Part 2: Car Breakdown

Describe an instance when your car broke down.

Please say:

Open

- Ford Pinto 1973
- Old Car

2 1st Panic 2nd Ask for help 3rd Got equipment

- When and where
- What did you do
- How did you feel

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- Summer 1983, July
- Interstate 75 Florida
- · Side of road

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Dejected
Elated
Satisfied

SAGEE

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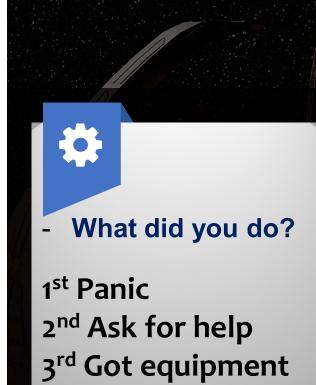
Opening Statement

Having experienced vehicle failure on at least 10 occasions, I'd say that I qualify as an unofficial expert on the matter.

This afternoon I'll painfully recall, an incident involving my 1973 Ford Pinto.

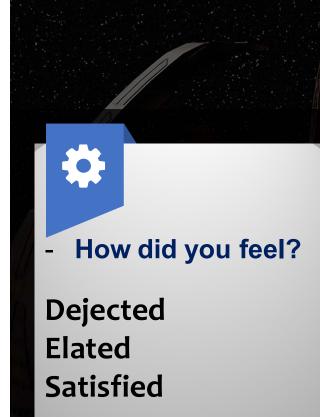
Point 1

July 4th, summer 2002, the sun was scorching, so it was unbearably hot, but still, it was the fourth of July and I promised my friend that I'd make his barbeque. This of course meant that I'd have to drive my father's 1973 Ford Pinto that was gifted to me that year. I jumped on Interstate 75, and was about 1 mile from my destination when the head gasket blew, pillowing white smoke into the air. I slowly drifted off to the shoulder, and sat there dispirited as my plans were ruined along with my car.



Point 2

Of course, my first instinct was just complete panic because this was my first hands-on experience with motor vehicle failure. Without thinking, I eased myself out of the driver-side door, stood next to the white divider separating the right lane from the shoulder, and began waving my arms frantically in an attempt to convince a fellow driver to stop and help. After 20 minutes of looking like a cheerleader, and realizing that no one was coming to my rescue, it came to me that I had tools, spare parts, and a repair booklet in the trunk. Eventually, I performed a temporary fix and was able to get moving towards the gathering.



Point 3

Overall, I'd say that this situation took me on a rollercoaster of emotions. I started with complete feelings of dejection because the car seemed to be dying before my own eyes, and I was likely to miss the barbeque. However, my downhearted and despondent attitude slowly transformed to a sense of satisfaction as I followed the instructional pamphlet and repaired the automobile. In the end, I felt quite elated and full of myself as I sped off towards the get together. That breakdown of my Ford Pinto was my first car repair job, but not by any means my last.



Part 3: Culture Sample Answer!

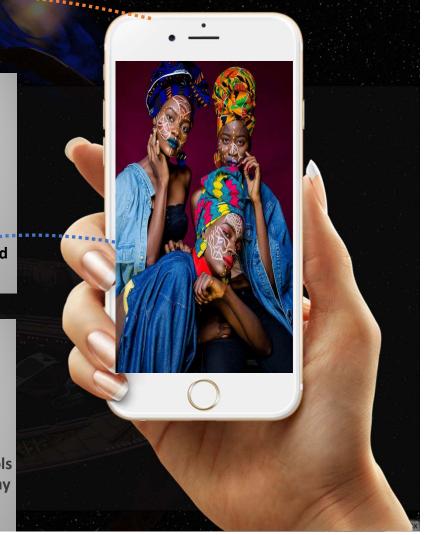


Can you learn about a different culture without knowing the language?

Yes, I believe it is possible to gain knowledge of an outside culture absent any background in their language. When we think about culture, we have to consider clothing, food, music, art, and architecture. In this day and age of the internet, we are all able to watch cooking shows about Korean cuisine or utilize YouTube to view dress and dance performances in Ghana. This can occur without speaking Korean or Twi. Last week, without speaking Chinese I learned traditional Chinese medicine from a TV documentary.

What will languages look like 50 years from now?

That's difficult to answer, but if I had to guess, I'd first say that we will have less languages in the future based on what I recently heard on television. A CNN report linguist commented that almost half of the languages are endangered. In addition to that report, we can clearly witness how English has become the favored language with ESL schools growing in popularity. So, after detailing all of this, I would have to say that we will likely maintain maybe 5-10 languages by 2070.

