

Cue Card

Describe a rule that is important in your school or at work

You should say:

- . What it is**
- . What happens when people break the rule**
- . Why you think it is an important rule**
- . And explain how you feel about the rule**

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.

obediently = showing that you are willing to do what you have been told to do by a person in authority

If you **force** somebody to do something, you use your power over this person to make them do something which is unpleasant or difficult

If something **makes your blood boil**, it makes you very angry

the student body = all of the students in the school/college/university

peers = fellow students; people the same age as you

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to detest = to hate; to dislike something very strongly

I mean... = a useful filler to introduce an idea which justifies or supports what you have just said. (**I mean** can also help you to make clear what you just said)

camaraderie = a feeling of friendliness and cooperation which you have for people you work with

to be perfectly honest = honestly

unanimous support = with agreement from everyone

to loathe = to have a strong hatred of something

matching = having the same colour or pattern as something else (especially used with clothes)

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demeaning = causing you to feel less respected by others

to despise = to strongly dislike something which you think is bad or without value

to moan = to complain about something which you are unhappy about

extortionate = very high

If you have to **fork out** money for something, you pay for it unwillingly

a principal is a person in charge of a college or other educational establishment

If you **say something until you are blue in the face**, you are wasting your energy/efforts because nobody is listening

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If you **toe the line**, you follow the rules without causing problems or disobeying

If your clothes are **baggy**, they are loose because they are too big

scruffy = messy; a bit dirty

to expel = to force somebody to leave a school or a country

If your chances of doing something **go up in smoke/flames**, they disappear or are wasted

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