

IELTS Speaking Part 2

Describe a performance you watched recently

You should say:

- What it was
- When you watched it
- Who you were with
- And explain why you watched it

Answer

I'd like to tell you about the performance of my favorite rock band called Oldcodex.

First, let me give you some background information about the band: Oldcodex is a Japanese rock band formed by a singer named Ta_2 and a painter Yorke. At their **concerts**⁽¹⁾, they give one-and-only performances with Ta_2 singing and Yorke **simultaneously**⁽²⁾ painting dynamic artworks.

I've been their fan for years. Last week, they uploaded a new video on their channel on Youtube, which included **highlights**⁽³⁾ of their biggest concert in Japan last year.

In the video, they performed a song called "Aching Horns", one of their most popular songs. Ta_2 sang so **energetically**⁽⁴⁾ that it seemed like he was **pouring his heart out**⁽⁵⁾. While I got absorbed in Ta_2's **sorrowful**⁽⁶⁾ singing, my eyes were also pleased by the beautiful **psychedelic**⁽⁷⁾ horns Yorke was painting on a canvas on the stage.

That was one of the most impressive performances I've ever watched. Oldcodex is not really a kind of worldwide famous band, but they are unique. They've produced great songs and performances that only they can create. One day, when I save enough money, I hope that I can travel to Japan and enjoy their performances with my own eyes rather than watching them on my laptop's screen.

That's all I want to share with you.

1. A concert /'kon.sət/: buổi trình diễn ca nhạc

Ví dụ: *The musicians are busy rehearsing for the concert.*

2. Simultaneously /ˌsɪm.əl'teɪ.ni.əs.li/: đồng thời

Ví dụ: *Two children answered the teacher's question simultaneously.*

3. Highlight /'haɪ.laɪt/: điểm nổi bật

Ví dụ: *Highlights of the match will be shown after the news.*

4. Energetically /ˌen.ə'dʒet.ɪ.kəl.i/: đầy năng lượng

Ví dụ: *Many community groups have energetically opposed the idea.*

5. Pour one's heart out /pɔːr/ /wʌnz/ /hɑːt/ /əʊt/: trút hết tâm sự

Ví dụ: *I poured my heart out to him and then he told all his friends what I'd said.*

6. Sorrowful /'sɒr.əʊ.fəl/: đau buồn

Ví dụ: *With a sorrowful sigh she folded the letter and put it away.*

7. Psychedelic /ˌsaɪ.kə'del.ɪk/: các bức vẽ được miêu tả là psychedelic thường có màu sắc sặc sỡ và các họa tiết khó hiểu

Ví dụ: *Radioactive Facebook juice seeps through the ceiling, as imagined by sychedelic muralist Jen Stark.*

Mở rộng

Những từ vựng và ý tưởng trong bài có thể áp dụng cho chủ đề:

Describe a sentence or a few words you like from a poem or a song.

One of the reasons this line keeps lingering in my mind is that in one of his live performances, (Tên) sang those words so energetically that it seemed like he was pouring his heart out.

IELTS Speaking Part 3

1. What's the difference between watching a live performance and watching it on TV?

Gợi ý: enjoyable (thú vị, thích thú), extroverts (những người hướng ngoại), chant (hô khẩu hiệu), introverts (những người hướng nội), in the comfort of their home (sự thoải mái ở nhà).

I think watching live performances and watching them on TV is more enjoyable than one another to audiences with different characteristics. On the one hand, extroverts who want to dance and chant with other fellow fans prefer watching performances live. On the other hand, introverts who want full control of their surroundings and no distraction opt for enjoying events on TV in the comfort of their home.

2. Should governments provide financial support to promote traditional performance?

Gợi ý: preservation (sự bảo tồn), survive (sống sót), cultural values (những giá trị văn hóa)

Definitely! The preservation of traditional performances requires a lot of money, and without the financial support of the government, these performances may not survive. As a result, we lose some of our cultural values.

3. Is learning drama or dancing helpful for children?

Gợi ý: stressful (căng thẳng/ đầy áp lực), relaxation (hoạt động thư giãn), creative (sáng tạo), confident (tự tin)

Yes, it is. First, learning drama or dancing is less stressful than science subjects such as math or chemistry. Therefore, dancing and drama classes can be a good relaxation for children. Also, studying performing arts like drama or dancing and even painting can help children become more creative and confident.

