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A fantastic adventure

Even Bear Grylls, who has a lot of skill to survive in the nature, will sometime get sick, because of the toxic plants which grow in the nature. There is one TV program which was shown by Bear Grylls make me think about ^{having} ~~to have~~ a real adventure because it's very cool. However, the adventure with my older brother not only made me admire the mystery and excitement of nature, but also let me realize how powerful nature is, and how weak the human is.

Great intro.

To start an adventure is really difficult because nature is very dangerous. Therefore, I need to do a lot of preparation. It was in the summer holidays ^(if) my high school. Having watched Bear's TV show, I showed a great interest in the adventure. Then I ~~have~~ ^{of} thought my older brother because he had attended several adventures in jungles ^{CS} ~~so~~ he had experience of adventure and the equipment for it. I called him after having this thought. "Hey, brother!" I said excitedly "Can you take me to have a really exciting adventure in a jungle?" "Wow! Yeah sure, but it will be very hard and dangerous," ^{and} at the same time we need to prepare much equipment. So, talk with uncle first!" he ^{soothingly} ~~soothe~~ said. On the next day, I told ~~with~~ ^{to} my father nervously, because I didn't sure if father would agree this dangerous adventure. "Of course, you can, but one thing I need to tell you. Be careful, nobody knows what will happen in the jungle, nature is very powerful. You ^{may get} ~~maybe will~~ sick or ~~being~~ injured. However, you are a man and you need to face some challenges. I will explain it to your mom. So just focus on the preparation of the adventure." Father seriously said. After my father discussed a lot with my mom, she finally said yes. Then I called my brother and told him I

Good dialogue, but how could you make it more intense?

could go with him. He told me that I need to buy some necessary equipment such as sleep-bag, a survival knife, an iron pot and so on. Having bought those ^u ~~stuff~~, it cost me a lot. A few days later, my brother called me and gushed "Hey! Let's go there next week. I have already found the place to adventure. To find that place I have spent a lot of time. It will definitely exciting, there are a lot of people go there and have an adventure, there ^{is} ~~have~~....." after finishing listened to my brother's chattering, I felt real ^{anticipation for} ~~expectation~~ on that adventure, but also a little bit worried about it because there would be some challenge to face during the adventure, maybe I could not ^{overcome} ~~go over~~ it.

how much?
why is this significant?
make this detail more interesting

When the time came to that day, I went to the place ^{where} ~~that~~ we decided to meet together, [?] my brother became my teacher to teach the knowledge about the powerful nature. Having seen each other, we went to the jungle outside the city by train, ^{CS} it took us one-hour train and one-hour walking to get there. Having gotten there, my brother told me that I needed to be careful about the jungle, ^{CS} there had a lot of animals and plants, ^{CS} some of them were dangerous, ^{CS} therefore I needed to follow his order. We got into the jungle step by step, during the period to get in, I saw many animals, such as insects, birds, squirrels, and when I heard "si~" the sound of snakes, it really let me rethink about the danger that we might meet. Having reached the location that we would stay ~~there~~ for 2 days, brother and ^I ~~we~~ started to set the camp^s. First, we cleared the scree and wood and made a clean area to put our tent. Then brother started to use some rock to make a place to start the fire, at the same time he told me to collect some wood stick. Having brought the stick to the campus, brother used the fire stone to make the fire. However, the wind blowing and everything in the jungle is wet make it really difficult to start the fire. Brother took me to find something dry to make a fire, ^{and} after passing through the shrubberies for a few minutes ~~and~~ finally found a dead tree. "This is a really perfect food resource and fuel," explain ~~by~~ my brother, "There are some larva ^{that use} ~~let~~ the dead wood as their food source, ^{CS} those larvae can be eaten, and the protein that it contains is three

Could you add more detail here? Sounds, smells, sights, etc.

