

Scenarios

1. Hazel is in 4th grade. Each day during math class, the same behavior occurs. When the teacher asks questions to the class, Hazel politely raises her hand. When the teacher calls on her, she gives a silly answer that makes no sense within the context of the situation.

Example: The teacher asked the students to determine how many rows of seats there were in the theater if there were 50 rows and 20 columns. Hazel raised her hand and said, "That theater always smells like a wet dog." All of the students laughed and Hazel smiled and bowed. She then exclaimed, "Thank you. I'll be here all week!" The teacher noticed this is a pattern with Hazel so he has stopped calling on her during math class.

2. Xavier is in 6th grade and has just started middle school. He has six different classes, and shows up late each day. When asked why he is late, he simply states, "I don't know." The vice-principal came up with a plan. Each time Xavier is late, he must go to the office to pick up a late slip. When he gets three, he has after school detention. Now, instead of being 3-5 minutes late to class, he is closer to 10 minutes late and has missed the beginning of the instruction. The teachers are all frustrated that they now have to explain everything he missed while he was picking up his late slip.
3. Tomiko is in 11th grade. They fall asleep on their desk during government class and chemistry class. Their teachers hypothesized that they are not getting enough sleep at night and told Tomiko's parents to adjust their evening routine. The schedule is a six-day schedule, so the start time of these classes vary each day.

4. Gabriel is in 8th grade. During advisory class each day, the students all sit in a circle. Gabriel chooses not to sit in the circle, but when discussion begins he shouts his answers from wherever he's standing in the room. The other students show frustration with this as he is not following the classroom norms. The teacher has asked Gabriel to join the group, but he said he prefers not to.
5. Anya is a fantastic artist. She draws over all her papers, tests, assignments, etc. All of her teachers are very impressed with her work. Unfortunately, when given assignments, she rarely turns them in. When asked, she responds, "Oh, I did it. I just forgot to put it in my backpack. But I did it." Her teachers know she understands the material, but are forced to give her zeroes as she has no proof she did the work.