IELTS Speaking Part 2

Describe a family member who you spend the most time with

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What kind of person he /she is
- What you usually do together
- And explain why you spend most time with him/her

Answer

She's my aunt, and we live in the same house, so I'd say I've known her since forever. She is in her 70s now, but she looks a lot younger than her age. I guess it's because she does yoga every day. She's also very healthy and **lucid**⁽¹⁾.

My aunt is a **warm-hearted**⁽²⁾ and friendly woman. Since I was a child, she has looked after me, and I really love spending time with her. She's my confidant. Every day, after getting back home from work, I share with her everything on my mind whether it is relationship problems or conflicts at work.

She often listens to me carefully and asks questions that help me **gain a better understanding of**⁽³⁾ the issue. She also gives feedback to help me **clarify my thinking**⁽⁴⁾ and **make suggestions**⁽⁵⁾. When she was younger, she worked in many fields ranging from HR to marketing, so she has a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience. Therefore, her feedback and suggestions are always of great help to me.

Besides, she is very patient with me. There have been times when I was fully aware that I was just talking **nonsense**⁽⁶⁾, complaining about school or work. Still, she was there for me, listening to my grumbles and offering comfort.

Whenever I face problems in my life and need someone to turn to for advice, she is the first person that comes to mind.

1. Lucid /luː.sɪd/: minh mẫn, sáng suốt
Ví dụ: She gave a clear and lucid account of her plans for the company's future.

2. Warm-hearted /wɔːmˈhɑː.tɪd/: tốt bụng
Ví dụ: She's a good, warm-hearted woman

3. To gain better understanding about something: hiểu rõ hơn về điều gì đó
understanding /ˌʌn.dəˈstænd.ɪŋ/: hiểu
Ví dụ: We are hoping to gain a better understanding about the underlying process.

4. To clarify my thinking: làm rõ suy nghĩ của tôi
clarify /ˈklær.ɪ.faɪ/: làm rõ
thinking /ˈθɪŋ.kɪŋ/: suy nghĩ
Ví dụ: It has helped me clarify my thinking about my research

5. To make suggestions: đưa ra gợi ý
suggestions /səˈdʒes.tʃən/: gợi ý
Ví dụ: She made some very helpful suggestions but her boss rejected them all.

6. Nonsense /ˈnɒn.səns/: điều phi lý
Ví dụ: This report is nonsense and nothing but a waste of paper.

Mở rộng

Những từ vựng và ý tưởng trong bài có thể áp dụng cho chủ đề:

- Describe an old person that you know and respect

I always have the greatest respect for her advice. When she was younger, she worked in many fields ranging from HR to marketing, so she has a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience. Therefore, her feedback and suggestions are always of great help to me.

- Describe a person you want to have dinner with

I love having dinner with my aunt. She's my confidant, and every day, during dinner, I share with her everything on my mind whether it is relationship problems or conflicts at work.

IELTS Speaking Part 3

1. What are the benefits of younger and older generations living together?

Gợi ý: generation (thế hệ), take care of each other (chăm sóc lẫn nhau), learn from each other (học hỏi lẫn nhau), valuable (có giá trị/ quý giá), life experience (kinh nghiệm sống)

Both younger and older generations can enjoy the benefits of living together. First, family members can take care of each other. Also, they can learn from each other. For example, children can help their parents with technology. In return, their parents can teach them a lot of valuable life lessons.

2. What about the drawbacks?

Gợi ý: tension (sự căng thẳng), privacy (sự riêng tư), alone time (thời gian một mình)

One drawback is that living together may lead to tension in a family when different generations have some kind of conflict. Besides, having more people in the home means less privacy, which may be stressful for introverts who need to be alone.

3. Which do you prefer, support from family members or friends? Why?

Gợi ý: trustworthy (đáng tin cậy), deceive (lừa dối), beholden (mắc nợ)

Personally, I prefer support from family members. Not every one of our friends is trustworthy, and thus we aren't sure if they are deceiving us or not. Another reason is that it is really uncomfortable feeling beholden to others.