
Teaching as a Daily Routine

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In this talk

Daily routine...



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... different, but the same

Then and now



- Actor, writer and director
1944 – 2014
- Films include
Ghostbusters,
Groundhog Day and
Analyze This
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Harold Ramis

Here we go again!

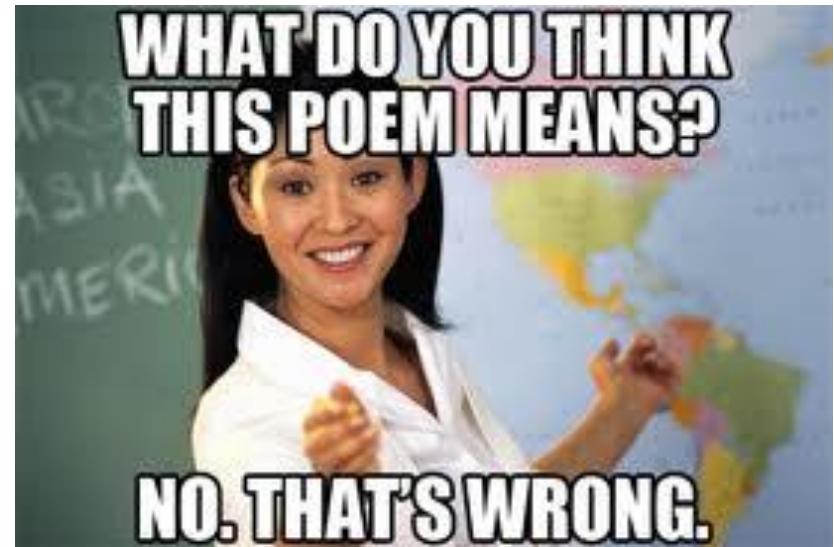
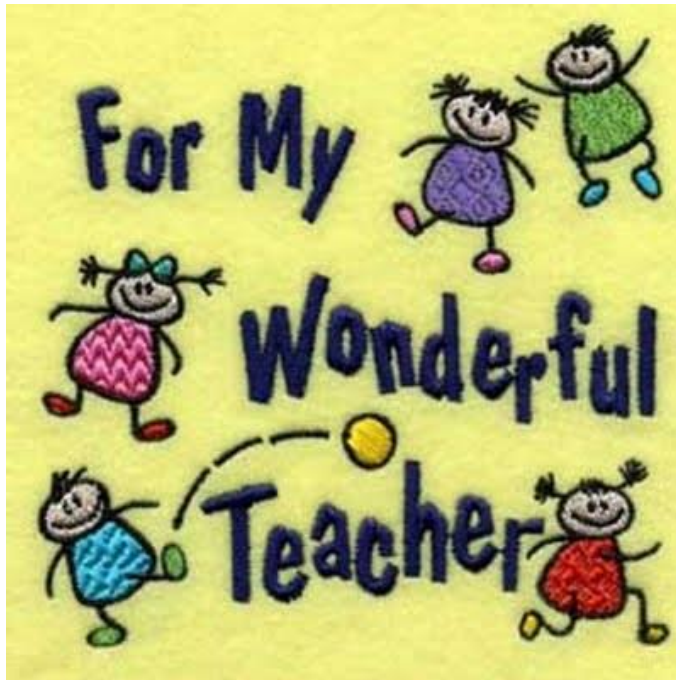
The *Groundhog Day* factor

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Students on teachers

How do they see us?



A typical day for a teacher?

6:00 I wake up.



6:30 I have breakfast.



A typical day for a teacher?

7.15 I go to school



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Have I got everything?

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8.00 I start work



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Who's taken the CD player?

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A typical day for a teacher?

9:00 I teach my hardest class.



10:00 I have a break.



A typical day for a teacher?

10:30 I cover for a colleague.



11.30 I teach my favourite class.



A typical day for a teacher

12:30 My next lesson goes badly.



2:00 I mark some exercise books.



A typical day for a teacher?

3:00 I plan tomorrow's lessons.



4:00 I go home.



Insanity

How would you define it?

Insanity:

Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. (Unknown source)

Routines

A balancing act

- Repetition
- Consistency
- Continuity



- Novelty
- Variety
- Excitement

Repetition





- A British friend wants to stay with you for a few days over the holiday. Write an email (120–150 words) to him / her.
- Say how you feel about his / her plans to visit and why.
 - Give some information about what you will be doing in the holidays and when.
 - Explain when the best time for his / her visit would be, and why.
 - Ask when he / she plans to arrive and how long the visit will be.



Dear Carl,
Thanks for your email. It's great to hear you want to visit us next month.

As soon as term finishes, I'll be going to New Forest with my dad and my brother, Kieran. We're planning to be away for three or four days. I really want to go fishing a few times, and while we're there, I'm hoping to catch some fish to eat in the evenings. After we get back I'll be working in my uncle's café for a few days over Easter.

Writing a letter

What? Again?

Dear John.
I'm happy to write you again. ~~I'm sorry for not~~
I'm sorry for not writing sooner, but I was
interested in the political situation in South
Sudan, so I didn't have time.

