

Prepare for {IELTS}

Part 1 – Voices

Do you enjoy recording your voice and listening to it?

Absolutely not! I can't stand the sound of my voice so this is not something I would do. When I hear it on recordings I actually **cringe!**

***to cringe** = to feel embarrassed about something **cringey** = embarrassing

Has your voice ever changed?

I'm not entirely sure to be honest. I guess it might have got deeper as I've got older. I think it was more **high-pitched** when I was younger, but **I've never really thought about it.**

Are there some people's voices you don't like?

No, I don't think so. When **toddlers are throwing a tantrum*** their screams can be annoying but it's not their voice that's the problem, it's **the high-pitched screaming that gets on my nerves***.

***to throw a tantrum** = to suddenly become angry and behave in an unreasonable way

****to get on your nerves** = to be incredibly annoying

Is your voice similar to your parents?

I guess so because we have the same **accent** so there are a lot of **similarities**. It's more like my mum's than my dad's but that's probably **due to gender**.

Is your voice different from when you were young?

Like most kids, my voice was much higher when I was younger **whereas** now it has **a lower pitch***. **As well as that**, I guess my voice was more **animated/dynamic** when I was a kid and now it tends to be more **monotone**** and flat.

***pitch** = sound/tone

****monotone** = the pitch doesn't change much **monotonous** = boring