

## Case B: pupil behaviour

**Context: secondary school, lower level, pupils aged 12-16,**

I am a student teacher and I teach English. Each year, we do an internship in a school. We are supposed to switch schools every year, to build on our experience in different school settings. At the moment I am in my third year, and in my third internship.

The issue I face is that pupils at my internship are quite unpredictable. I have had pupils threaten me or swear at me. For me it is very difficult to correct their behaviour from time to time. When things like that happen and I consult my colleagues, they always 'brush it off' and tell me that I should just send them to the "time-out".

I do not feel comfortable in this situation, I do not like to be treated like trash by my pupils. It is not beneficial for the atmosphere in my classroom when pupils behave disrespectfully. This also affects the other pupils. I think pupils should respect their teacher. But what if they don't? How can I be strict and firm? Are there other ways to correct the behaviour of pupils?

### **Available sources Case B**

- A. Consult mentor teacher
- B. Questionnaire students/pupils
- C. Interviews with students/pupils
- D. reflect on situations when pupils are disrespectful, is there a cause for their behaviour?
- E. Handbook pedagogical management
- F. Experiment

**Case B: source B: mentor teacher**

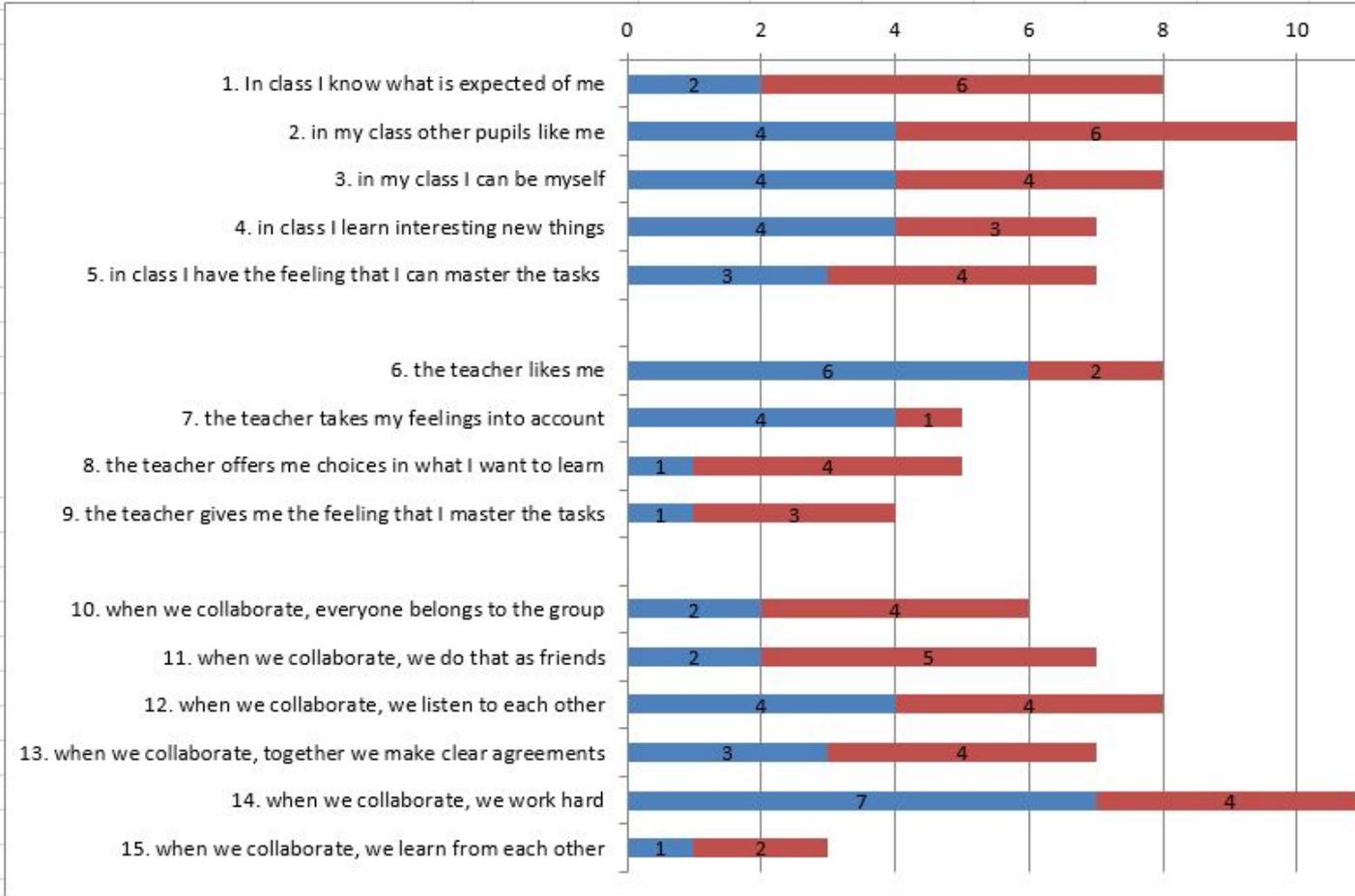
You do have a difficult group to work with. Students in this group seem to feel less certain of themselves and they do have a lot of things going on between them. This effects the atmosphere in the group and the learning climate.

