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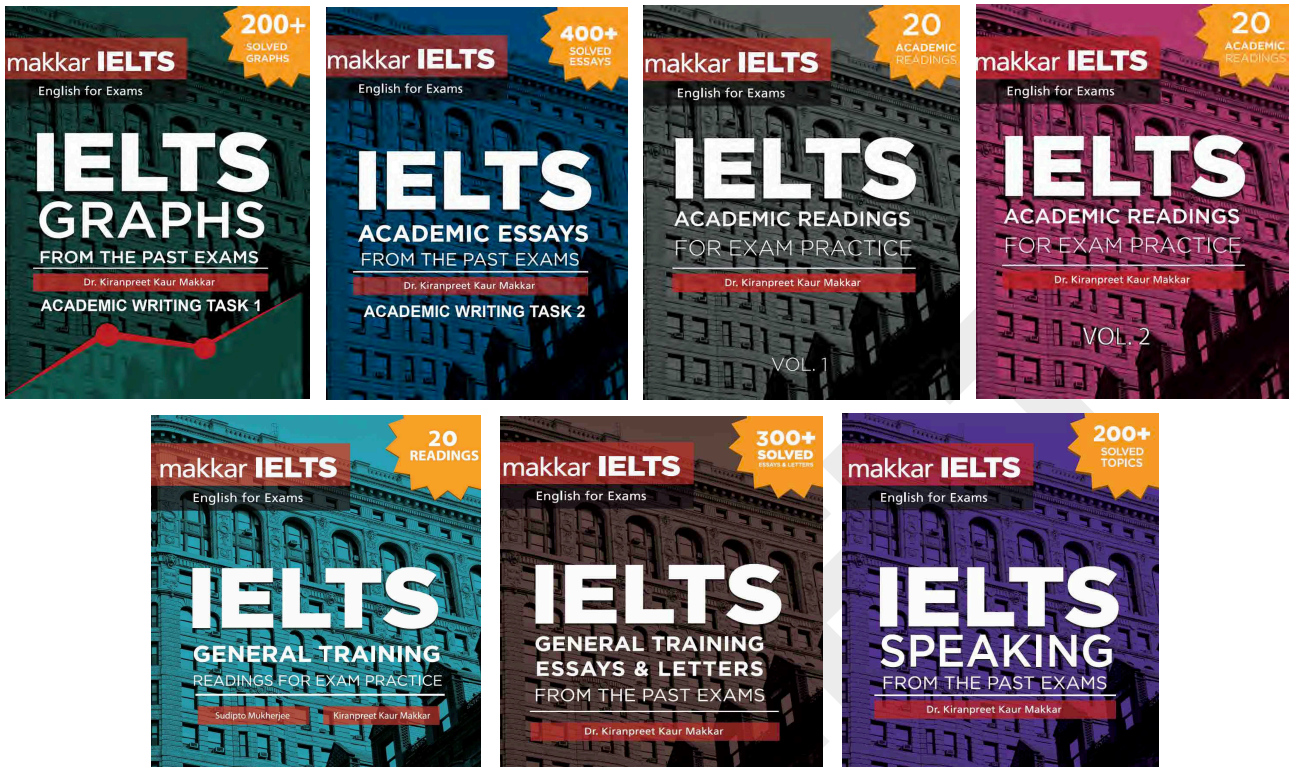
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1. Describe your first day at school

- Where it was? makkarIELTS
 - What happened?
 - Explain how you felt on that day
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- I have been to two schools in my life.
 - My primary school was different from my secondary school.
 - I have vague remembrances of my primary school as I was too small then.
 - Here I would like to talk about my secondary school in which I studied from 6th to 12th class.
 - My school's name was SD Model Senior Secondary School.
 - I vividly remember I was very nervous on the first day.
 - This school was much bigger than my primary school.
 - I was afraid of getting lost there.
 - I was a little bit excited also.
 - I just walked inside with the other students and went where they were going.
 - I was a new face for them so many of them were staring at me.
 - I asked one student about where 6th class was.
 - Coincidentally she was also in 6th class.
 - She took me to her class.
 - That was the beginning of my new friendship.
 - Her name was Harleen and till today we are the best of friends.
 - She made me feel very comfortable.
 - All my nervousness vanished.
 - We attended the classes before the lunch break and during recess she showed me the whole school.
 - I was awed by the infrastructure of the school.
 - There were separate labs for physics, chemistry, and computer science.
 - There was also a huge library.
 - Badminton and volleyball courts were also there.
 - The canteen was the most impressive.
 - All the teachers were also very nice.
 - I studied for 7 years in that school.
 - Those were the most memorable years of my life.

