

Student Writing Sample

First draft excerpt:

Skates 280

I've been embarrassed before, but this moment takes the cake. I was at the birthday party of a girl I liked in 2nd or 3rd grade. It was at Skates 280. All was well until it came time to skate. I didn't know how to skate, so I used the excuse,

"I left my skates at home."

Little did I know, they would rent skates out to you. Then I tried,

I'm out of \$\$\$...money."

Then in walks my Grandmother, the human ATM.

"I've got some money Darlin'!"

"Gee, thanks a bunch Grandma."

"You're welcome Sweet Pea."

So, I was stuck with renting the skates. I couldn't rollerblade, so I had to get 4 wheelers (cool name, bad skate). And there I went off to the wooden pergo rink of death. Just looking at it made my skin crawl. Those boards were teeth just waiting to eat me alive, and that's just what they did.

Second draft excerpt:

Skates 280

I've been really embarrassed before, but this moment takes the cake! I had been liking a girl all through elementary school when one day, out of the blue, she invited me to her birthday party! Of course I was rambled, so I gawked for awhile, and finally managed to stammer out, "s-sure!"

The party was at skates 280, and all was well until it came time to skate. I couldn't skate, so I had to make an excuse...and quick!

"I, uh, didn't bring my skates!"

Little did I know they rent skates out to you. Then I tried,

"I'm uh, out of money."

Then in walks my grandmother, the human ATM.

"I've got some money darlin!"

"Gee. Thanks a lot Grandma."

"Your welcome sweet pea."

So, I was stuck. I could either rent the skates, and get caught out on the rink not being able to skate, or I could risk my pride (what little I had) by admitting I can't skate. I made the wrong decision. "Sure. I can skate! I'm the best skater out there! Gimme' some o' them there skatin'... things..." (I couldn't roller blade worth beans, so I had to take the 4 wheelers.) So after fighting to get the skates on for awhile, off I went to the wooden, pergo rink of death. Just looking at it made my skin crawl. Those boards were teeth, just waiting to eat me alive.