What do you know about relation building? Think about the theory you must have had at the Institute. You might benefit from the theory of Deci and Ryan (2002), about autonomy, relation and competence.

You could consider using a questionnaire, there is a quite simple one with 15 questions, which builds on the theory of Deci and Ryan. The analysis of the outcome might help you.

### Case B: source B questionnaire amongst students

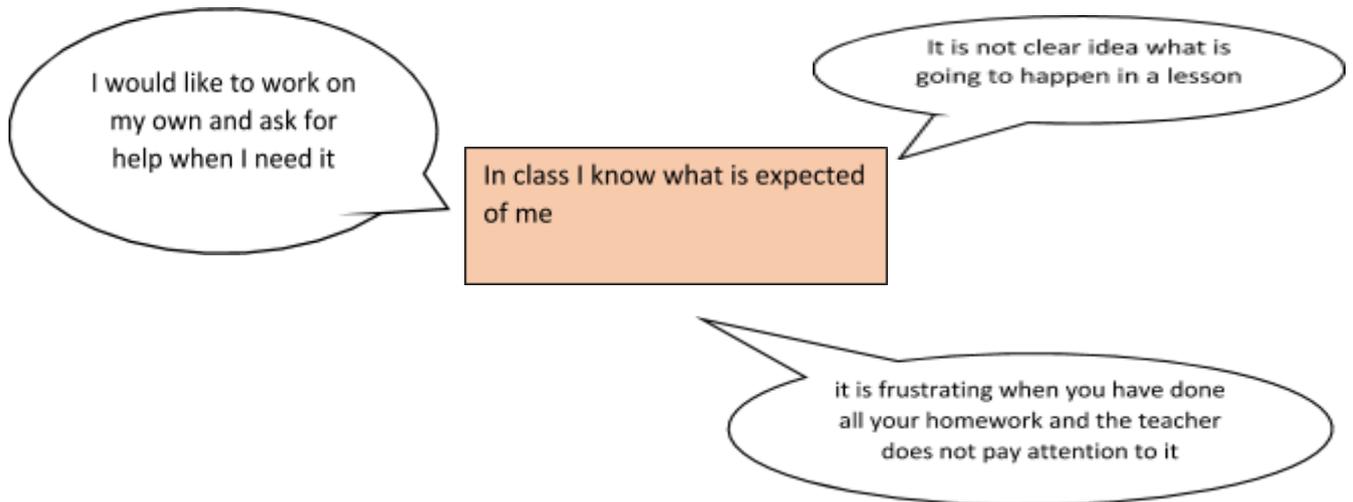
This questionnaire is filled out by the whole group of 13 students