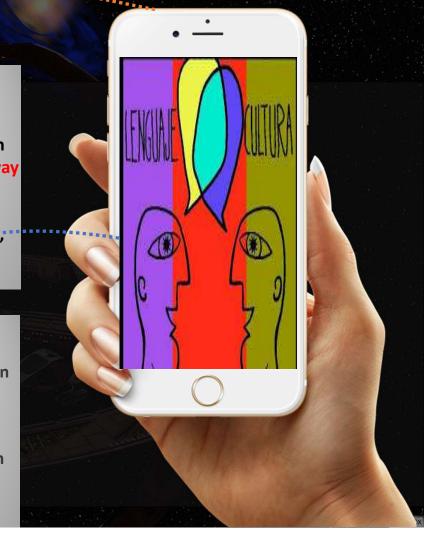


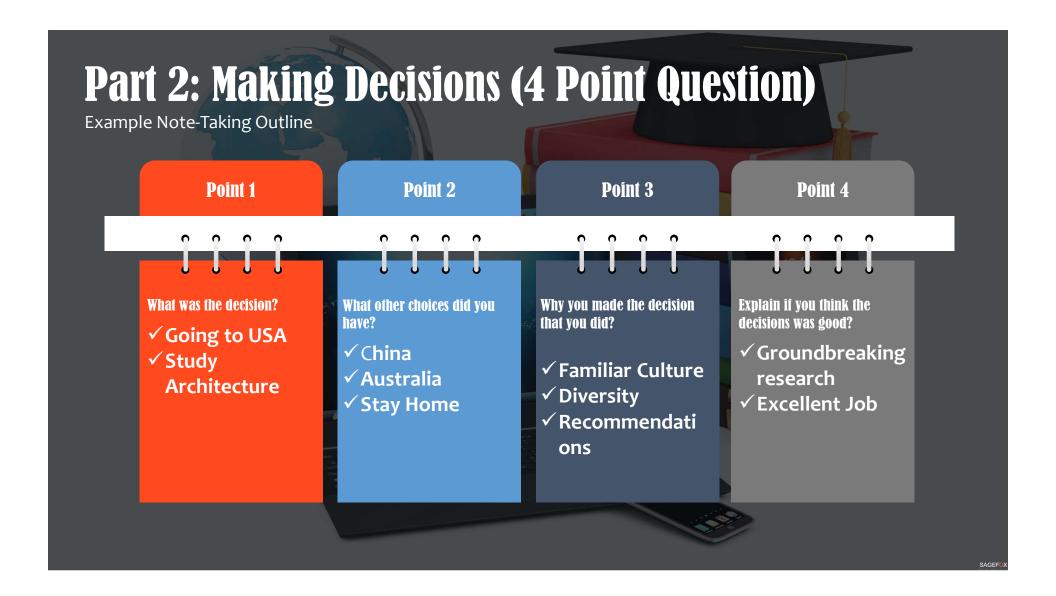
What is best to learn first, a language or culture?

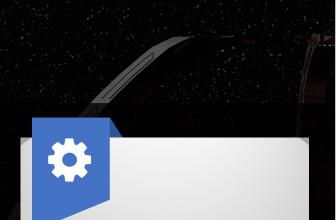
It depends on if you are trying to master the native tongue or customs. Overall, I think that learning a culture first really aids in grasping the concepts of a native vernacular. When studying a way of life, you can come across lots of vocabulary on topics ranging from cuisine to clothing which assists with later language education. Very often when absorbing a dialect through reading, the content will have vivid descriptions, and having background knowledge of traditions will aid in understanding.

Is it possible to write and speak as a native speaker?

I have two different answers when considering native ability for writing and speaking. Regarding writing, yes, a language learner can perform equal to or exceed the skills of a native speaker. Writing is based upon grammatical and lexical rules, which second-language students can master at the same level as and L1 writer. Now, the spoken word is an entirely different story, where certain nuances in terms of intonation, word stress, sentence stress, and chunking, a non-native speaker just can't grasp completely.







What was the decision?

- ✓ Going to USA
- ✓ Study Architecture What other choices did you have?
- √ China
- ✓ Australia
- √ Stay Home

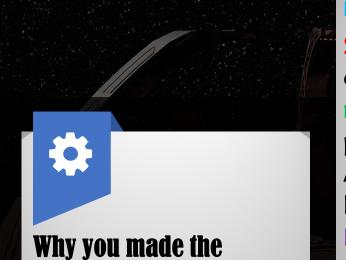
Point 1

One major resolution I made in life involved my matriculation from Ghana to the USA to study architecture. Settling on studying in the USA meant I'd have to spend 4 years away from home.

Point 2

Now, living and learning with Americans was not the only option since universities in Australia and China presented me with full scholarships based upon my past accomplishments. China had to be disregarded due to the language barrier, and Australia was taken out of consideration based upon the distance from my homeland. One other option was to remain at home, but the Accra institutions did not utilize the latest architectural methods.

Lexical Grammatical Range Fluency



✓ Familiar Culture

decision that you did?

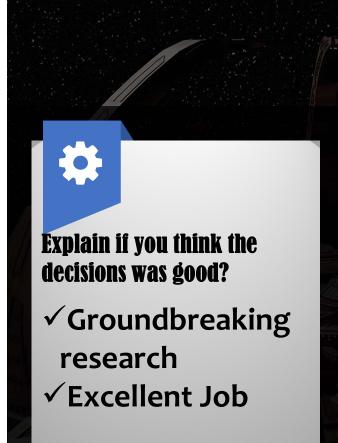
- **✓** Diversity
- **√** Recommendations

Point 2

Settling on the USA as my temporary home involved considerations of culture, diversity, and recommendations. Actually, culture played a huge part in the decision. Because I'd grown up watching American movies, I felt that I understood the lifestyle and would have an easier relocation.

Naturally, I'd want a diverse experience since my country lacks this aspect, so the United States being the most diverse country on earth made quite an impression on me. To tell you the truth, the most influence came from my family members who previously graduated from universities in New York and California.

Lexical Grammatical Range Fluency



Point 3

That being said, I couldn't deny that leaving home wasn't filled with doubt and considerable reservations, but ultimately studying abroad in Detroit served me well. Taking into the account the fact that during my 4 year stay I produced groundbreaking research on the restoration of ancient west African architectural techniques, I'd have to say that the decision was rewarding. This research lead to my attaining an excellent position with a top architectural firm that is actually putting my research into real modern day constructions.