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Follow-ups

1. Do you think students should be taken to school by their parents or go by themselves?

Children in primary classes should not go to school by themselves. Either the parents should drop them or they should arrange a van or bus. Children in high school and secondary school can go on their own.

2. Should children rely on their parents or be independent?

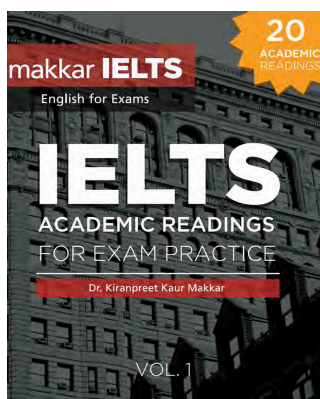
Children should rely on their parents till they are studying. Once they complete their studies they should start earning and become independent.

3. How can children become more independent?

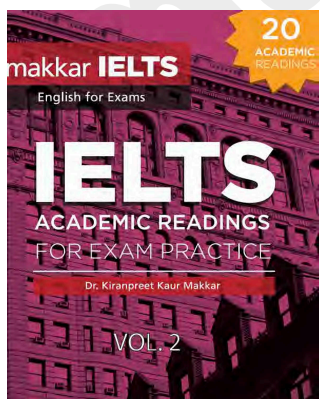
Children can become more independent if parents let them take small decisions on their own when they are very young. If parents allow children some freedom, then children can become independent very soon. It also depends on education and job. If children start earning, they can become independent very soon.

4. What is the effect if parents interfere with children's life too much?

If parents interfere with children's life too much, children either become rebels or withdraw into a shell and become introverts. Their personality is snubbed, and they cannot develop to their full potential.



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2. Describe an aquatic animal

- What it looks like
 - When you saw it
 - Where you saw it
 - Explain why it is interesting
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- India has a diverse animal life.
 - We have wild animals, domestic animals, and pet animals.
 - I am going to talk about an animal, which I find very interesting.
 - This animal lives in water but is not a fish
 - It is a mammal – it is the dolphin.
 - The first time I came to know about this animal was from the National Geographic channel.
 - This river dolphin is the national aquatic animal of India.
 - It gives birth to its young one and suckles to feed it
 - It cannot breathe underwater so it has to come to the surface to breathe
 - Even the little dolphin baby has to be pushed to the surface to breathe.
 - Dolphins feed on most kinds of fish such as the snapper and the tuna.
 - Dolphins are fast swimmers.
 - They search their way through the sounds they produce, which is called echolocation.
 - The dolphins' sound waves hit an object and the echo bounces back.
 - Most dolphins are peaceful and rather shy.
 - So far humans have proven to be of greater danger to dolphins than the other way round.
 - Marine dolphins are found in oceans and river dolphins are found in rivers.
 - Just like the tiger is our national animal and the peacock is our national bird, the Gangetic river dolphin is our national aquatic animal.
 - The Indian river dolphin is blind.
 - It is found in the river Ganges.
 - The female is about 9 feet long and the male is about 7 feet long.
 - Unfortunately, our river dolphin is on the verge of extinction.
 - But now the government has started taking steps to save it under the 'Project Dolphin'
 - Dolphins are important for maintaining the ecosystem.
 - Recently I saw a Hindi movie Ajooba in which Amitabh Bachchan is rescued by a dolphin and he considers the dolphin as his mother.
 - I came to know from that movie that dolphins are very intelligent and can be trained.
 - So, this is the aquatic animal, which I find very interesting.

Follow-ups

1. Why do people like to keep pets?

Indian people like to keep pets because pets are wonderful companions. Pets, such as dogs give you unconditional love. They also provide security. Some people keep pets in their homes to teach responsibility to their children. People who suffer from depression are advised by their doctors to keep pets.

2. What should we do to protect endangered animals?

We should help the governments and NGOs by contributing some funds, however small they may be. We should not do hunting and poaching of animals. We should educate those who are not aware of the importance of animals and the effects their extinction can have on us.

