



Elementary School Memory: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I was very shy. So I had no friends except my mother's friend's children. I was shy because I had a complex about my voice. After being ridiculed for that, I became more shy. But I made friends with my best friend now when I was third grade of elementary school. She was very fond of drawing and was very good at it. She also liked watching anime. So she complimented. She said my voice sounded like an anime character. I was very glad. I realized that my distinctive voice can be useful for play. That's how I met the play that I continue to do. Unlike me, she had a bright personality and was able to get along with anyone. Being influenced by her, my shy personality improved a little. I became able to make friends. Painting with her also became my hobby. Before I met her, I used to read books during my lunch breaks. But after I met her, I started talking to her and drawing pictures with her during lunch breaks. On holidays, I went to various places with her. We went to aquariums, movie theaters, and karaoke. My days have become so much more enjoyable since I met her. Surprisingly, I have been in the same class with her ever since, and we were always in the same group in school events. I think I would be more shy now if I hadn't met her. And without her, my elementary school memories would have been much darker. I am really glad that I met her.

My suggestions

Additional information

Signal language

How can you improve the writing?

I was very shy *when I was young*. In fact, I had no friends except my mother's friend's children to play with. The reason why I was shy was because I had a complex about my voice. Students at school would ridicule me for that which made me become even more shy. However, at school was where I met my best friend who still is my best friend today. We became friends when I was in the third grade of elementary school. She was very fond of drawing and was very good at it. She also really liked watching anime which was good because she said my voice sounded like an anime character *from one of the shows*. I was very glad to receive such a compliment. I also realized that my distinctive voice could be useful when playing or getting along with others *in class*.

Unlike me, she had a bright personality and was able to get along with anyone. However, being influenced by her, I started to feel a little less shy and began to actually make friends. But I mostly enjoyed painting with her and this became my hobby. Before I met her, I used to read books during my lunch breaks. But after I met her, I started talking to her and drawing pictures with her during lunch breaks. On holidays, I went to various places with her. We went to aquariums, movie theaters, and karaoke. Looking back, my days *at school* became so much more enjoyable since meeting her. Surprisingly though, until entering university, I had been in the same class as her and we were always in the same group in school events. I think I would be more shy now if I hadn't had met her. And without her, my elementary school memories would probably have been much darker. I am really glad that I met her.