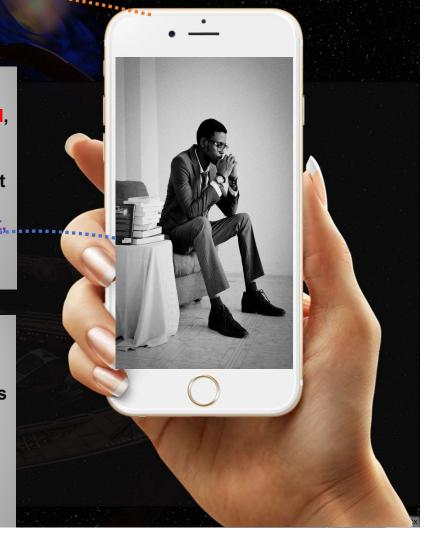


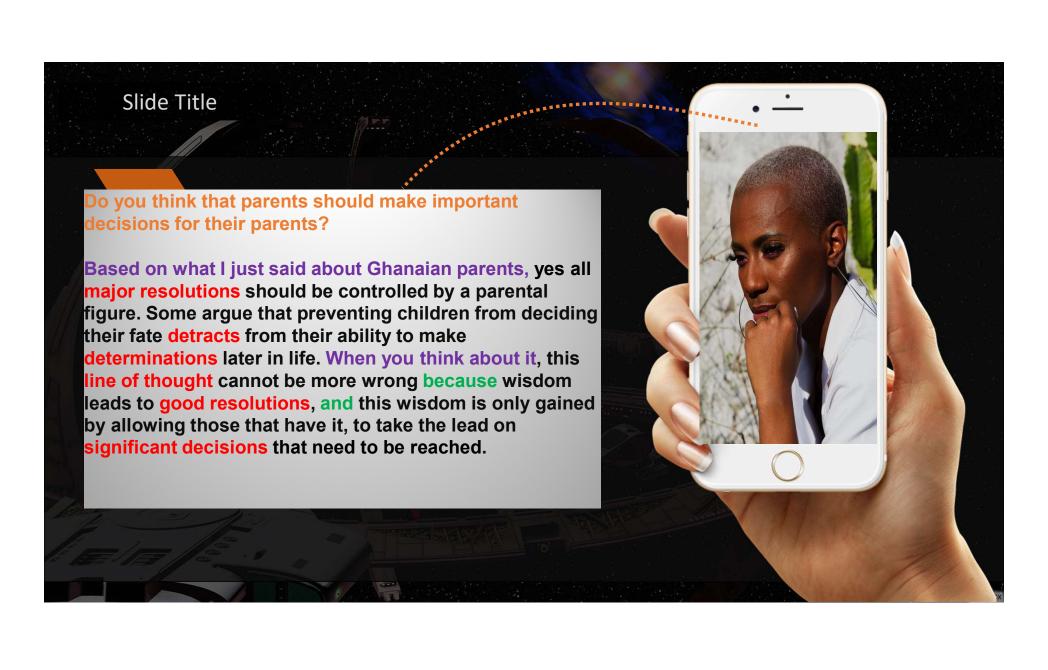
What skills are necessary to make good decisions?

Off the top of my head, a couple of attributes come to mind, one being an ability to think outside the box. This would enable you to look at a problem from angles that were not previously considered. Also, arranging a pros and cons list, as well as having a deep knowledge of self would provide considerable aid in coming to a particular conclusion. Last, but not least, vision and examining worst-case scenarios help reach rewarding decisions.

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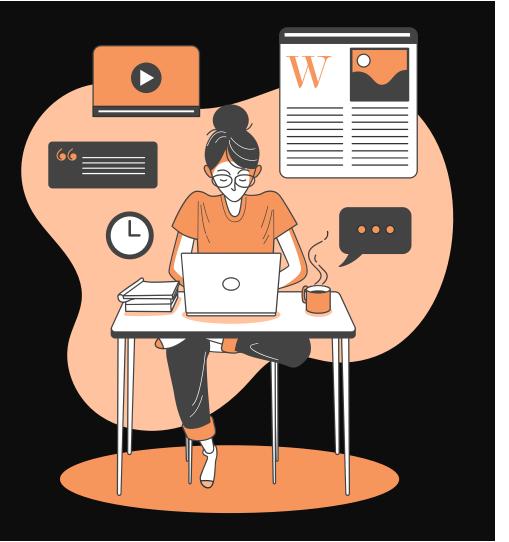
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IELTS Speaking Part 3

Part 3: Decisions Answer.

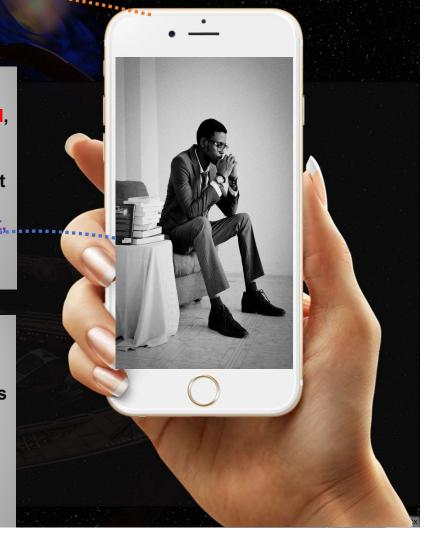


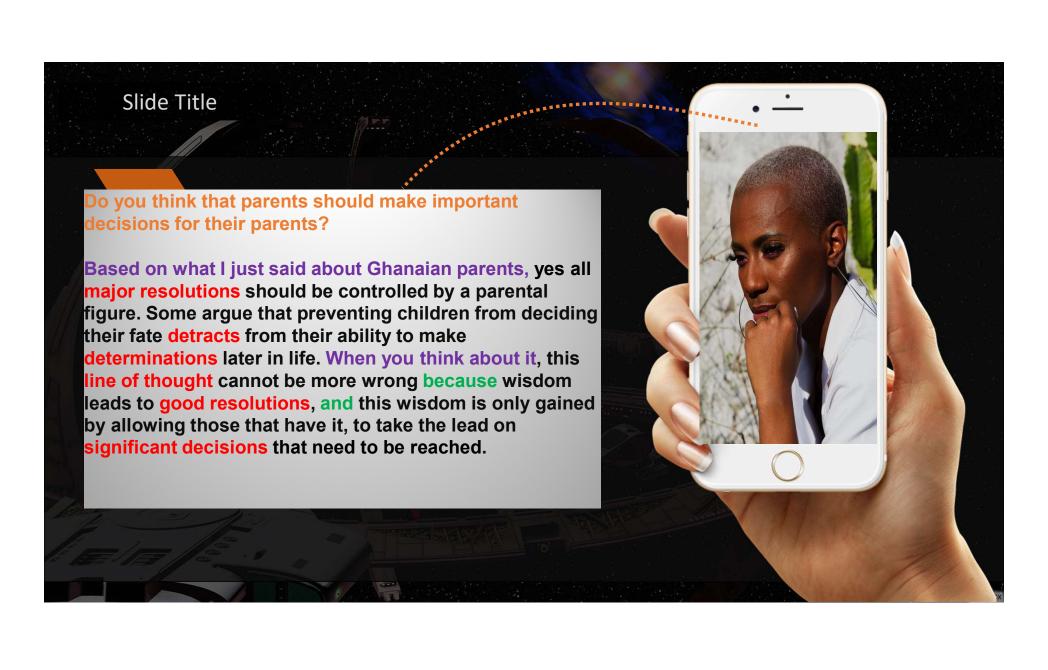
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Organizing Notes Finish 1:50 to 2:00 Minute This question definitely brought back some memories, I'll never forget my Nokia 550 05 Part 2 - Object **Discussion Point 3** 04 Excited jumping around Ran out to show all. **Discussion Point 2** 03 • Summer of 2000 Describe your first mobile Father bought for birthday phone. Please say · Good grades in school. **Discussion Point 1** 02 - How old were you when you **High School Freshman** got it? • Teenager 14 Years Old - When and why did you buy Sisters age 5 Seconds it?