3. Do you support doing experiments on animals?

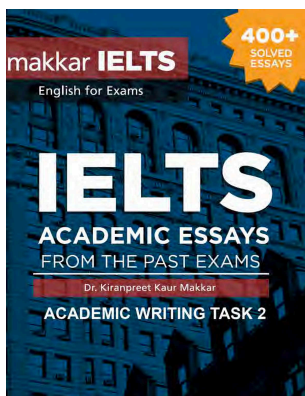
I do not support experimenting on animals, because nowadays, we can do computer simulated experiments to see the effects of drugs. We should realize that animals are not humans and so any effect on them may not be there on humans. Moreover, animals are sentient beings and should not be disturbed for our selfish motives.

4. Why do some people refuse to eat animals?

Some people refuse to eat animals on religious grounds. Some people just don't like the unnecessary killing of animals. They feel that plant sources can also provide them enough nutrients.

5. What would happen when some species disappear on earth?

It would disturb the ecological chain and would affect us directly or indirectly. We would also lose out on the diversity of nature.



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3. Describe a bag you want to own

- What kind of bag it is? Ma k k ar|ELTS
 - Where you want to buy it
 - How much it will cost you
 - Why you want this kind of bag
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- I have many kinds of bags like a shoulder bag, messenger bag but my favorite is a backpack and I would like to get a new backpack.
 - I would like to buy it from a good brand like Nike, Adidas or Reebok because they are not only durable but also very stylish.
 - There is a mall 20 minutes from my house and there are many shops there that sell these brands.
 - I would like to get a black waterproof backpack from one of these brands with two main inner compartments, 2 small pockets on the outside, and a side pocket for carrying my water bottle.
 - In the past, I have bought cheaper backpacks from local shops but had to replace them every 2-3 months because they broke down easily due to inferior material.
 - I mainly used them for carrying my laptop, books, and gym clothes.
 - My friend has a Reebok backpack and he has been using it for 2 years.
 - I feel that bags from good companies are expensive but last much more and so are worth their price.
 - Backpacks made by these brands usually cost between Rs 2000-3000 but occasionally they have good sales and offer huge discounts especially on older models.
 - I will wait for a good sale before I buy it.
 - I want to get a backpack because they allow me to be hands-free and comfortable.
 - I use a scooter for commuting and a backpack works well in this situation.
 - Also, backpacks evenly distribute the load on shoulders and hips and don't put weight on one side of the body like a shoulder bag.
 - As they don't put much strain on the body, they are easy to carry for hours.
 - Backpacks also allow me to be more organized as they have a lot of separate compartments and smaller pockets.
 - I can keep my keys and wallet in the easily accessible outer pockets and my books in the main compartment.
 - Backpacks made from waterproof material can save my belongings from getting wet.

Follow-ups

1. Why do you think women like to buy bags?

Women like to buy bags because they are convenient and let them carry their makeup, keys, credit cards, etc. safely. Also, women consider bags a style statement and it helps them complete their overall look. Some women like to buy the latest in trend bags and coordinate their bags with their outfits.

2. Is the backpack practical in life?

Yes, backpacks allow you to be comfortable and hands-free. They don't put much strain on the body and can be easily carried for hours.

3. Why are some people willing to buy expensive bags?

Some people are willing to buy expensive bags because they are made from good materials and last longer. Some people buy expensive designer bags because they associate them with status and like to flaunt them in front of friends and relatives.

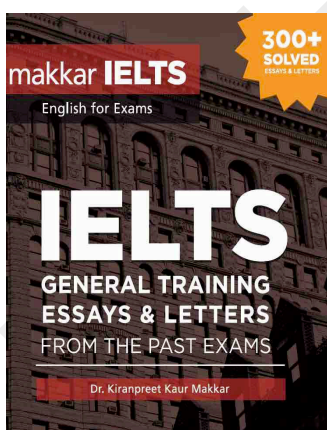
4. In the future, what changes will bags have?

Bags made from canvas, faux leather (vegan leather) will gain more popularity as more and more people will realize that mankind is harming animals to harvest leather.

Bags will also become more practical in the future and convertible bags that go from handbag to backpack to shoulder bag will be more common.

5. Why do children need to carry a uniform schoolbag?

Schools want all students to look the same and thus require similar school bags. Requiring everyone to look uniform leads to better academic performance and enhances student discipline. Children need school bags to keep their books and personal belongings in an organized manner.



