

## Grade 6 English A: AUTOBIOGRAPHY TASK

An autobiography is a recount of events in someone's life, as told by that person. An autobiographical recount has three main parts to it. The first part is an introduction to what took place. The second part tells you what actually happened and the third part is the conclusion.

#1) Before you write your own autobiographical piece (based on your own childhood photo), we will look at some examples to help you. Compare the two texts "The Missing Easter Egg" that recount the same events.

■ Which version is better at bringing the event to life? Why?

### **The Missing Easter Egg**

#### **Version A**

Once I was given an Easter egg in a box. Inside the box it was wrapped up in paper. When I wasn't looking my sister took the egg out and ate it. Then she put the paper back in the box to make it look like the egg was still there. When I went to eat the egg there was nothing inside. I was really upset.

### **The Missing Easter Egg**

#### **Version B**

When I was six my Auntie May gave me the most beautiful Easter egg I had ever seen. It seemed enormous. The egg was covered with shiny paper and inside a special box. There was a hole cut out in the side of the box and through it you could see the curve of the egg shining in its silver paper. Seeing it shine through the hole in the box was like looking through a window and seeing the moon. It was still a week to go to Easter Sunday so I put the box on the high shelf in my bedroom and every morning and every night I looked up at the egg and dreamed of how good it was going to taste.

On Easter Sunday morning I woke up really early and the first thing I did was to stand on my bed and reach for my egg. As I picked it up something felt a bit strange, the box wasn't as heavy as I remembered it. But you could still see the shape of the egg in its wrapping inside the box so I wasn't worried. But when I pulled open the lid of the box and looked inside I couldn't believe my eyes. It was empty! Whoever had taken the egg had been really cunning - they had put the silver paper wrapping back in the box and pressed it into the shape of the egg, as though it was still inside.

I didn't have to wait to find out who the thief was. I heard laughing behind me and when I turned around there was my sister Diane standing in the doorway and laughing at me. I knew then who had played that terrible trick on me and who had eaten my Easter egg.



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#2) Before you plan and write your own autobiographical recount, answer the questions below to help you do some important brainstorming:

### **Photograph Brainstorming**

Answer all the following questions about **YOUR** photograph in as much detail as possible. You can work with a partner to help write your responses while you talk about them.

1. Who is in the photograph?
2. Who took the photograph?
3. What is the event that is taking place in your photograph?
4. What happened immediately before the photograph was taken?
5. What happened immediately after the photograph was taken?
6. When was the photograph taken?
7. Where was the photograph taken?
8. Why was it taken?

How many senses you can use to describe your photograph?