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- How did you feel when you

first got it?

Opening Statement

Nokia 550



- phone. Please sayHow old were you when you got it?
- High School Freshman
- Teenager 14 Years Old
- Sisters age

Opening Statement

Although I've possessed countless wireless telephones over the years due to damage or new model releases, I'll always remember my Nokia 550, the first digital device I ever called my own.

Point 1

I can distinctly remember that I was a high school freshman when I came into possession of, at this time, one of the most technologically advanced field enabled phones. The typical Bahamian secondary student begins school at 13 or 14 years of age depending on their birth month. Being that my birth month is February, I was definitely 14 when I was awarded my Nokia 550. I can further confirm this age because my sister received her first phone at 15, and I am one year younger than her.

Lexical Grammatical Range Fluency



- When and why did you buy it?
- Summer of 2000
- Father bought for birthday
- Good grades in school.

Point 2

As I previously stated I had just started high school when I received this phone, and if my memory serves me, it must have been summer 2000 when I first held this Nokia 550 in my hands. Having only been 14 years of age at the time, I didn't actually purchase the phone myself; instead, my father had decided to snap up this this cellular in a flash sale and present it as a birthday gift. He had informed me the previous year, that if I performed well in school, which I did, that he'd furnish me with my first mobile.

Lexical Grammatical Range Fluency

Point 3

As I just said, my receipt of this mobile device occurred on my birthday during the hottest time of the year. I can't put into words, the overwhelming excitement that **filled** my heart after I slowly removed the gift wrapping and saw the words Nokia 550 printed on the outside of the box. I held the box above my head like I had just won an Olympic medal, and from what I've been told I jumped around like a kangaroo. Immediately after I calmed down somewhat, I dashed out the door and showed the neighbors the new cell. I can't recall word for word what I said on my first call, but it was something like "guess where I'm calling you from!"



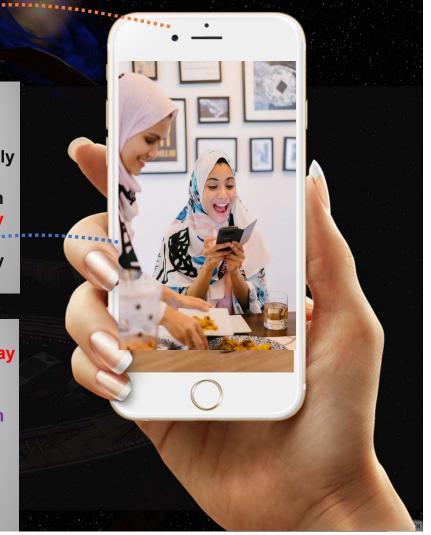
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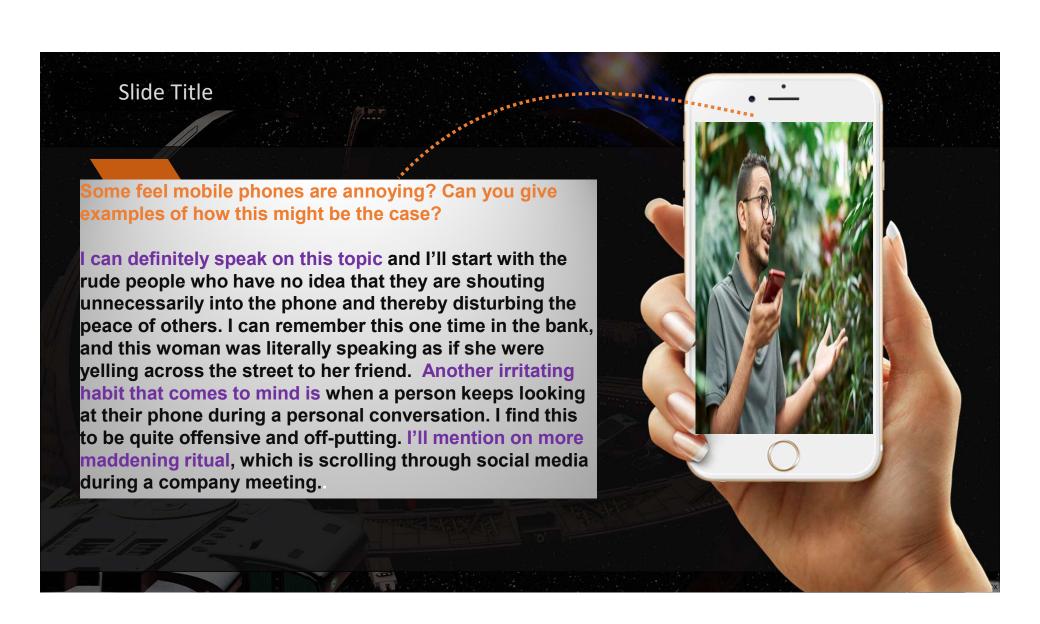


Do young and old people use money the same way?

Young adults and their elders distinctly utilize hi-tech cell phones in regards to purpose. Youngsters tend to heavily rely on the latest social media such as Snapchat, Tik-Tok, or Instagram whereas those who are 40 and up focus mainly on SMS or older social media like Facebook. Generation x and y purchase a new phone just for the camera, so they are definitely are more into the picture capabilities than the baby boomer generation.