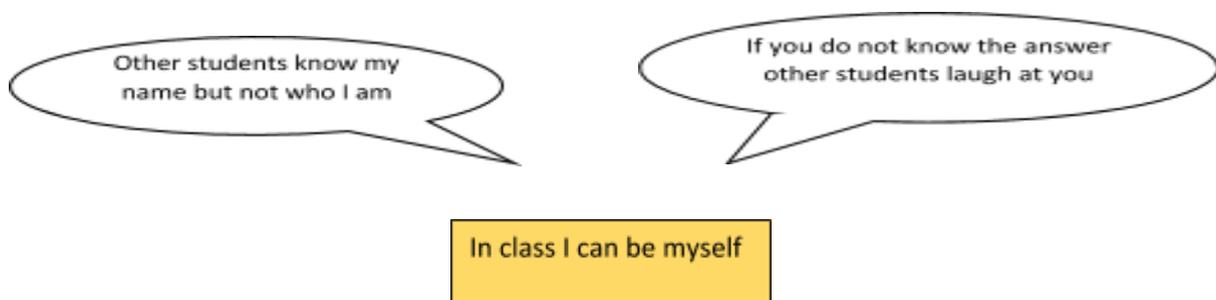
## Case B, source C: interviews with a group of students

In the interview, some statements from the questionnaire have been discussed in a 'world café' setting. Students were asked to respond to the statement.

They were also requested to do suggestions for what the teacher should do and for what they as a group should do.



What should the teacher do?	What could students do?
Give an overview of the lesson plan	Make their homework
Make clear what the homework is and make this a part of the next lesson	
Check if students have understood	



What should the teacher do?	What could students do?
Make sure no bullying occurs	Respect each other
Give compliments to students	Help each other

## **Case B – source D reflection on own identity as teacher**

What are my ideas on being a good teacher?

What is my orientation towards the pupils I am going to teach?

What am I afraid of in this particular school?

What do I expect from pupils?

## Case B: source F: handbook classroom management

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/5-priorities-classroom-management-ben-johnson>

### CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

## The 5 Priorities of Classroom Management

To effectively manage a classroom, teachers must prioritize building relationships, leveraging time, and designing behavioral standards.

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For beginning teachers, or for teachers like myself returning to teaching, the most difficult thing to master is classroom management. I had to relearn what ten years of hard instruction had taught me: Good classroom management is more than just being strict or authoritarian, and it is more than simply being organized. If I want to have my classroom run smoothly as a well-oiled learning machine, I have to set up a structured learning environment in which certain behaviors are promoted and others are discouraged.

I have discovered that there are five components of effective classroom management that establish structures strong enough to entice and motivate student learning:

1. Developing effective working relationships with students
2. Training students on how learning takes place in your classroom

3. Protecting and leveraging time
4. Anticipating student behaviors in well-written lesson plans
5. Establishing standards of behavior that promote student learning

## **1. DEVELOP EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR STUDENTS**

The most important component of classroom management is relationships. The relationships with my students start at the door when I shake their hand and greet them with a smile (regardless of what misbehaviors might have happened the day before). Those relationships are strengthened, for example, when I use a student's name and actively praise him or her. Those relationships are solidified when I spend individual time with each student to get to know them and then use that knowledge to create personal learning opportunities.

From the professional development program, *Capturing Kids' Hearts*, there was one takeaway that benefited me the most: If I have a good relationship with my students, I can push them harder and further to learn because they trust me.

## **2. TRAIN YOUR STUDENTS ON HOW LEARNING TAKES PLACE IN YOUR CLASSROOM**

Your students need to know that you do not expect them to instantly learn, that everyone has an individual process for learning, and that if they follow your guidance, they will be successful in learning.