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4. Describe your favorite singer

- How do you know this singer
 - What this person is like
 - Do you think he/she is good?
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- My favorite singer is the famous Punjabi singer Diljit Dosanjh.
 - He is one of the leading artists of the Punjabi music industry.
 - He has many talents. He is not only a singer but also a songwriter and an actor.
 - He has acted in several Punjabi and Hindi movies.
 - He has won so many awards in his singing and acting career.
 - I love his songs and can't help playing them on loop.
 - My whole family loves him and we listen to him in the car on our road trips.
 - He is very stylish and has a very fashionable dressing sense.
 - He has become a youth icon and many youngsters try to copy his style.
 - He comes from a very humble, middle-class Punjabi family and has risen to stardom because of sheer talent.
 - He was inclined towards music from a young age and used to sing in Gurdwaras.
 - Slowly he started stage shows and it was there that he got noticed.
 - He is a big philanthropist and donates money to many charities.
 - In fact, he donates a significant part of his income from stage shows to charities.
 - I have also been to one of his concerts in Jalandhar.
 - Listening to him live was such a unique experience.
 - He not only sang but also danced and interacted with the audience.
 - I would love to attend another of his concerts.

Follow-ups

1. Do singers play an important role in your country?

Yes, singers play an important role in my country. They are an integral part of our culture and their songs are played in various ceremonies, weddings, and parties.

2. Do you think celebrities have a lot of income?

I think celebrities earn a lot of income but it is justified. They work hard and entertain us. They also sacrifice their privacy and personal space because of their popularity.

3. In your country, people prefer to listen to traditional music or foreign music?

In my country, the older generation still likes traditional music but the younger generation is influenced by the western world and prefers to listen to foreign music.

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5. Describe a time you made a promise to someone

- Whom did you make the promise to
 - What the promise was
 - Why you made the promise
 - Was the promise easy to achieve
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- Many people are pretty casual about making promises.
 - And it really irritates me, when people make promises/commitments, they have no intention to keep.
 - I don't make promises easily but if I do I try my best to fulfill them.
 - Last year, during the coronavirus lockdown, my parents made me promise that I wouldn't leave the house unnecessarily till the vaccine is released.
 - My paternal grandparents live with us and they lie in the high-risk category because of their age.
 - Moreover, my grandmother is also diabetic.
 - So, all of us were really worried about my grandparents catching the virus.
 - I am a very social person and before the corona days, I used to spend at least two to three hours with my friends every day.
 - I also spend a lot of time with my grandparents.
 - In fact, sometimes I sleep on the couch in their room.
 - My parents were worried that I might catch the virus if I spend too much time outdoors and pass it on to my grandparents.
 - So, I promised my parents that I would not loiter around and spend time indoors.
 - It was very hard in the beginning.
 - I felt so bored as I couldn't meet my friends.
 - In fact, in the first few days, the only time I left the house was to get groceries.
 - I was in contact with my friends on the phone and we used to pass the time by talking for hours on the phone.
 - However, within two three days, I ran out of things to talk about.
 - Every day was the same.
 - I was also angry at my parents for making me promise to not leave the house.
 - But in a few days, I came to know that one of my friends had caught the virus.
 - From that day onwards, I stopped complaining.
 - Things also became a bit easier as I developed some new hobbies like reading the news and playing indoor games like chess and carrom board with my grandparents.
 - It's been nearly 10 months since I made the promise, and I am glad I made the promise.
 - In fact, I think I am still enjoying the company of my grandparents today because of that promise.

Follow-ups

1. Generally speaking, do Indian parents make promises to children?

Yes, Indian parents often make promises to their children. The promises mainly involve buying new toys or expensive gifts for them or taking them on vacations if they score good marks in exams or behave well.

2. Do children also make promises to their parents?

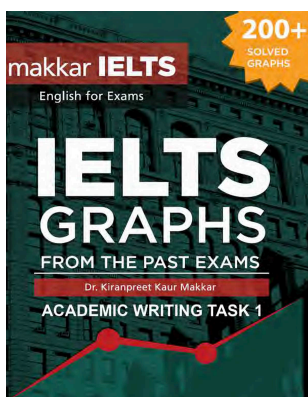
Yes, children also make promises to their parents that they will study and not waste their time. They also promise to behave well in the absence of parents.

3. Do most people fulfill their promises?

Unfortunately, many people in India make promises that they know they know they can't fulfill or can't keep. For example, to meet at a particular time.

4. How do you feel when others break their promises?

It annoys me when people break their promises. In fact, in India promises are frequently made and seldom kept. I believe that we should not make promises that we cannot keep. We should think before we make promises.



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6. Describe an art exhibition that you visited.

