

Task 1: Fill in the blanks with the most suitable words.

## Being Different

I am (1) \_\_\_\_\_. This means I am good at using my left hand to do things instead of my right. When I was growing up, my parents tried teaching me how to use my right hand to do most things. They were (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that I would have a tough time in school.



When I started going to school, I was told to use only my right hand to write. My teachers said 'That's what everyone does.' I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ so much with it that my handwriting was always (4) \_\_\_\_\_. When teachers could not read my writing, I was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to write more so that I could improve. It was an awful experience.



In school, I did not have many friends. I was known as the stupid boy who could not write properly. I was punished so often that I did not have much time to study. Naturally, I did not do well in my (6) \_\_\_\_\_. This went on until Miss Amy came to teach in my school.

Instead of making me use my right hand, she (7) \_\_\_\_\_ me it was all right to use my left hand. She even bought me a special pair of scissors that would allow me to cut things with my left hand. Miss Amy kept telling me to be proud of myself. She said being different was what made me special. She also warned the other pupils to stop calling me stupid. Her kindness gave me the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and motivation to catch up with my studies.

Today, I am a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ I pediatrician in a hospital. I encourage the children who come under my care while (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them from their illness. I always remember to tell them that it is all right if they are different. Being different is what makes them special.