This is more than just talking about your homework policy, late work, and absences. It is revealing to your students how you are going to create -- with them -- a highly effective, low-maintenance, learning team. For example, I discuss with

my students that the true power of a strategy such as [Cornell Notes](#) is not dividing the paper in two parts. The benefit of that strategy comes from writing the questions on the left side of the paper while reviewing their notes, and then taking the time to summarize what they learned. You have a learning philosophy that guides your teaching style; teach it to your students. Clearly map out for your students what you do to help them learn so that when you do it, they know what you are doing and why, and they will be more willing to help.

### **3. PROTECT AND LEVERAGE YOUR TIME**

An effective classroom manager must be prepared with materials and know how to transition students from one activity to another without wasting time. The number one thing we could do to increase our students' academic performance is to increase the time spent on learning. Time is chipped away by taking attendance, announcements, summons to the office, restroom breaks, pep rally schedules, class meetings, special presentations, awards ceremonies, celebrations, and a myriad of other things.

Some disruptions and time stealers we cannot avoid, but being successful at managing the classroom also includes managing the time, protecting it, and leveraging it to your best advantage. In [Teach Like a Champion](#), author Doug Lemov effectively demonstrates how to use routines to minimize lost time in activities like handing out papers; he also demonstrates routines to help students train their minds to adopt useful habits and skills, like being able to quickly answer and ask questions.

### **4. ANTICIPATE YOUR STUDENTS' BEHAVIORS IN WELL-WRITTEN LESSON PLANS**

Channeling student behaviors, interests, and attention into productive learning paths requires intuitive lesson

planning. First, focus on how students will be able to demonstrate that they understand and have achieved the learning objective, emphasizes Grant Wiggins, coauthor with Jason McTighe of [Understanding by Design](#). Then build learning activities that lead students to that point.

According to Robert Marzano, an education researcher, the focus of our lesson planning efforts should be getting students to ask and answer their own questions. Coming up with those types of questions on the spur of the moment can be difficult, but with a little advanced thought, you can incorporate those types of questions into your lesson plans. Ultimately, the best discipline management plan is a good lesson plan.

#### **5. ESTABLISH BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS**

These standards should promote learning, as well as consequences that diminish or eliminate behaviors that impede learning. They shouldn't be so detailed as to list every behavior and the corresponding consequence for failure to comply, but they should hit the main points regarding showing respect, communicating correctly, and coming prepared to learn. The standards should also interact smoothly with the other four components, especially teaching your students how learning takes place in your classroom.

I have learned to frame each lesson as it is taught. This means that for each learning activity, I explain the standards of performance, as well as the limits of behavior. For example:

You have 15 minutes, and you will be working with your partner on designing a structure out of newspaper that will reach the ceiling. You may use inside voices to quietly discuss your plans with your partner. If you have questions, please put the red cup

on your desk, and I will come and help you as soon as possible. Meanwhile, keep working on other things until I get there.

### **FROM DAY ONE**

Establishing an effective plan for classroom management has to begin at the start of school, but it doesn't end there. Throughout the year, we have to be consistent and persistent in developing relationships of trust, following and teaching the best learning theories, honoring student time, being responsive to student behaviors and needs in our lesson plans, and holding true to high and rigorous standards of learning behavior. We also need to be flexible and adjust to tangles that can derail even the best management plans. What classroom management practices have worked best for you?

## Case B – source F: **experiment**

In this source you do an experiment in your class.

Based on your practical knowlegde and whatever information you already gathered, you decide to try out a few things in class.

### **1. Write down**

- what are you planning to do?

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- what are your expectations if your plan works (*what happens , what do you see, how do you feel?*)

### **2. Throw the dice**

If the dice turns to **1 or 6**, your experiment succeeded.

If the dice turns to 2 or 5, your experiment partially succeeded.

If the dice turns to 3 or 4, your experiment failed.

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### **3. What is your conclusion?**

Can you come up with an explanation?

What will your next step be?

If you want to try a new experiment, re-start the procedure.