more times than the beef. They are the best food for survival. In terms of the dead wood, don't just see the outside of the wood is wet but inside the wood it is dry, it is the best fuel. ^{This} ~~So, which~~ means the dead wood is really useful, because when I was advancing in the jungle before, I was usually ^{WF (adj)} hungry, because of the rare food resource. It is so lucky that we found it." However, when my brother was talking about the larva, I was thinking was my brother try to catch larva as our meal, and then I saw him use knife cut the wood and take some twist larva and dry wood from the inside of the wood, I felt despair because my guess was true. After that we backed to our campus with some "delicious" larva and dry wood, ^{ed} we started the fire easily. When it came to the water, we found a river with very clean water, and I wanted to drink the water because I was already very thirsty. And when I ^{had} almost drunk that water, my brother ~~he~~ told me that although the water seemed very clean, there was a lot of microbes inside and it would let us sick. I stopped my motion at once just like a robot was losing the power, and thought: What! Why don't you tell me early!! Then he took a bottle and put some sand, rock, and carbon inside in order to make a simple filtrating equipment. After that, he poured the water cups through the filtrating bottle. The sky came to the dark quickly, ^{CS} brother and I used only a little time before darkness coming to collect some ^{SP} eatable ^{edible} mushroom and plants.

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Vice
analogy
with a
robot!

When the darkness ^{VT} coming, the jungle became very quiet and peaceful, ^{and} at the same it coved ^{SP} with ^{WF (n.)} mysterious. There were several voices of the animals surround our campus sometime, especially the sound of snakes, ^{CS} it really made me feel scared. Then it was the time of our "delicious" dinner, brother took out the iron pan, and put the mushroom, plant, and water together, and put it on the frame which was on the fire to make a delicious soup. After that, it came to a really terrible thing for me at that time, ^{CS} he roasted the larva and put it on the fire. When he roasted it, the larva was wriggling and there was some liquid coming out from the larva. It made me really

^{not} don't want to eat it, but it was the only chance for me to get protein in the horrible jungle. During the cooking, the only sound was the spark jump out of the fire, it made the food seems more delicious. Having cooked it, I ^{SP} drunk the soup at first, although it was not so good, I still thought it was really delicious. Then it was ^{time for} ~~the time~~ of the larva, I looked at it and hesitantly ate it. The juice came out when I started to chew the roasted larva, ^{and} the taste was really strange, but I still ate all larva. Having eaten that delicious food, it was time for sleeping, ^{CS} we lay in the tent and looked at the sky through the hole on the top of the tent. We saw a beautiful sky with a lot of shine ^{ing} stars, ^{CS} it was the first for me who lived in the big city to see so many stars. It was really exciting and fresh experience for me. I looked out through crack of the tent, ^{CS} it was dark everywhere except our fire. When I looked toward to the darkness, I always tried to guess what is in the darkness, maybe was snakes or other things. It was really mystical. After a few minutes, I went into the tent and ^{VT} fall asleep. On the next day, after waking up, brother took me to recognize some plant^S, such as some plant^{PL} which can be used as the medicine. It truly made me surprise^d, how helpful those plant^{PL} which I thought ^{were} ~~it was~~ useless ~~was~~. Having done those things, we walked out of the jungle through grass and bushes as our plan.

Nice detail?

During the return~~ing~~ back to Shanghai, I recalled the exciting and dangerous experience that I have in the jungle. It let me reconsider the power of nature and the weakness of our human, at the same time I was fascinated by the mystery of the jungle. The dangerous ~~animals which is~~ ~~the snake~~^S that I have met in jungle show how dangerous the nature is. The water with a bunch of microbes make ^{SV} me think how weak the human is. ^{Finally,} ~~And~~ the various foods such as larva, make me think how comfortable life that I have is. Therefore, we should to learn some skill to survive in the nature. Maybe someday in the future, we will be forced to live in the nature.

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Nice conclusion

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Frank,
This is a great essay. with an interesting message.
There are a few places you could add more imagery.
Please check how you connect sentences, because you have many comma splices (CS).
Overall, nice job!

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