- when you saw this exhibition
 - where the exhibition was held
 - what was on display
 - and explain your impression of the exhibition
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- When I was little, I went to a museum near my hometown to see a paintings exhibition.
 - It was a special one-time exhibition to commemorate the struggle of Indian freedom fighters.
 - There were paintings from many different artists including some world-famous ones like Rabindranath Tagore, Raja Ravi Verma, and M.F Hussain.
 - However, all the paintings were on the life of Indian freedom fighters.
 - Some of the paintings showed them with their families before they became involved in the freedom struggle and some paintings depicted them actively protesting or fighting against the British.
 - I think this was intentionally done to highlight the sacrifices that the freedom fighters made for India's independence.
 - Along with each painting, there were labels in Hindi and English describing the context of the paintings.
 - When my parents told me about the exhibition, I wasn't interested, and I thought that I would get really bored.
 - But after visiting, I remember thanking my parents for taking me there.
 - One of the paintings, the hanging of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev had a long-lasting impact on me.
 - I had read about this incident in my history textbook, but I didn't know that all of them were so young when they made this ultimate sacrifice.
 - Moreover, I think reading about something in history books can never compare to the actual experience of seeing it in painted form.
 - I came out with a newfound appreciation for India's freedom and the people who made it possible.

7. Describe a time when you told your friend an important truth

- Who your friend is? M@kkar!ELTS
 - What the truth was
 - What your friend's reaction was
 - And explain why it was important for you to tell the truth to your friend
- I have often thought about the question that whether honesty is the best policy among friends.
 - Some truths are just very uncomfortable to tell.
 - And sharing such truths might also spoil or ruin friendships.
 - However, I also believe that the more uncomfortable the truth, the more important it is to tell them.
 - I am going to talk about a recent event when I told my friend Yatin something uncomfortable.
 - Yatin is one of my closest friends and I love spending time with him.
 - However, he has a bad habit that he sometimes talks very rudely with his parents.
 - Before the Covid times, we used to spend a lot of time outdoors.
 - I hardly visited his house.
 - But in the past year, because of the lockdown, we have been spending a lot of time at his house.
 - This is the first time, I noticed that his tone with his parents and especially his mother was very rude.
 - At first, I didn't say anything because I thought it was not my place.
 - But as I saw it happening regularly, I finally decided that I must tell him.
 - So, one day, I told him that he should talk nicely to his parents.
 - At first, he got very defensive and told me that they also talk rudely to him.
 - He also started listing my shortcomings like I am very bad at sports.
 - In short, he didn't take it well.
 - In fact, after that day, he didn't talk to me for a whole week.
 - But after a week, he came to me and thanked me for telling him to be nice.
 - He also apologized for not talking to me till then.
 - I feel that good friends are not afraid to share uncomfortable truths with each other.
 - Our friends' behaviors are partly our responsibility as well.
 - And in the end, I think our friendship is stronger because I told Yatin the truth.
 - He told me that because I was honest about it, he trusts me to guide him well in the future.

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Follow-ups

1. Do you think we should tell truth at all times?

I don't think telling the truth at all times is a wise choice. I think if the truth does nothing but hurt a person, I think we should avoid telling the truth.

2. How do you know when others are telling the truth?

I think it is easy to tell how others are telling the truth from their facial expressions. For example, people start sweating or avoiding eye contact when they are lying. However, this might also be sweating due to other reasons and thus it is not easy to determine if people are indeed lying or just physically uncomfortable.

3. Do you think it is important to win the game or follow the rules?

I think the victory would feel hollow if people do not follow the rules. It would not feel that the victory was deserved. So, although the outcome is important, following the rules is even more important.

4. Sometimes people should tell lies. Do you agree?

Yes, I believe that if the truth serves no purpose but only hurts other people's feelings, we should avoid telling the truth. For example, telling a person just before a party that they don't look good in the dress would just make them uncomfortable and reduce their confidence.

8. Describe a skill that you can teach other people

- What it is
 - How you learnt it
 - How can you teach others this skill
 - How do you feel about this skill
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- During the Covid lockdown, I was stuck at home.
 - So, I asked my mother to teach me 3D origami.
 - A few years ago, my mother had learned 3D origami from the internet.
 - She made these beautiful flower vases and swans with paper pieces.
 - They really looked beautiful and we decorated our house with them.
 - Every time someone visited us, they used to ask us about how we made them.
 - So, last year, I asked my mother to teach me 3D origami.
 - I had a lot of free time and so I practiced it.
 - 3D origami is not tough, but there is a learning curve.
 - It takes some time to learn how to fold pieces and give them the 3D look.
 - Basically, we fold papers making small pockets in them and the other pieces fit in these pockets.
 - Then, nearly any shape can be given to the pieces.
 - So, first I would teach anyone how the paper pieces need to be cut and how they need to be folded.
 - Learning how to give shape to the pieces is a lot about practice and experience.
 - I found this part very difficult in the beginning but now it seems very easy.
 - So, I would tell others to be patient and just keep experimenting.
 - There are also some YouTube videos, which have some ideas about different shapes we can make.
 - That's how I made my first few designs, but now I have started experimenting as well.
 - I am really proud of this skill.
 - I don't think I am an expert, and I am good enough to get compliments when someone sees the 3D shapes I made.
 - Recently, I made an airplane, and it was one of the most complex designs I have made till now.

