

HW Assignment #13 - Task 1 Practice

This is an example of an "Independent" Task 1 Question, and it should take you less than 2 minutes to complete. Keep in mind, during the exam you will only have 15 seconds to prepare your answer, and 45 seconds to deliver it, after your Task 1 Question is presented to you.

"Talk about an experience in your life that made you feel embarrassed. Describe it, and explain why it was embarrassing."

Key Points:

- Describe an embarrassing experience in your life, for example:
 - "I remember this one time when I accidentally sat on my sister's birthday cake. It was in a box on the back seat of my dad's car. I opened the door, not knowing it was there. Turned to say something to my brother, and sat down without looking -- directly onto the cake..."
 - "I remember this one time when I peed in the pool at my friend's birthday party. It was his eleventh birthday, and, before we went swimming, he said that I couldn't drink a two-liter bottle of Coke. I proved him wrong. Unfortunately for me, the water turned blue wherever anyone peed. So before long I was surrounded by blue water, and my face was beet red..."
- Explain why it was embarrassing, like this:
 - "In the meantime, my sister and her friends were waiting on us, and when she saw what happened, she was furious -- which didn't really bother me. Unfortunately, her friends thought it was like the funniest thing ever, and started laughing at me. They ridiculed me mercilessly (as only thirteen year old girls can) and told me that my butt was shaped weird. That did bother me. To this day, my sister reminds me of 'that one time when I sat on her birthday cake.' I'm never going to live it down."
 - "This incident was especially embarrassing because all of our friends were there, and they were ruthless. My nickname was 'Doctor pee-pee' for the rest of the year. My mom even called me by it once. She thought it was funny, but I was horrified. Needless to say, I no longer pee in pools, and I prefer Pepsi to Coke nowadays."

[Bonus Task 1 Sample Question -- Exam English](#)

As ever, pay special attention to the following when critiquing your student's responses:

1. **Delivery:** How clear is your speech? Good responses are those in which the speech is fluid and clear, with good pronunciation, natural pacing, and natural-sounding intonation patterns.
2. **Language Use:** How effectively do you use grammar and vocabulary to convey your ideas? How well can you control both basic and more complex language structures? Did you use appropriate vocabulary?
3. **Topic Development:** How fully did you answer the question, and how coherently did you present your ideas? Good responses generally use all or most of the time allotted, and the relationship between ideas and the progression from one idea to the next is clear and easy to follow.