

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio Podcast 20

## Cue card:

- Describe someone you know who has started a business.

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What work this person does
- Why this person decided to start a business
- and explain whether you would like to do the same kind of work as this person

I sort of used to think that starting a business on your own could be extremely difficult and that if you couldn't **1.get your hands** on the **2.prerequisites** and the resources for running **3.a start-up** you would easily find yourself **4.in hot water**. Hopefully not long ago I **5.had a change of heart** regarding this matter actually a friend of mine not a **6. loaded** one by any means of course informed me that he kind of wanted to run an online business the primary purpose of which was to provide the potential customers with the ability to buy the grocery needs online and have them delivered ASAP.As much as I hate to admit I was the first one to tell him that his idea would never **7. fly** ;not that I'm a dream wrecker or anything I wanted to stop **8.a fiasco** which was just about to take place ;at least I better say that's how I thought well .This buddy of mine **9. had some second thoughts** after hearing my words but being the **10. tenacious** dude he is, he thought better of my thinking and went on with his plan. You know he had this sort of idea that people would actually **11.crave** anything that would let them **12.linger on** in their comfort zone even **13.a wee bit** more. He had a point you know nowadays the internet has become a **14. metastasizing** entity and every **15. Tom Dick and Harry** has got the access **16.at their fingertips**. anyways he kind of managed to gather up the money **17.to get his idea off the ground**. Man I gotta admit two years from that day and his already **18. sitting pretty** I don't think if I could ever bring myself to do as he did .I'm not that much of a risk taker you know; it's almost always **19.all duck or no dinner** with these cases and were I presented with the same opportunity I'd definitely find another way to success.

## Collocations and useful phrases

- 1. Get your hands on sth**  
informal to succeed in getting something: She's only marrying him to get her hands on his money.
- 2. Prerequisite**  
something that is necessary before something else can happen or be done: A reasonable proficiency in English is a prerequisite for the course.
- 3. A start-up**  
a new small company or business, especially one whose work involves computers or the Internet: an Internet start-up
- 4. In hot water**

In trouble

**5. Have a change of heart**

If you have a change of heart, you change your opinion or the way you feel about something:  
She was going to sell her house but had a change of heart at the last minute.

**6. Loaded**

very rich: Giles can afford it – he's loaded.

**7. a plan that will fly** will be successful and useful: News is that the plan for the new hotel isn't going to fly.

**8. A fiasco**

an event that is completely unsuccessful, in a way that is very embarrassing or disappointing  
SYN disaster: The first lecture I ever gave was a complete fiasco.

**9. Have second thoughts**

a change of opinion or resolve reached after considering something again.  
"on second thoughts, perhaps he was right"

**10. Tenacious**

determined to do something and unwilling to stop trying even when the situation becomes difficult: a tenacious negotiator

**11. Crave**

to have an extremely strong desire for something: an insecure child who craves attention

**12. Linger on**

to stay somewhere a little longer, especially because you do not want to leave

**13. a wee bit**

LITTLE/NOT VERY to a small degree: She looked a wee bit confused.

**14. Metastasize**

to spread or grow

**15. every/any Tom, Dick and Harry**

anyone at all, used especially when you mean that something should be done only by particular people, not by everyone: You can't expect him to tell every Tom, Dick and Harry what he earns, can you?

**16. have something at your/their**

to have knowledge or information ready and available to use very easily: We have all the facts and figures at our fingertips.

**17. get off the ground**

SUCCESSFUL to start to be successful: Her show never really got off the ground in the UK.

**18. sit pretty**

to be in a highly favorable situation

**19. all duck or no dinner**

Of a situation, action, or effort resulting in either total success or total failure; all or nothing.  
We've got one last chance to secure an investor for the company, so it's all duck or no dinner with this meeting!