

Sample Paper 13**Score for Word Choice** _____**Having Braces**

Having braces is something a lot of people have to go through. If you have or have had braces, then you know it is not a great experience. I think that it's really, really unfair that people like my brother get away with not having braces at all. I don't see why he gets to be so special.

My dentist says that I will need to wear braces for at least two years if I do everything I'm supposed to. Two years is a really, really long time. Every few weeks (this is the really bad part) I have to go see my dentist so she can put new wires in. This is what some people call getting their braces "tightened." Getting new wires hurts. It's not really like the worst thing in the world or anything, but it is bad enough, trust me. It hurts enough so that it is hard not to think about how much your mouth hurts. I never feel like eating or talking, or even texting. I don't even feel like smiling. Right after I get new wires, I have a hard time concentrating on schoolwork. My parents won't let me use that as an excuse.

My parents tell me that I will be really, really thankful that I had braces later in life when my teeth are nice and straight. I am sure they are right. Who doesn't want straight teeth, right? They are usually right about things in the end. But right now I really wish my teeth were nice and straight right now. Then I would not need to have braces at all. That would make me so happy I might even smile!