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Speaking Independent Tasks 口语独立题

➤ Task 1

[Question]

Talk about a new activity that you did which made you feel nervous at first.

[Response]

Something new I tried that made me feel nervous was ice skating. I grew up rollerblading and watching ice hockey, but didn't actually go ice skating until I was thirteen. I had no idea if the fact that I could rollerblade would help me on the ice or not. I also had super high expectations because I had seen what hockey players can do on the ice. I almost felt sick with anticipation before stepping on the ice.

But that nervous feeling didn't last for long. I fell almost immediately. It's a little strange, but that actually made me feel better. I guess the worst part was just not knowing how well I'd do.

Anyhow, I kept at it and now I'm great on the ice..

➤ Task 2

[Question]

Some people think that libraries should be quiet because of study while others think that people could do some social activities and interactions there. Which do you think is better?

[Response]

Yeah, of course libraries should be quiet. Definitely. Everywhere else in the city is noisy. It's noisy inside and outside. Libraries shouldn't be noisy, too.

Last week I went to the library to do homework because it's noisy at my house, but there was a group of other kids talking and laughing the whole time. I was so angry! If I can't go to the library to find some quiet, where can I go?

I mean, I get that students want a place for activities like study groups or something. But they can do that anywhere. Like, really, anywhere. Go to a coffee shop or even just sit outside somewhere. They don't need to come into the one place that's supposed to be quiet.

Writing Independent Task 写作独立题

[Question]

If you need to take a course, which professor's course would you like to take?

- a professor who was voted the most popular
- a professor who has just won an award for outstanding research

[Response]

The scenario asks me to choose between taking a course with the school's most popular professor or with a professor who recently won an award for their research. I suspect most would say they'd prefer to study under the professor who just won the award. I understand why they might think that's the better option, but they're wrong. I'd prefer to study under the popular professor.

First off, the award-winning professor won that award for outstanding research. If the award were for outstanding teaching, then maybe I would consider taking that class. There's a chance that the award-winning professor is one of those academics who is great at research but not great at helping others understand the subject. For example, I have a friend who always gets an "A" in every class, but he doesn't have the communication skills to help others understand assignments. When he tries to help me, I end up more confused than when I

started. Teaching is a skill, and I can't be sure that the professor who is good at research has that skill.

Meanwhile, there must be a reason why students like the popular teacher more. Sure, we could be cynical and assume that students would favor a professor who gives them an easy workload. However, I like to give people more credit than that. Students are paying to learn, so they're passionate about their subjects. From my experience, students want a professor who will make class interesting by inspiring their passion and preparing them for a career. Therefore, I think it's a safe bet that the professor who won the "most popular" vote would be the teacher with the best teaching skills.

On top of that, the class with the popular teacher is likely to have the most motivated classmates. Popular classes fill up fast, and so the students who get into those classes are the students who dedicated time into researching the best professors and who made sure they were first in line to register for classes. Motivated classmates can take a good class and make it great. They make class discussions more valuable, group projects more productive, and they're always up for study groups.

In short, the most important skills for a teacher is, of course, teaching. Award-winning research is great, but it doesn't guarantee good teacher. The popular professor has proven to teach well and is more likely to have a class full of motivated students. That's the class I'd choose.