What are differences between writing letters and texts?
Well, the contrast between these two concepts come into play first when considering the length of what is written. You would never write a 1,000 word text message whereas personal letters can easily reach that word count. In addition to the length, we can also see differences in regards to personalization. What I mean by that is letters have your distinct handwriting which makes it unique, while a text message is devoid of that identifying marker







Part 3: Money Sample Answer.



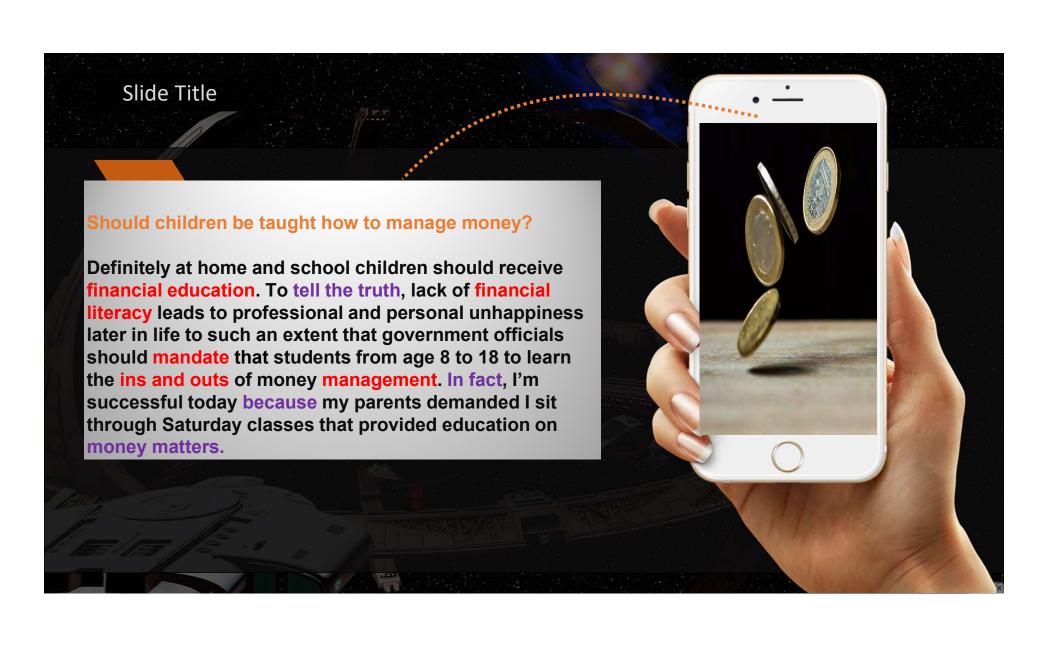
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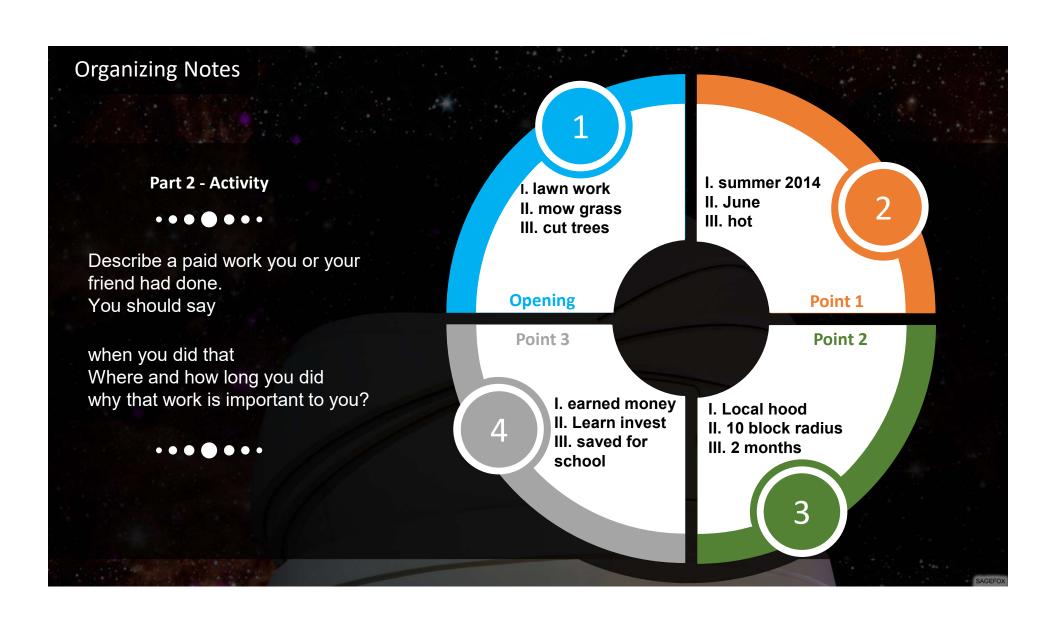
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Why do people care about money so much?

Basically, the typical adult has been programmed through movies and advertising that their lives would be meaningless without stacks of cash. Simply put, we've been brainwashed to believe that money equals power, despite having examples throughout history of the opposite being true. To be honest, as Biggie Smalls said, more money equals more problems. Whether that is true or not doesn't matter because the messages taught at home and by society dictate that money is the be-all and end-all.









Describe a paid work you or your friend had done. Please say:

- when you did this job
- I. summer 2014
- II. June
- III. hot

Opening Statement

Even though I've had numerous ventures with friends that resulted in payment for a job well done, today I'll discuss a lawn care enterprise I completed with my mate Akin. This involved trimming hedges, mowing grass, and cutting tree limbs for cold hard cash.

Point 1

When I think back to those days of lawn maintenance, I can feel the blazing sun on my back. With that image in mind, I can definitely say we took on careers as lawn-men in June, summer 2014. How do I know it was June 2014? Well, my high school graduation was the last week of May 2014, and I distinctly recall not working until after I completed my degree. We toiled on lawn after lawn during the hottest months of the year.



