to get away for a few hours.

You don't do anybody any good by getting yourself arrested.

Tag along with

Go somewhere with a person or group, usually when they have not asked you to go with them: I don't know her, she just tagged along with us.

Cavort

Jump or dance around excitedly.

The players cavorted about the pitch.