

# Afarinesh IELTS Radio – Podcast 61

**Describe a short trip that you often take but you do not like.**

**You should say:**

- **Where you go**
- **When you go there**
- **Why you go there**
- **And explain why you do not like this trip**

You know what, due to the pandemic and **\*all the buzz about\*** remote working and stuff, many of the trips that I would usually have to take are **\*called off\***. I'm not gonna lie. I like it. Some would probably see this as a **\*sadistic pleasure\*** but I don't, I mean, this is just a boon in these tough times. Anyhow, I still have to take my wife to shopping centers every day, **clockwork**. When the pandemic hit and as the community grew more secluded, she was always complaining about being cooped up inside and feeling devastated since her contact with friends had gotten cut off. Then **\*it hit me\***, I might not be able to make this grim menace go away, but I could make it easier on her by taking her to malls on a daily basis. I should also mention, we try to avoid peak hours so we usually drop by there in the afternoons. We're fully adherent to the safety guidelines though, you know, trying to **\*stave off\*** the virus and everything. But, truth be told, frequenting the malls has become such a hassle for me. I mean, a couple of days a week would be ok, but every darn day? You know, it has truly become a nuisance that I could barely put up with. I don't honestly know what it takes to make her shake this habit but I'll do whatever so she would let me **take a breather**.

## **Language Focus**

### **All the buzz about**

A feeling of excitement, energy, and pleasure that something gives you.

### **Called off**

To cancel something

### **Sadistic pleasure**

Getting pleasure by being cruel to or hurting another person

### **Clockwork**

Very regularly, or at exactly the planned times

### **It hit me**

To have a sudden realization

### **Stave off**

To stop something bad from happening, or to keep an unwanted situation or person away, usually temporarily

### **Take a breather**

Take a short break from one's activities in order to relax