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GUIDED READING: A CLASS ACT – PAGE 85



VOCABULARY

Limerick: a funny, five-lined poem that rhymes

Notorious: famous or well known, often for bad reasons

Eternity: forever or without end

Lament: a passionate expression of grief

Ferment: process used in creating alcohol by breaking down a substance using heat

Apathy: a state of indifference

Lethargy: a lack of energy and enthusiasm



LEARN

- Look at the vocabulary list and make sure you understand these key words
- If there are any other words in the text that you do not understand, can you work out their meaning using the context of the sentence?

Summary

This text is written in the style of a play script and is an extract from a lesson on limericks. Mr. Paige is desperately trying to rally up the students and encourage them to show some enthusiasm. By the sounds of things, nobody particularly wants to be in the classroom. Even the teacher is counting down the weeks until the school holidays!

- Model answer Q8 Why do you think Mr. Paige ‘surveys the room for some time’ when Kelly already has her hand up?

I think Mr. Paige does this because he is waiting for other children to put their hands up instead to get involved. He might also think that it is unfair for Kelly to be doing all of the hard work for them.



YOUR TASK

Now, please answer the questions for ‘A Class Act’.

We look forward to reading your responses.