



#3iii. Reading (Part 1)

Do you like reading? [Why/Why not?]
 What kind of books did you read when you were younger? [Why?]
 How often do you read books nowadays? [Why?]
 Do you think reading is good for learning a language? [Why/Why not?]



Read the example below. Take note of the preparation and assessment feedback comment. To listen on the AlyIELTS.com website, [click here](#).



English Teacher: Do you like reading?

Darby Laai: Without a doubt, yes. Excuse me teacher, how do I pronounce "doubt"?

English Teacher: I think it was understandable. Let's practice it after the training session. Why?

Darby Laai: Ummm...because I have a great thirst for knowledge and I think that there is a great deal of knowledge hidden in books.

English Teacher: What kind of books did you read when you were younger?

Darby Laai: All kinds of books. Mystery novels, spy novels, books about sports, books about traveling, books about science. I was and I am still eclectic when it comes to books.

English Teacher: Why?

Darby Laai: I'm not sure. I think it is due to the fact that my father was an educated man and could speak several languages...And in addition to that, he encouraged me to go to the library and read whenever I had time.

English Teacher: How often do you read books nowadays?

Darby Laai: I read every day.

English Teacher: Why?


Darby Laai: I think I would have to say the reason is that I don't have cable TV at home...so there is nothing else to do but read. Well I guess you could be like some of my friends and have 357 channels on all the time and still feel the need to PVR something. You know what I'm saying?

English Teacher: Uh huh...Ah hem...ok then..Well...reading is a good habit to have.


Darby Laai: I think so!

English Teacher: Do you think reading is good for learning a language?


Darby Laai: It's good as long as you read something that you are interested in. What I mean to say is that if you read something like the newspaper in English or in another language and you don't usually read the newspaper in your own language...well, it can be boring. And when it is boring, it is not easy to learn vocabulary or grammar from it.


 **English Teacher:** Thank you. You used an alternative for yes/no that was natural and meaningful. So it means that you did pronounce "doubt" the way that you were supposed to. But let me make a note and we'll practice after the training session. Can you think of a different way to say "because"?


Preparation Feedback Comment

 Asking your teacher to help with pronunciation during the task can divert your focus from the feedback comment. Use the time at the beginning of the live class to do this.

Assessment Feedback Comment

 You used an alternative expression to "Yes" or "No" that was natural and meaningful.

 You used alternative expressions for "Yes" and "No", but you might consider focusing on picking the right expression to match your meaning before moving forward.

 If you only use simple responses to yes/no questions, you will lose the opportunity to show a range of vocabulary to the interviewer.