

IELTS Speaking Part 3: Learning

1. Do you think teachers have a great influence on students' studies?

Yeah, I think it's fair to say that they do. Because I mean, teachers can affect all aspects of a student's learning, for example, their level of interest and motivation, which in turn will have a bearing on how well they do in their studies. (Just to give you an example, I remember a really good History teacher I had at high school, and because of him, my history grades were always my best grades out of all my subjects.....)

I think it's fair to say – 我觉得可以说……

which in turn – 反过来

have a bearing on = *have an effect on...*

Just to give you an example– 举个例则呢, ……

2. Is interest important for students?

Yeah, I'd say most definitely, for the simple fact that, if students have a genuine interest in a subject, then I think it's far more likely they're going to do well in it. You know, we've already experienced classes in which we had no interest in whatsoever, and by the end of them we would remember absolutely nothing! So yeah, I think interest is incredibly important.

for the simple fact that = *simply because*

no interest in whatsoever = *no interest in at all*

3. How can interest be developed in a school subject?

Um... I'm not altogether that sure, cos my initial feeling is that interest towards a subject is something that we naturally have or don't have. But in terms of how it

can be developed, I'd say it can be developed primarily outside the classroom by seeing how it fits in to the world around us. For example, going beyond the set curriculum and embarking on your own journey of learning, which in my experience, is a lot more fulfilling than simply doing what the teacher sets for homework or whatever.

not altogether = 并不完全

initial feeling = first thought, 最初的感觉

set curriculum = 固定的课程

embark on – 着手

fulfilling – make you feel satisfied and happy, 使人满足的, 令人愉快的

...or whatever - 或其他类似的事物

4. How can English be learned in a fun way?

That's a good question, and it's funny, because I recently heard a guy, who can speak several languages fluently, say that the best way to learn a language is to live, which I think makes a lot of sense. So in other words, instead of just studying and burying yourself in textbooks, you should go out and use the language as much as you can, like talking to people in English, listening to the radio, and watching TV series. You know, mix it up a bit. And I think using these different ways really brings the language to life and makes it a lot more fun to learn. At least that's my opinion anyway!

makes a lot of sense– 很有道理

Mix it up – use a variety of ways, 保持新鲜感

At least that's my opinion anyway! – 至少我是这么认为的, 反正我是这么认为的

5. What are the qualities of a good teacher?

Um.... I guess the best way to answer this would be to think of some of good teachers I've had at school and uni, and think what it was about them that made them good. So please hang on just a second while I have a quick think about it....! Ok, well the good teachers I've had have shown a genuine care for their students. You know. They genuinely want their students to learn and develop. It's not just simply a job to them. And this I think is an essential attitude to have for any job. So yeah I think that's the most important thing – taking their job seriously and really caring about their students' development. And um... that would include aspects such as being patient, being a good listener, showing encouragement and support....um..., yeah, all these things make up a good teacher.

Hang on = wait

Genuine= 真实的

Make up -组成,构成 The people or things that make up something are the members or parts that form that thing