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Complete the template below (use the prompts in the Task 2 information document to help)

- Take your time, there is no limit – you have until Friday of Week 9 to submit
- Use any notes you have already made to help
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Section	Your response (Use your own words!)
1. Research	
2. Presenting	
3. Challenges you faced with your presentation	
4. Actions to improve	
5. Further steps needed to Prepare for Task 3	

Completing this task I have developed a deeper understanding of both the childminding profession and my own academic skills. At the start, I knew I wanted to become a childminder because I genuinely care about children and understand how important the early years are. However, through this research I realised that wanting to do something and fully understanding what it involves are two different things. I had to look beyond my passion and really explore the legal responsibilities, safeguarding duties and professional expectations of the role.

Using CRAAP made a big difference in how I approached this research. I carefully checked weather sources were up to date, relevant to home-based childcare. It made me feel more comfortable that my decision was informed and responsible rather than emotional.

At times the information I had to gather felt overwhelming, especially when listening to other people's experiences and reading about safeguarding responsibilities. Realising that I would be legally accountable for children's safety had me feel like I was under pressure however instead of me letting that get over my head it pushed me to learn more and build my confidence.

When presenting my work, I initially struggled with focusing on the task. Although I had spoken very clearly with good points, I needed to speak on the task more rather than my Job Role. Practicing helped me speak more naturally and feel less nervous and I became more aware of my pacing and how I explained key ideas.

To improve I need to maintain my current strengths to be used for future assignments. For Task 3 I plan to focus more on critical analysis and deeper reflection rather than the description. I will continue to develop my confidence in presenting and make sure my research remains structured to the task. Overall, this task has strengthened my commitment and self-belief