Follow-ups

1. Should teachers be funny when they teach?

Yes, I think teachers should employ the use of humor while teaching. It lightens the class atmosphere and improves the relationship between students and teachers. In other words, students feel comfortable discussing their doubts and problems with the teachers. However, teachers must learn when to be strict, otherwise, it can impact the discipline in the classroom.

2. What qualities should teachers have?

Firstly, I think the most important skill that teachers should have is good communication skills. They need to understand how to teach in simple words. Secondly, they should be good observers. They need to be able to pick up the fears and anxieties students have. Only then

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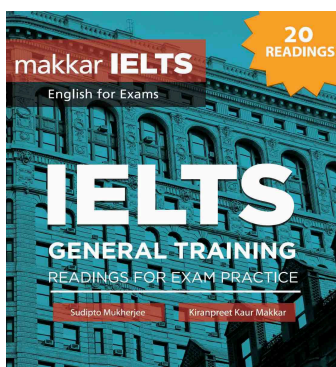
they can build their confidence. Finally, teaching is about patience. Teachers need to be ready to explain the concepts again and again if their students are facing any difficulty.

3. Which do you think are more important practical skills or academic skills?

Practical skills and academic skills have their own importance. I think it depends upon the person's profession. If a person wants to be a teacher, a lawyer, or anything in academics, they need to be an expert in academics. However, in other fields like business, communication skills etcetera, are more important.

4. Which age group is the best age for learning?

I am a strong believer in the fact that there is no age for learning. We can learn anything at any age. And actually, I believe that we should keep learning new skills as it keeps the mind sharp and active.



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9. Describe a time when you needed to use your imagination

- When it was
 - When you needed to use imagination
 - How difficult or easy it was
 - And explain how you felt about it
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- There are a lot of situations when ingenuity has helped me tackle difficult situations.
 - A few months, I had gone to Jammu for an examination.
 - But, because of the fog, my train back home got cancelled.
 - So, I decided to travel back by bus.
 - The bus dropped me at my city's bus station at about 2 AM.
 - I had told my parents that I would be coming by bus, but because I had left my flashlight on, on my phone, my phone battery had died.
 - So, I couldn't call my parents to pick me up when I reached the bus station.
 - And because of fog, my parents also couldn't estimate when the bus would actually reach my home city.
 - So, I was forced to walk back alone at night.
 - At this time, I saw some strangers walking towards me.
 - I felt that their intentions were not right, and I was really worried.
 - At that moment, I used my imagination and took out the phone, and started talking loudly on the phone.
 - I knew that my phone was dead, but they didn't know that the phone was dead.
 - As they came closer, I started saying that I am just around the corner.
 - As they heard this, they moved back, and I used this opportunity to run a nearby 24/7 store.
 - Once inside, I borrowed the phone from the sales clerk and called my parents to pick me up.
 - The whole time my heart was beating very loudly.
 - It was a very scary situation.
 - On seeing my father and mother, I finally took a huge sigh of relief.
 - My father told me that he was really proud of my presence of mind and a lot of people told me that they wouldn't have been able to think on their feet like I did.

Follow-ups

1. Do you think adults can have lots of imagination?

I don't think imagination depends upon age. Both children and adults can imagine things. The only thing is that children are not restricted by real-world knowledge in their imagination. So, children can sometimes imagine completely impossible things.

2. Do you think imagination is necessary for scientists?

I think all scientific discoveries are about looking at something from a new or different perspective. So, imagination is certainly important for scientists. Many would have seen an apple fall from a tree before Newton, but he was the first one to relate it to a force.

3. What kind of jobs need imagination?

I think the biggest field with needs imagination is science. Then, another field in which I think is being a fantasy author. A fantasy author basically puts down his imagination on a piece of paper. I think some of the famous fantasy authors like Tolkien or JK Rowling are some of the people with an endless imagination.

