

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 56

## Describe a party that you joined

### You should say:

- When it took place
- Where it was
- What you did there
- And how you felt about the party

I am no **party animal** but there have been times that I **crashed blowouts** because of my **buddies** you know. I mean, I always sort of **get dragged** to such places. I, kinda, try to be a **social butterfly** and and to **strike up** friendships, joining parties, somehow, has always proved to be **surefire** way. Well, I remember that a couple of months ago, I got this invitation to a friend's good bye party. He was sort of gonna depart, I don't know where to but to me all that mattered was, the fact that I'd actually **amp things up** around there since I knew everyone there in and I wouldn't feel shy or anything. Well, to cut it short, things didn't turn out to be the way I expected. Upon my arrival to that **epic** to be party, things started to **go south**. First, a friend of ours, who was actually **a pill**, **put** a hell of a **dampener** on all the fun by making a scene with his girlfriend. Right after that, there came the final **blow**, a damn **power outage**. You can't imagine how **bummed out** everyone was. Matter of fact, each one of us had crawled into a corner doing literally nothing the whole time. So that was basically it, you know, we kept going through the motions and kinda, **skedaddling** as soon as we said goodbye to that old friend.

## Language Focus

### Party animal

a very gregarious and outgoing person who enjoys parties and similar social activities.

"a buzzing bar makes this a good place for party animals"

### Crash

to go to a party or other event without an invitation:

We tried to crash the party, but the bouncers wouldn't let us in.

### Blowout

a large or lavish meal or social gathering.

"it is difficult to imagine the slim person going for a real blowout"

### Buddy

a close friend.

"they had become the best of buddies"

### drag someone into something

to make someone become involved in a situation when they do not want to

The US was afraid of being dragged into the war.

### Social butterfly

a person who is socially dynamic, networking, charismatic, and personally gregarious. It may also refer to: Social Butterfly, a character in the comic book series Livewires.

### Strike up

begin a friendship or conversation with someone in a casual way.

"he struck up a conversation with her in the lobby"

### Surefire

certain to succeed.

"bad behaviour is a sure-fire way of getting attention"

### Amp up

increase. to increase the power or force of (something) to excite, arouse, or work up (a person, emotions, etc)

**Epic Party**

a party of epic proportions, everyone gets wasted. party grows until the cops come in and end it. a party that everyone remembers. even the police.

**Go south**

fall in value, deteriorate, or fail.

"Lazio saw his poll numbers go south almost immediately"

**A pill**

a tedious or unpleasant person.

**Put a damper on sth**

have an effect on it which stops it being as enjoyable or as successful as it should be.

The cold weather put a damper on our plans.

**Blow**

an unexpected event that has a damaging effect on someone or something:

Losing his job was a severe blow to his confidence.

**Power outage**

an interruption in the supply of electricity:

Storms caused power outages in hundreds of homes last night.

**Bum out**

disappoint, upset, or annoy: It really bummed me out that she could have helped and didn't.

**Skedaddling**

depart quickly or hurriedly; run away.

"when he saw us, he skedaddled"