When we first came up with the idea to become a part of the landscaping business, we decided to confine our target market to our local neighborhood. Within a ten block radius of our residences there were, at that time, at least 100 homes that had a front and back yard. Now, without thinking twice about it, I know that we only engaged in this arduous and tedious profession over a two month period. This limited time period was due to our starting university in August of that year, but honestly, I don't imagine we could have continued for an extended period because the work was extremely taxing



- Where and how long did you do this job?
- I. Local hood
 II. 10 block radius
 III. 2 months

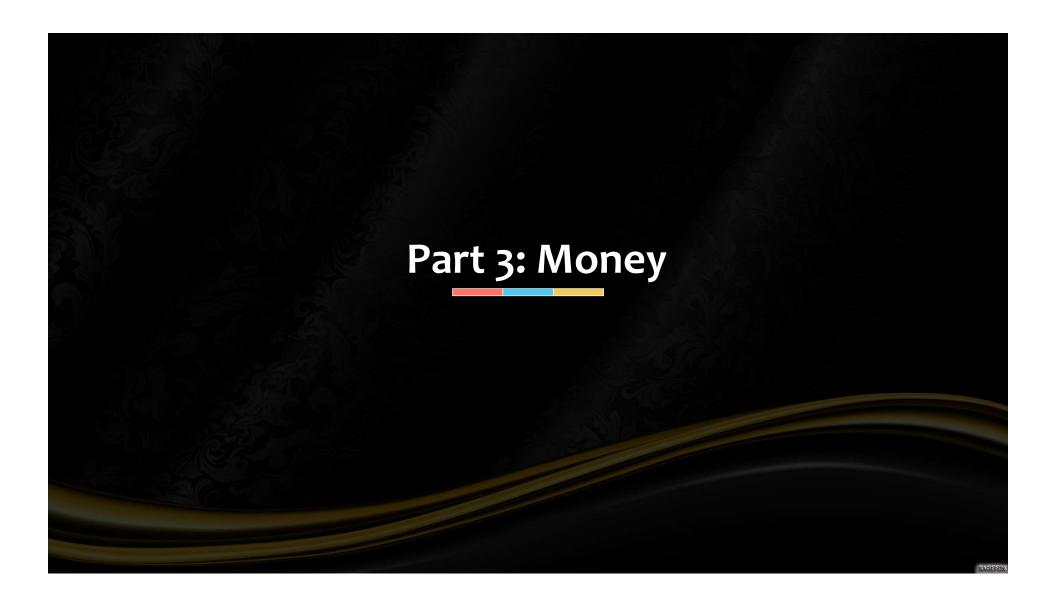


 Why was that work important to you?

I. earned money
II. Learn investment
III. saved for school

Point 3

But, I'll tell you what, this yard maintenance trade taught me some of the most valuable lessons in life. For one, it was my first time earning money, and so I learned the value of a dollar. More than learning the value of a dollar, this work enlightened me on the concept of return on capital. What I mean by that is my mate and I had to chip in on the equipment to do the job, and by the end of the summer we had quadrupled that initial investment. Lastly, this selfemployment will always carry weight with me because it enabled the saving of a few dollars that went towards the purchase of books and other university requirements.



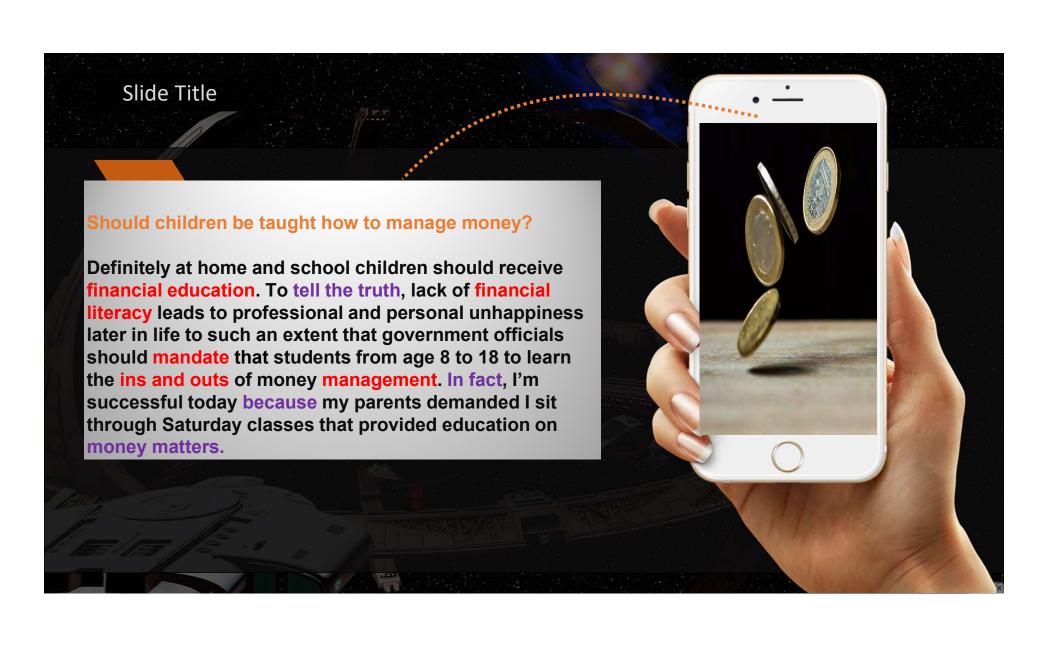
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Discuss an event where you invited family-friends to a restaurant.

Part 2: Event

Opening Statement

Do not take notes on opening unless just putting the name of a place of location

When and Where?

- 1) May 2000.
- 2) PhillipsRestaurant
- 3) Locate in Maryland

How was the food?

-) The Salad bar.
- 2) The Appetizers.
- 3) The seafood buffet.

Did you enjoy it?

- 1) Conversations.
- 2) Friend Stories
- 3) All together.



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When and where you invited family-friends?

- √ May 2000
- √ Phillips Restaurant
- ✓ Located in Maryland

Opening Statement

their hearts are content.

