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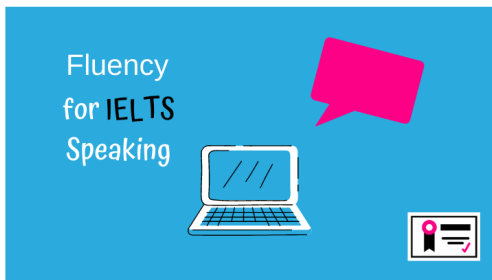
## Live Lesson Notes

# Childhood

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### Riddle

I can talk, but have no mouth, I communicate but have no body, you can hear me but not see me.

Answer: Echo

# Vocabulary

**child** (singular) - **children** (plural)

**ADJECTIVES** *collocations to use with CHILD*

well-behaved, obedient, gifted, talented, patient (*good things*)

difficult, naughty, wayward, stubborn, mischievous, hyperactive  
(*negative things*)

**Childhood** (n.) -

*Adjective collocations to use with CHILDHOOD*

happy, cheerful, carefree, blissful (*good*)

lonely, deprived, gloomy, sorrowful (*bad*)

**Childish** (adj.)

= *immature*

*Noun collocations to use with CHILDISH*

behaviour, attitude

An only **child**

= *having no brothers or sisters*

**MORE EXPRESSIONS:**

**A.** *The following all have the same meaning*

I **grew\_up** in Manchester

I **was brought up** in \_\_\_\_\_

I **was raised** in \_\_\_\_\_

I **was born and bred** in \_\_\_\_\_

*If talking about the country, we can also say...*

My **motherland** is \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** I grew up in my birth place

in a nuclear family.

abroad.

in a bustling city.

in a stunning country-side.

in a well-educated family.

in a lush green valley.

**C.** Phrases to talk about remembering

I **remember** \_my childhood well\_

I **remember when I was a child**, I used to....

I **recall** \_\_\_\_\_

I **have a clear/ vivid memory** of \_\_\_\_\_

I have **fond memories** of my childhood, especially \_\_\_\_\_

I **vividly** remember \_\_\_\_\_

# Childhood activities @Topic\_based\_vocabulary

We usually played **made-up games** / **pretend games**

We often played **hide and seek**

If my memory serves me right, I used to play in the streets **back then!**

As far as I can remember, we played football **most days**.

We often played chess

I '**played house**' with my friends

We used *to while away the hours* playing games

**To while away the hours**

= *to pass the time idly / in a slow and relaxed way.*

## **Past habits**

I **used to** go to the park with my friends

We **would often** sit there for hours, chatting away.

It **wasn't uncommon for us** to play football in the park and then hang out until tea time.

I often **played outdoor activities** with my friends

We **got up to all sorts of things**, like chasing mice, playing in the mud and things like that.

**To get up to**

= *to be involved in (often surprising things)*

**Examples of childhood games and toys:**

catcher catcher / Tig / Tag

blindfold game

see-saw

toy cars

mini-kitchen set

stacking toys

geometrical shapes

lego

action figures

jigsaws( puzzles)

mini-microscope

soft-toys

crayons

Play doh

board games

ludo

building blocks

# Toys

When I was **bored** I played a **board** game  
*(both words pronounced the same)*

**I wouldn't let go of** my favourite doll

**I was obsessed** with my train set

**I loved** my chess set

**I was tethered to** my iPad  
*=connected*

**I would go everywhere with** my bike

My bike **was everything to me**

My sister loved her **Barbie doll** and my brother loved his **action figure**

**I was addicted to** my playstation / video games / my Rubik's cube

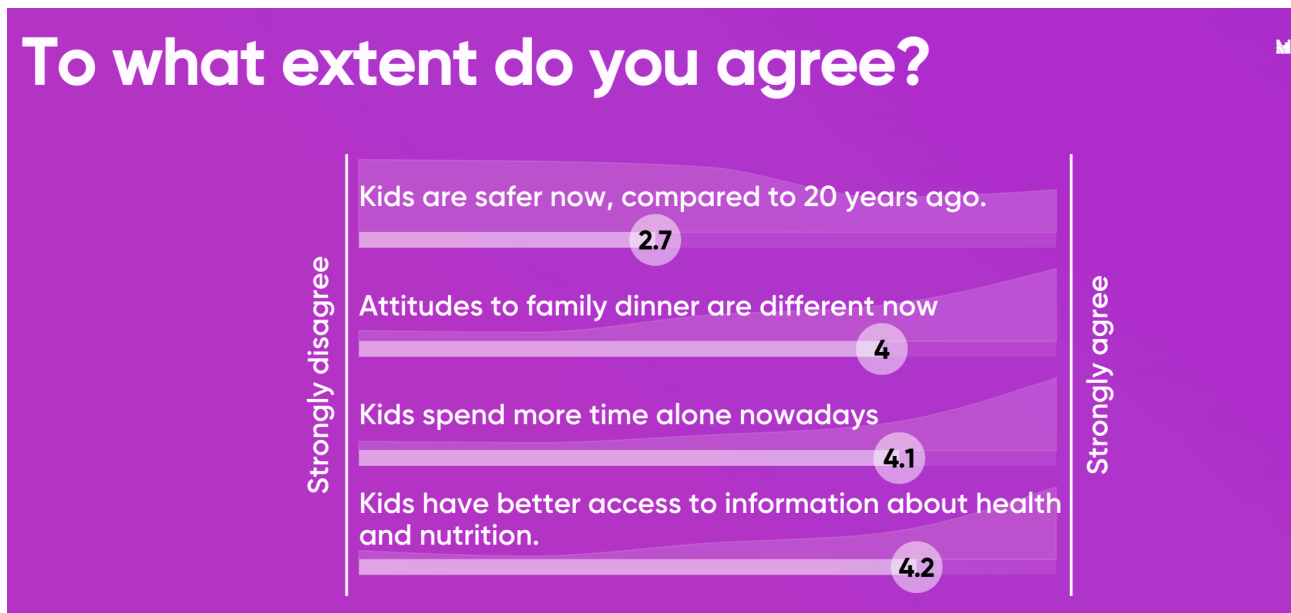
I was big fan of **playing cards**

**What I loved more than anything else was** to play with my crayons  
and draw pictures

**I could spend hours doing** jigsaws

**My favourite toy was** a remote-controlled racing car

## Life when you were a child



Kids are **not** safer nowadays due to...

...the increased **crime rate**

...more **kidnapping**

...an increase in **cyberbullying**

...excessive **traffic** leading to more kids getting **knocked over**

...high pressure which leads to **mental health problems**

Children are **less willing / reluctant / to have** dinner with their families

Children are **not so enthusiastic about having** dinner with their families

There is less communication within families because everyone is **tethered** to their mobile phone, leading to **fewer family meals**

Parents **have less time for** their children, and so children **have less time for** their parents!

Kids have fewer meals with their parents because there are fewer **set routines** nowadays, so it is hard to have **a fixed time** for dinner when the whole family can **sit down together**.

More women are in the **workforce**, so it is not uncommon for both parents of a **nuclear family** to be working, leaving many children alone and feeling more lonely than before.

Kids spend **so much time** on their computers and may not be aware **how little time** they are spending with their friends.

Children are more aware of nutrition but **are not necessarily** eating more healthily

Children **can get lots of information** about health, but they are still **attracted by** fast food because it is marketed so well to children