

Sample Paper 18**Score for Sentence Fluency** _____**Teaching Dad to Ski**

We bought my dad skis for his birthday. We had to teach him how. He has lived his whole life near the mountains. He never learned to ski, though. We spent one whole day on the slopes with him. We could see why.

He had trouble even putting on his skis, which is easy. He couldn't master it. He just kept getting angry and impatient. He was cursing the skis and the people who make them. He told us to just go on ahead and leave him. He would catch up when he finally got his blankety-blank skis on.

My dad didn't get his skis on until lunchtime. We got him to try one small hill. It had hardly any slope to it. He acted like it was Mt. Everest. He barely got moving. We told him to bend his knees. He kept looking at us and yelling back. We probably distracted him. He went into a snowdrift!

He was stuck in the snowdrift and he was swinging his poles. We could see them sticking out over the snow. He would swing his poles and then slam them in the snow. He finally got out. He sat down on the back of his skis. He went down the whole hill that way. We laughed so hard we fell over. He never heard us. He was yelling too loud. He would not go down the hill a second time. He said it was definitely time for lunch.