

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 60

## IELTS Part 3 Questions

- **Do you want to become a foreign language teacher in the future? Why?**

Matter of fact, I don't really **have my heart set on** becoming a language instructor. I mean I might **dabble in** teaching just to **make a buck**, you know, **to keep the wolf from the door** till I get myself a solid gig or a job in company. The reason is, it takes **the patience of Job**, handling the students and everything. By the way, if you're going to do something serious, you gotta **do that to a tee**, you can't just **cobble up** some lesson plan and think that you're a real teacher.

- **Do you think grammar is important when you learn a foreign language? why?**

Of course it is, no grammar means that you're gonna be incapable of **stringing words together**. Then, you'd realize that the vocabulary you know is only **a hunk of junk**. That being said, just learning the rules will be **futile** since it won't turn into active knowledge that you could readily use. You outta make sure that you learn it through speaking the language and getting feedback. You know a partner could **come in handy**. Someone with a better level of language knowledge.

- **Why do some people learn a language faster than the others?**

Your guess is as good as mine. I'm no expert but, I hear that it's got something to do with the knack. Some folks just **have a head for** languages and they **take to it like a duck to water**. That aside, the more infatuated you are with the culture of a language, the higher the probability of you **getting it down**. I guess, it's all about the tie with the culture, how strong it is and how bad you want it.

# Language Focus

## **Have my heart set on sth**

To want something very much, so that you would be very disappointed if you do not get it.

“She’s got her heart set on ballet lessons.”

## **Dabble in sth**

To do something sporadically or as a hobby.

“Oh, I only dabbled in painting when I was younger.”

## **Make a buck**

To earn money

“I am just working hard, trying to make a buck.”

## **To keep the wolf from the door**

To have or earn enough money to afford things (such as food and clothing) that is needed to live.

“They make just enough to keep the wolf from the door.”

## **The patience of Job**

The ability to remain patient and to do what you think you should do despite having many problems.

## **To do that to a tee**

To do sth perfectly or completely.

## **Cobble up**

To assemble or complete something quickly.

“The incoherent argument in your paper tells me that you cobbled it up in study hall.”

## **stringing words together**

If you string words or sentences together, you manage to say something that other people can understand.

“People tend to be very impressed if you can string together a couple of sentences in Japanese.”

**A hunk of junk**

A clutter of undesirable objects, normally stacked.

**Futile**

Having no effect or achieving nothing.

“All my attempts to cheer her up proved futile.”

**Come in handy**

To be useful.

“This money will come in handy when we go on vacation.”

**To have a head for sth**

To have the mental ability to do something well.

“I've always been good at math—I guess I just have a head for numbers.”

**Take to it like a duck to water**

To adapt to or learn something very quickly and naturally, as if it were innate.

“Sarah took to her bike like a duck to water. She was born to ride.”

**Getting it down**

To become skilled or proficient at something.