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**(Millard and Harrison 176)--- two authors**

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**Peter did preparation for the first session.[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Peter did preparation for the first session (see Appendix 12)**

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1. **The first session was his Science examination.** [↑](#footnote-ref-1)