When it comes to eating out, I can recall a few special occasions, but one particular event that deserves discussion is when I requested my family and Bahamian friends for my law school graduation celebration dinner.

Point 1

One thing I'm certain of is May 8, 2000 as date of the commemoration dinner because as I said it was to honor my graduating from law school. I've always loved seafood, so when asked to chose a dining establishment, I delightfully selected Phillips Seafood, which is still well-known for its all-you-can-eat seafood buffet. Phillips is located in Maryland right near the bay, and this eating establishment is so attractive because guests can eat until

Point 2

You know, you can't talk about Phillips without touching on the award winning menu. Most of my family's taste buds fancy Asian fare, so they engorged themselves at the salad bar on sushi and dim sum whereas my Bahamian friends consumed all the conch fritters available. Moving on from the salad bar we kept it simple with the appetizers by having mouthwatering minestrone soup and gumbo. To top it all off, for the entrées, we repeatedly visited the dinner section for king crab legs and crab-cakes which many commented on as being the best they'd ever tasted.





- √ Salad Bar
- √ The appetizers
- **√** Fntree

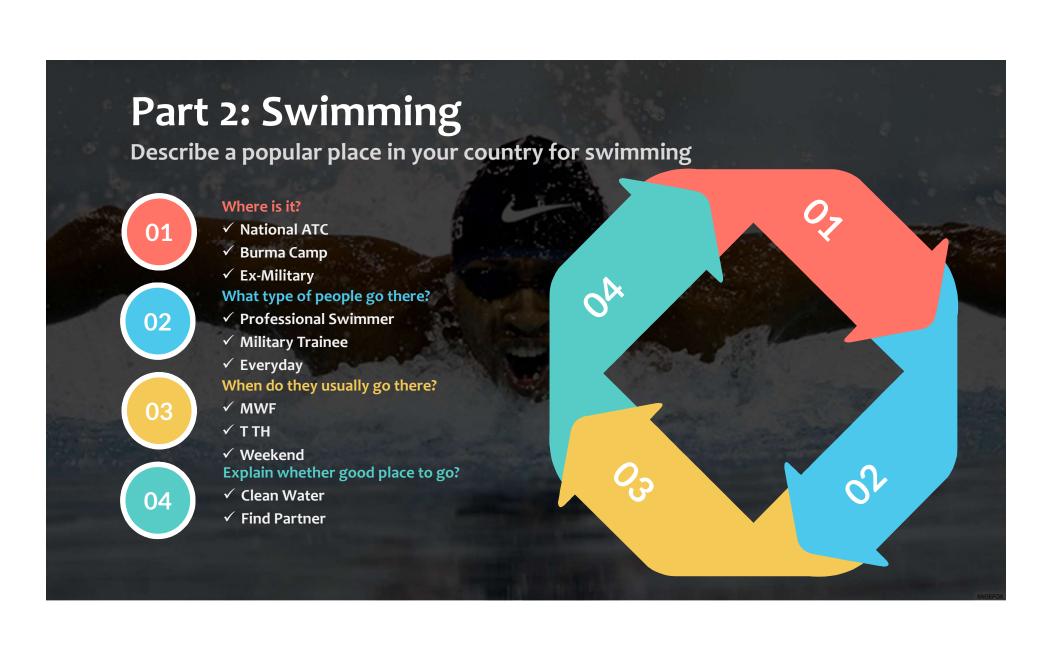
- Did you enjoy? ✓ Conversations

✓ Friend Stories

✓ All One Place

Point 3

As you can hear, we all loved the food, but I have to say that the entire experience was a bit nervewrecking. Ordinarily I'm a shy and timid person, so some of the conversations took me out of my comfort zone, especially when my family broached the girlfriend topic. Normally I frown upon being the center of attention, so I got a little out of sorts when my friends began to recount stories about my love life. All in all, it was great to have all the people I care about in one place, and despite the stomach churning discussions, I'd do it again in a heartbeat.



Your Subtitle

Point 1 Where is it?

'This medal is not just for me... it's for all the people who believe they can't do it."

Simone Manuel

1st black woman to win individual Olympic swimming gold

- **❖ National ATC**
- ❖ Burma Camp
- **Ex-Military** Base

Opening and Point 1

The most famous swimming facility in Ghana is the National Aquatic Centre located on the outskirts of Accra which is the financial capital of Ghana. This place is also known as the Burma Camp outdoor swimming facility, and a notable number of citizens, from all walks of life, swim in this 50-meter lane Olympic-sized pool. Most locals know that Burma Camp is located a property near Kotoka Airport which was formerly operated on by the Ghana military forces.

Where is this place?

Your Subtitle

Point 2
What people go there?
This medal is not just for

me... it's for all the people
who believe they can't do it."

- Simone Manuel

1st black woman to win individual Olympic swimming gold

- ✓ Professional Swimmer
- ✓ Military Trainee
- ✓ Everyday

What type of people go there?

Point 2

I'm happy to say that Burma Camp provides opportunities for people from different segments of the population, which is a huge plus because everyone should benefit from this publicly funded facility. That being said, professional Olympic training swimmers are fixtures at the facility because its one of the only options adheres to international standards. Besides the professionals, on certain days the military takes over the facility to train new navy cadets. Yes, the military and professionals are present at Burma, but also the facility managers guarantee that general public has full weekend access.

Your Subtitle

Point 3
When do they usually go there?

- ❖ MWF
- 💠 T TH
- Weekend

When do people usually go there?

Point 3

Now, this swimming pool is opened to the public only on certain days. To be honest, I'd prefer if the average Joe could swim at Burma everyday, but as it is, their time is reserved for the weekends and limited periods on Monday and Wednesday. They have this limited time because the facility supervisors reserve 2-3 three lanes specifically for the Olympic trainees on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Tuesdays and Thursdays are completely off limits to everyone except military service-persons who require water training.



Your Subtitle

Point 4
Explain whether is is a good place to go

- Clean Water
- Find Partner

Explain whether good place to go and swim?

