

Listening Script for TPO Test 4 Speaking Task 4

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Narrator

Now listen to part of a lecture on this topic in a psychology course.

Professor

Last month my favorite uncle paid me a surprise visit. I hadn't seen him for many years. The doorbell rang, I opened the door and there was uncle Pete. Now I am sure when I saw him, I said something like "Uncle Pete, what a surprise! How nice to see you!" Anyway, my wife was standing next to me, and according to her, I wasn't really aware of this, my eyes got really wide and I broke into a huge big smile. She said I was actually jumping up and down like a little boy. Well, anyway, later that evening uncle Pete told me how very very good he felt when he saw how happy I was to see him.

But compare that with this, my daughter, she is six. We were building a birdhouse together last week. And I was showing her how to use a hammer and nail. And of course, stupid me, I wasn't being very careful and I smashed my thumb with the hammer. Boy did it hurt! I almost felt like screaming, but I didn't want to upset my daughter, so I said, "Don't worry, honey, it's nothing." Meanwhile, I was shaking my hand as if that would stop my thumb from hurting, and my face was contorted in pain. My voice was trembling too. So even though I told my daughter I was okay, I'm sure she didn't believe me because she kept asking me if I was okay.