

AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 11

Cue Card:

Describe a day when you thought the weather was perfect.

You should say:

- Where you were on this day
- What the weather was like on this day
- What you did during the day
- And explain why you thought the weather was perfect on this day.

I've experienced both good and bad days when it comes to weather but, picking one among all, ooo that's a tough one. Well, just **(1) for the record** I'm quite **(2) cold sensitive** so I'm gonna put the freezing winter days **(3) on hold** for the time being and go with a more **(4) palatable** version belonging to **(5) a dog day's** evening. Prior to the evening of that day, it was **(6) scorching hot** and the temperature was rising with no end in sight. I had actually been sent **(7) on a snipe hunt** by one of my close friends for the whole morning and by the time I got back home, I'd already got the sun burn all over my neck. Surprisingly, in the evening everything **(8) took a turn** for the better. The temperature started to cool down and I was feeling a whole a lot better. Initially, I was staying at home **(9) nursing** a cold lemonade till one of my home boys **(10) hit me up** and asked if I **(11) was eager** to **(12) go for a spin** in his father's Cadillac. Being the coolest guy on the block, I said I'm down and he was right in front of the house **(13) in a jiffy**. It was such a blessing u know, feeling the breeze on your skin in such a hot season. Eventually, there came **(14) the icing on the cake**, I couldn't believe my eyes it started to **(15) drizzle**, when this was happening we were already in a café enjoying the whole thing. I wanted that amazing weather to **(16) linger on** for a little longer but deep down I knew that it was going to fade away like a beautiful dream. You know, I've actually been **(17) recounting** the same story for number of people and most of them **(18) reckon** that it's just been an ordinary day that I experienced at that time. There is actually more to it than that, we shouldn't ignore the fact this was happening in the middle of summer and in my opinion that's what makes it **(19) superb**.

Collocations and useful phrases:

1. **for the record**
something that you say before you tell someone something important that you want them to remember
And, just for the record, we were never any more than good friends.
2. **cold sensitivity** or **cold intolerance** is unusual discomfort felt by some people when in a cool environment.
3. **If an activity is on hold, it has been intentionally delayed**
Everything's **on hold** again because of the bad weather. The film's been **put on hold** until the financial situation improves.
4. **Palatable**
Acceptable

I'm afraid the members won't find all these changes very palatable.

5. The dog days or dog days of summer are the hot, sultry days of summer.

6. scorching hot

Very hot

It was scorching hot inside the greenhouse.

7. Snipe hunt

- An elaborate practical joke in which an unsuspecting person takes part in a bogus hunt for a snipe typically being left alone in the dark with instructions not to move until the snipe appears.
- A futile search or endeavor.

8. To take a turn for the better.

To improve,

We thought she was on her deathbed but now she's taken a **turn** for the better.

The antonym is **take a turn** for the worse, meaning "get worse, **deteriorate**," as in Unemployment has been fairly low lately, but now the economy's taken a **turn** for the worse.

9. To nurse

To hold a drink for a long time without drinking it

Mark was sitting in the corner nursing an almost empty pint glass.

10. To hit somebody up

to ask someone for something

She hit me up for \$20.

11. To be eager to do something

wanting very much to do or have something, especially something interesting or enjoyable

the children's eager faces

[+ to infinitive] She sounded very eager to meet you.

They crowded round the spokesperson, eager for any news.

12. Spin

a short journey in a car for pleasure

Rupert took me for a spin in his new car.

13. Jiffy

a very short time

I'll be with you **in a jiffy**.

14. The icing on the cake

something which makes a good situation even better

I was just content to see my daughter in such a stable relationship but a grandchild, that really was **the icing on the cake**.

15. To drizzle

To rain in small light drops

It's been drizzling all day.

16. To linger on

to take a long time to leave or disappear

After the play had finished, we lingered for a while in the bar hoping to catch sight of the actors.

The smell from the fire still lingered days later.

It's impossible to forget such horrific events - they linger (on) in the memory forever.

17. To recount

to describe how something happened; to tell a story

He recounted his adventures since he had left home.

[+ question word] He was fond of recounting how he had played for Manchester United when he was 19.

18. To reckon

to think or believe

I reckon it's going to rain.

[+ (that)] How much do you reckon (that) it's going to cost?

"Can you fix my car today?" "I reckon not/so (= probably not/probably)."

19. Superb

of excellent quality; very great He is a superb dancer. Taylor scored a superb goal at the end of the first half.