Point 4

To wrap up, I'll touch on what makes Burma Camp a wonderful option for swim lovers. In the past, those who desired to train for swimming suffered from a lack of clean water facilities that were maintained at international standards. Since the opening of this swim facility, all citizens are extremely satisfied to experience water free of harmful chemicals. On a personal level, I've benefited by connecting with new swim partners who can push me to train and maintain a high level of health.



Part 3: Swimming Sample Answers

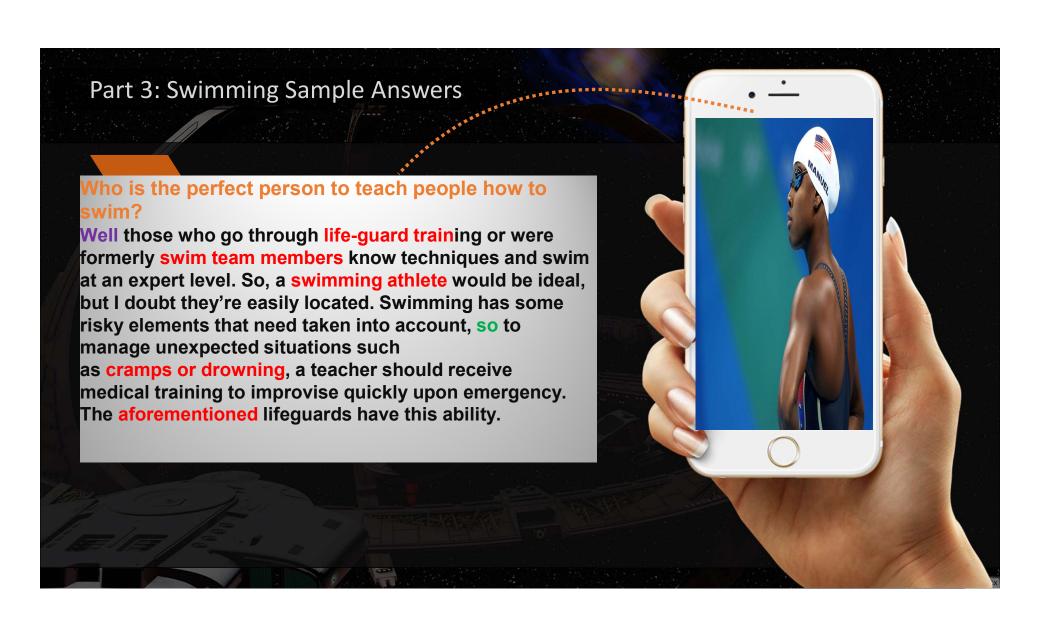
Should Swimming Pools be Free?

Ideally, swimming pools or any other sport facilities would be provided for free, but actually I support should charging for entrance. If residents don't pay when using swimming pools, governments will depend upon public spending to cover staff salaries, and upgrades; this money is better spent on more meaningful activities such as helping with underprivileged children in after-school programs. Anyway, entrance tickets to the pool are within the ballpark of what the average Joe can afford.

Is it important to learn swimming?

Not only is swimming a necessary survival skill, but also a relaxing leisure activity, hence, it would be both advantageous and stress-relieving to learn the art of swimming. Every summer heartbreaking accidents related to water incidents occur at swimming holes and beaches around the country, and most of the victims lack swimming skills or were never taught. Strictly based on safety reasons, non-swimmers should learn to swim.





Describe your favorite TV program you watch regularly

Part 2: Your Favorite

Opening

Star Trek Discovery



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Describe

Why







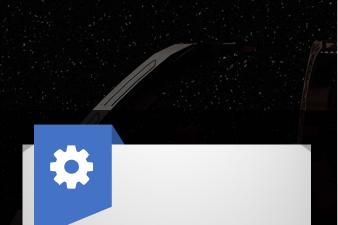
- √ Happens 500 years in future
- ✓ Involves space travel/aliens
- ✓ First contact, overcome diff

Discussion Point 3

- ✓ Trigger my imagination
- ✓ Make me feel hopeful
- ✓ See future inventions and technology



- ✓ Show comes on Wed 8 pm
- ✓ Watch in house, basement
- √ Watched from 2017-2019



What show and describe

- √ Happens 500 years in future
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- √ First contact, overcome diff

Opening Statement

It's really challenging to narrow my answer down to one TV series I love to view weekly; however, if forced to decide, I'd settle on Star Trek Discovery since I haven't missed an episode over the past 3 years

Point 1

Even though Star Trek has been around over the past 50 years on television, I'm not going assume that you know anything about the show. There have been about 6 different versions that were created based upon the original series in 1966, but I'm specifically referencing the latest Star Trek entitled Star Trek Discovery. Discovery takes place 500 years in the future and it involves space travel and contact with new alien races. The main focus of this sci-fi series relates to overcoming differences and misunderstandings between species.

- When and Where?

- ✓ Show comes on Wed8 pm
- ✓ Watched in house, basement
- ✓ Watched from 2017-2019

Point 2

Every Wednesday at 8 pm I watch the program on CBS All Access which is a paid-for streaming service that must be viewed through the internet. I was initially reluctant to pay for internet TV, but I've seen every Star Trek series to date which meant that I had to get on board. Star Trek Discovery has been a part of my weekly routine from 2017 up to this very moment. Normally, I prepare my favorite meal of spaghetti and meatballs, and then head to the basement where I have a large flat screen television and surround sound speakers that are perfect for a television serial based in science fiction.

- Why do you like this show?
- ✓ Triggers my imagination
- √ Make me feel hopeful
- ✓ See future inventions and technology

Point 3

You have to understand, at heart, I'm a dreamer, which means that a series that takes place 500 years from now is right up my alley. When I view episodes of Star Trek Discovery, my imagination is triggered due to the appearance of the aliens and new planets visited weekly. The triggering of my imagination gets my creative juices flowing, which is a characteristic my job demands. When it comes down to it, I love this show because it imbues me with hopefulness from projections of humanity reaching the stars and eliminating social problems. If that isn't enough to explain my affection for the program, Discovery also sheds light on upcoming inventions that will reach store shelves soon.