

SPEECH TENDENCIES

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I was one out of four girls in my Sophomore Biology Class in High School. The rest of the room was filled with high school boys bubbling over with raging hormones. Our teacher was Mr. Cook who was very strict and he never showed any resemblance of having a sense of humor. His course was tougher than any college course and we all prayed that we would pass the course.

At this particular class, Mr. Cook had our class read aloud one by one from our Biology book. We were studying the skin cells of the human body. When it was my turn to read I prided myself with great articulation, precision and clarity. However, this time I was very nervous with the rowdy boys in my class and Mr. Cook with his laser eyes fixed on me.

As I began to read aloud about the maturation cells in the skin I nervously called the maturation cells masturbation cells. I was so nervous that I continued to mispronounce the word and repeatedly call the skin cells masturbation cells. The room filled with loud laughter as my cheeks turned to crimson red with embarrassment. Mr. Cook noticing my embarrassment tried to change the subject. However, the rowdy boys in the class began to raise their hands and asked him sarcastically and humorously for an explanation on how masturbation cells work.

Just then Mr. Cook suddenly announced, "Ok, no more reading aloud as we have completed the study of the human skin cells, Class Dismissed!" We never read aloud in that class again.