

POINT-BY-POINT METHOD

Now, of course, I know that it was as difficult being a girl as it was a boy, if not more so. While I stood paralyzed at one end of a dance floor trying to find the courage to ask a girl for a dance, most of the girls waited in terror at the other, afraid that no one, not even I, would ask them. And while I resented having to ask a girl for a date, wasn't it also horrible to be the one who waited for the phone to ring? And how many of those girls who laughed at me making a fool of myself on the baseball diamond would have gladly given up their places on the sidelines for mine on the field?

Topic Sentence: Now, of course, I know that it was as difficult being a girl as it was a boy, if not more so.

First point, FIRST topic: While I stood paralyzed at one end of a dance floor trying to find the courage to ask a girl for a dance...

First point, SECOND topic: ...most of the girls waited in terror at the other, afraid that no one, not even I, would ask them.

Second point, FIRST topic: And while I resented having to ask a girl for a date,...

Second point, SECOND topic: ...wasn't it also horrible to be the one who waited for the phone to ring?

Third point, FIRST topic: And how many of those girls who laughed at me making a fool of myself on the baseball diamond...

Third point, SECOND topic: ...would have gladly given up their places on the sidelines for mine on the field?

BLOCK METHOD

Now, of course, I know that it was as difficult being a girl as it was being a boy, if not more so. I stood paralyzed at one end of the dance floor trying to find the courage to ask a girl for a dance. I resented having to ask a girl for a date, just as I often felt foolish on the baseball diamond. On the other hand, most of the girls waited in terror at the other end of the dance floor, afraid that on one, not even I, would ask them to dance. In addition, it was a horrible situation for the girls who had to wait for the phone to ring. And how many of those girls who stood on the sidelines would have gladly traded places with me on the baseball diamond?

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First Topic, Points 1, 2 and 3: I stood paralyzed at one end of a dance floor trying to find the courage to ask a girl for a dance. I resented having to ask a girl for a date, just as I often felt foolish on the baseball diamond.

Second Topic, Points 1, 2, and 3: On the other hand, most of the girls waited in terror at the other end of the dance floor, afraid that on one, not even I, would ask them to dance. In addition, it was a horrible situation for the girls who had to wait for the phone to ring. And how many of those girls who stood on the sidelines would have gladly traded places with me on the baseball diamond?