4. What subjects are helpful for people's imagination?

I think literature can be very helpful to develop imagination. I remember reading Alice in Wonderland was so exciting. It was my first time reading a fantasy novel and I just couldn't put it down. After reading each chapter, I used to think about what would happen next, and that in turn was nothing but exercising my imagination.

10. Describe a special hotel you stayed in

- Where it is (m a k k a r)
 - What it is like (IELTS)
 - Why you went there
 - And how you felt about it
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- Last to last year, my parents and I went to Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the winter vacations.
 - It was very cold in Punjab and we needed a break from the cold weather.
 - However, it was a last-minute plan, and we didn't have a hotel reservation.
 - We thought we will just get the room after reaching there.
 - Unfortunately, most of the cheap hotels were already fully booked, because of the holiday season and as there was a medical convention in Port Blair.
 - So, for the first time in our life, we stayed in a five-star hotel.
 - It was a part of TAJ hotel chains.
 - Before the stay, I had always thought that five-star hotels are just a waste of money.
 - But the experience completely changed my opinion.
 - The rooms were actually individual cottages on the beachside.
 - The beach water was so blue that it was unbelievable.
 - We could actually see all the fish in the water.
 - The room service was also incredible.
 - It was like there was a special person just allotted to our cottage.
 - As soon as we ordered something, one of the hospitality staff brought it to us.
 - But the most unforgettable part of the experience was the breakfast.
 - It was one of the most elaborate breakfast buffets I ever had.
 - There were nearly ten different cuisines available from Indian to Chinese to Continental.
 - I don't think there was one dish, I could have rated average.
 - There were all very delicious.
 - We all ate much more than we should have.
 - Actually, we had decided to switch to one of the cheaper hotels, if they were available.
 - But, because of our experience, we decided to extend our stay at the hotel, despite the cost.

Follow-ups

1. Do the ratings of people influence their choice?

Yes, I think most people look at hotel ratings before making a reservation. I believe it is very difficult to judge how the stay experience would be just by looking at the hotel and room pictures.

2. How do people reserve rooms?

I think people make reservations through internet websites like Goair, Ibibo, Trivago, Oyo etcetera. Some people also make reservations through the telephone.

3. What influences people's choice of hotels?

I think many factors influence people's choices. The two main factors are the price of the rooms and the amenities available like air conditioning, TV, locker and so on. Internet ratings and reviews are also a major consideration nowadays.

4. What's the difference between hotels in your country and hotels abroad?

I don't think there is any particular difference in hotels. Today, there are hotels from chains like Taj, Hilton, Marriot all over the world. The design may vary depending upon the location for example beaches, hillsides etcetera. But as India has all these types of locations, nearly all types of hotels are available here.

11. Describe a person who wears unusual clothes

- Who is he
 - How do you know him
 - What kind of clothes he wears
 - Why do you consider that his clothing choices are weird
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- I personally like to dress very conservatively, and I normally avoid bright colors.
 - If I think about unusual clothing choices, there is only one person I can think of.
 - He is my close friend, Yagya.
 - I find his clothing preferences unusual because he doesn't follow the usual clothing norms.
 - For example, once I saw him wearing sandals with formals, to be precise a men's three-piece suit and sandals.
 - Then, another time I saw him wearing a jacket in the summers.
 - He doesn't believe in societal norms.
 - He just wears whatever he feels like wearing.
 - I have also seen him wearing girlish shades like pink and purple.
 - Actually, he wants to be a fashion designer when he grows up.
 - So, he likes to experiment with clothes.
 - I have seen him taking his mother's and father's clothes and make a complete dress out of them for himself.
 - He does that with his own clothes too.
 - For example, recently he made denim shorts by cutting his jeans.
 - I think I have heard people talking about his odd fashion choices.
 - But he is proud of his clothing choices.
 - The fact is that he has a very good physique, and he is able to carry everything he wears so well.
 - Every time I see his clothes, I feel like I wouldn't wear them, but I also somehow feel that he is looking good in them.

Follow-ups

1. Where do Indians normally buy clothes?

Indians buy clothes from a variety of places. I think for fancy clothes people normally shop at malls or branded shops like Zara and for day-to-day or basically casual wear, people go to the street markets. Recently, many people have also started buying clothes online.

2. The difference between men's and women's choices of clothes?

I think the first difference is in the shades. Men go for slightly darker and somber shades like blue, brown, and grey, while women go for brighter colors like pink, yellow, red, etc. Another difference is that most men prioritize comfort over fashion, while it is vice versa in the case of women.

