



6i: Dancing



Lesson 1B: Yes/No Questions (2)

Assessment #6i. Dancing (Part I)

Do you like dancing? [Why/Why not?]

Is dancing popular among young people in your country? [Why?]

Do you think dancing is a good skill for young people to learn? [Why/Why not?]

Do you prefer dancing or watching other people dance? [Why?]

6i. Study the training session example below.

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English Teacher: Do you like dancing?

Darby Laai: ²For sure yeah.

English Teacher: Why?

Darby Laai: Hmmm...let me see...Why do I like dancing? I suppose it's because I like certain types of music and dancing to that music is just the natural thing to do! I mean, I am not very good...

English Teacher: Is dancing popular among young people in your country?

Darby Laai: Teacher, I have heard this question before and I want to answer it in a more advanced way. How can I do that?

English Teacher: Use the response that you have thought about before coming to class and I will provide some feedback afterwards.

Darby Laai: Ok...can you please repeat the question?

English Teacher: Sure...is dancing popular among young people in your country?

Darby Laai: I don't unfortunately.

English Teacher: Why not?

Darby Laai: I would have to say the reason is that some people like to dance...but I wouldn't necessarily say it is popular.

English Teacher: Do you think that dancing is a good skill for young people to learn?

Darby Laai: ¹⁸Absolutely.

English Teacher: Why?

Darby Laai: I guess I would have to say it's because I feel that dancing can give some people confidence.

English Teacher: Do you prefer dancing or watching other people dance?

Darby Laai: ²²I like both actually, but if I had to choose one, I guess I would have to go with watching other people dance.

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English Teacher: Why?

Darby Laai: The reason is simple. I won't spill the soft drink I am holding while watching.

English Teacher: Uh huh...ok...yeah right. Darby Laai, let me give you some feedback about when you answered the question about dancing being popular. The question was, "Is dancing popular among young people in your country?" You gave me an answer with "Unfortunately". Do you remember what you said?

Darby Laai: I don't unfortunately...oh I mean it isn't unfortunately.

English Teacher: The second one matches the question. Would you like to try that question again?

Darby Laai: Yes please.

English Teacher: Is dancing popular among young people in your country?

Darby Laai: It isn't unfortunately.

English Teacher: Much better. By the way, I thought your reason was interesting.

Darby Laai: Thank you.

Preparation Feedback



Resist the temptation to be overambitious during the training session. Gain some idea from other sources before coming to class. Try a new expression out in front of your teacher during the first part of the live class instead of during the training session.

Assessment Feedback



You responded naturally to the yes/no question without hesitation, which is important for fluency.



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. Do you want to try this task again?