3. Do clothes affect people's mood?

Yes, certainly. When people feel they look good in something, they feel more confident and this, in turn, makes them more social and talkative. The comfort level also matters. If people feel they are uncomfortable in something, it also affects their mood negatively.

4. What do people consider when buying clothes?

I think people consider a lot of factors while buying clothes. Some of the main factors are cost, color, brand, comfort, uniqueness, and so on. Personally, I prioritize brand and comfort over other factors.

12. Describe a time when you had to wait in a long line

- when it was
 - how long the queue/line was
 - what it was about
 - how you felt about waiting in this long queue or line.
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- There are many times when I have waited in queues.
 - Actually, waiting in queue is pretty normal in India because of the enormous population.
 - But one time I can never forget is the time of demonetization.
 - In 2017, the Indian PM declared that Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes would not be legal tender from the next day onwards.
 - This was done in a very confidential manner as the purpose was to tackle the black money in the market.
 - As such the news was only privy to a few government ministers and officials when it was announced.
 - Also, to maintain secrecy, the new notes were sent to banks at the last minute.
 - Because of this, there was a severe shortage of notes in banks for the next few days.
 - People stood in lines to get their old notes replaced.
 - Every day, people were allowed to replace only up to Rs 2000.
 - The lines were huge.
 - I remember reaching the bank at 9 o'clock in the morning and still being about the 50th person in the queue.
 - My turn came after nearly 2 hours.
 - It was very irritating to stand in the queue.
 - But I could understand the reason why the government took such a step.
 - So, I complained about standing in the line, but deep down I appreciated the step government took.
 - Unfortunately, I had to do this 2-3 times that week.
 - The first day, I didn't imagine that it would take so long.
 - But the next day I was prepared, I took a water bottle and my headphones.
 - I listened to music while I waited, to pass the time.

Follow-ups

1. What do people like to do while waiting in line?

There are many things that people do while waiting in line. Some people like to listen to music, some play mobile games and some people just like to talk to others.

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

- where you go
 - when you go there
 - why you go there
 - and explain why you do not like this trip
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- I live in Phagwara, but I have joined a weekend computer course at Jalandhar.
 - I have enrolled for this course at a very prestigious Institute as it will help me to get a good certificate and eventually a job.
 - So, every Saturday morning I have to wake up at 5:30 and start by 6:30 a.m. from my home.
 - Most of the time I wake up late because I don't like getting up early at the weekends.
 - Distance between the two cities is not much, but there is a lot of traffic on this road and to make the matters worse there are a lot of flyovers that are under construction.
 - Last year I used to travel by public transport, but now due to covid-19 restrictions I have to drive my own car and most of the time I get stuck in a traffic jam.
 - Whenever I get stuck, I normally miss the first half an hour or at least 15-20 minutes of my class
 - Invariably, I get stuck at one bottleneck of the traffic or another
 - Another thing that I do know like about this journey is that when people are aware that traffic is not moving, they start honking.
 - When I hear the loud horns, I start having a headache and I feel irritated.
 - Sometimes the idle engines at the traffic lights also create a lot of noise and the emissions from the engine spoil my morning peace.
 - My course will finish in March and I am waiting for the day I sit for my exam
 - It will be such a big relief as I will not have to make this journey every weekend again.

Follow-ups

1. Do Indian people like to travel abroad?

Yes, Indian people like to travel and explore a lot. Indian travelers have been traveling to various countries in Southeast Asia and Europe for many centuries. Now the youngsters have more disposable income so they make short trips to different countries with their friends.

2. How much time do you think people should spend on a trip abroad?

Well! it depends on the purpose of the trip. Sometimes if it is an excursion it can be just two three days or maybe a week but when you have visited a country to study its culture you may have to stay there for months. On average I think 2 weeks are enough to visit a country.

3. Who prefers traveling abroad, the young or the old?

The young and the old both love to travel abroad, provided there are no health issues for the older people and there is enough funding for young ones. In my family, my father makes a trip abroad every year. Sometimes he visits to meet my siblings residing there and on other occasions just to see another country. My younger brother also makes frequent trips abroad. So I think we all love to travel abroad regardless of age.

4. Which is better for knowing more about a country traveling or reading books about it?

Definitely, there is no better learning than traveling. When you travel to a new country you can soak in the culture, learn a language, try the cuisine, and get a first-hand experience. As compared to this when you read a book, you are getting a secondhand experience and you are visualizing or imagining the details narrated by another person or another author.