Variations on a Theme



security

curiosity

Prompts

The power of gesture and words



Some classroom routines

- Signposting
- Behaviour problems
- Rewards
- Looking back,
looking ahead
- End of the lesson



Signposting

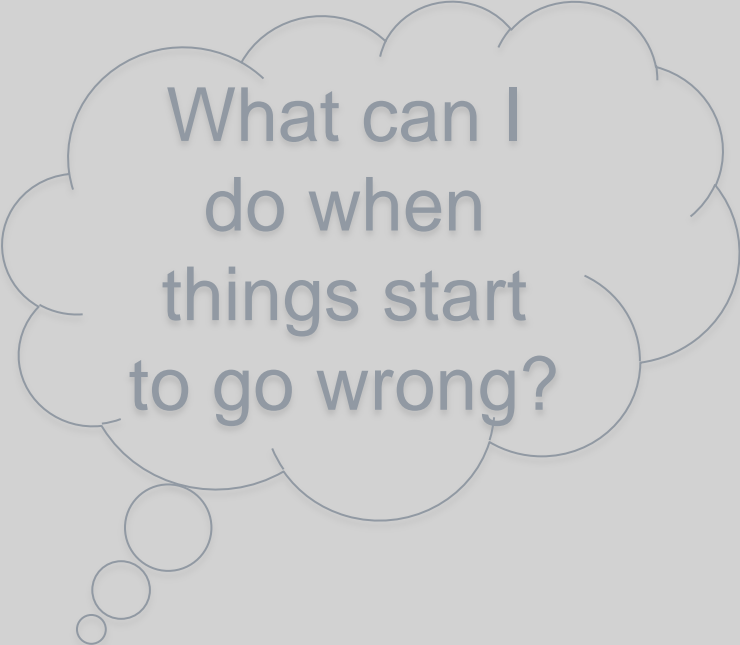


Something to look forward to

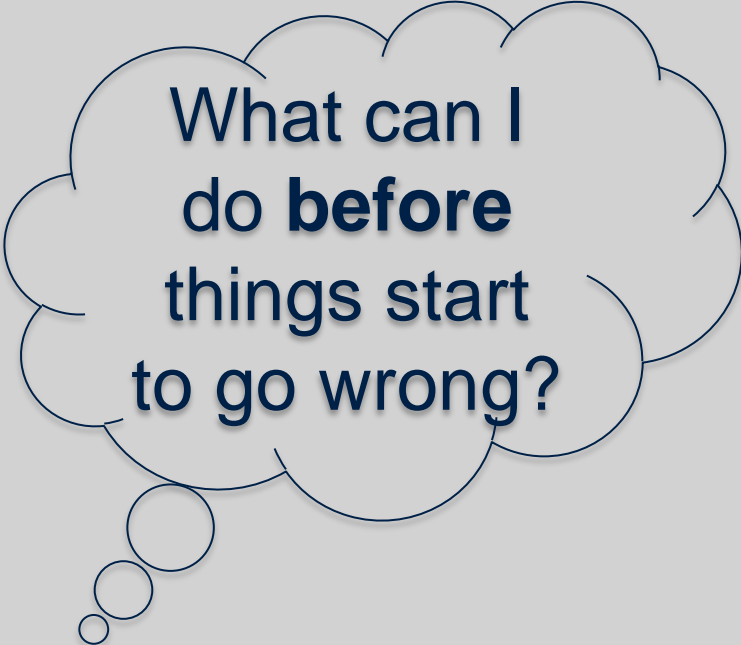
- Announce your plans
- Put a reminder on the board
- Provide a stimulus for response

Mystery bird:
When you see it, shout
Hey! It's a ...

Behaviour problems



What can I
do when
things start
to go wrong?



What can I
do **before**
things start
to go wrong?

Raymond Wlodkowski

Two-by-Ten strategy



- One student
- Two minutes
- Ten consecutive lessons



Are you thirsty?

What can I
do **before**
things start
to go wrong?

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Providing options and choice

What can I
do **before**
things start
to go wrong?

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Get thinking

Ten-word dialogues

Hello

yes

no

please

thank
you

this

that

one

two

OK

Taking it further

Cue-card Q&A



Rewards





Looking back, looking ahead

Something to remember

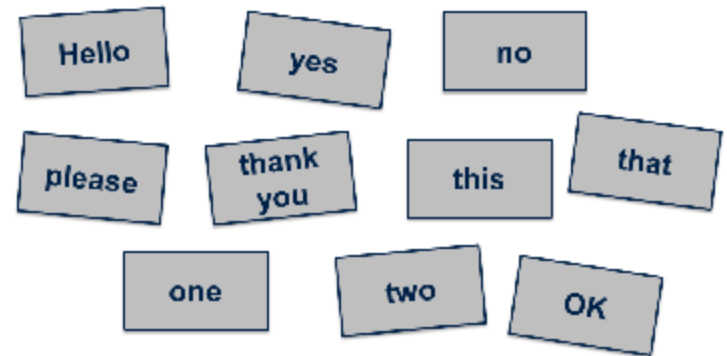
- Can you remember all ten words?

- What was the question?

How many times do you eat fast food per week?

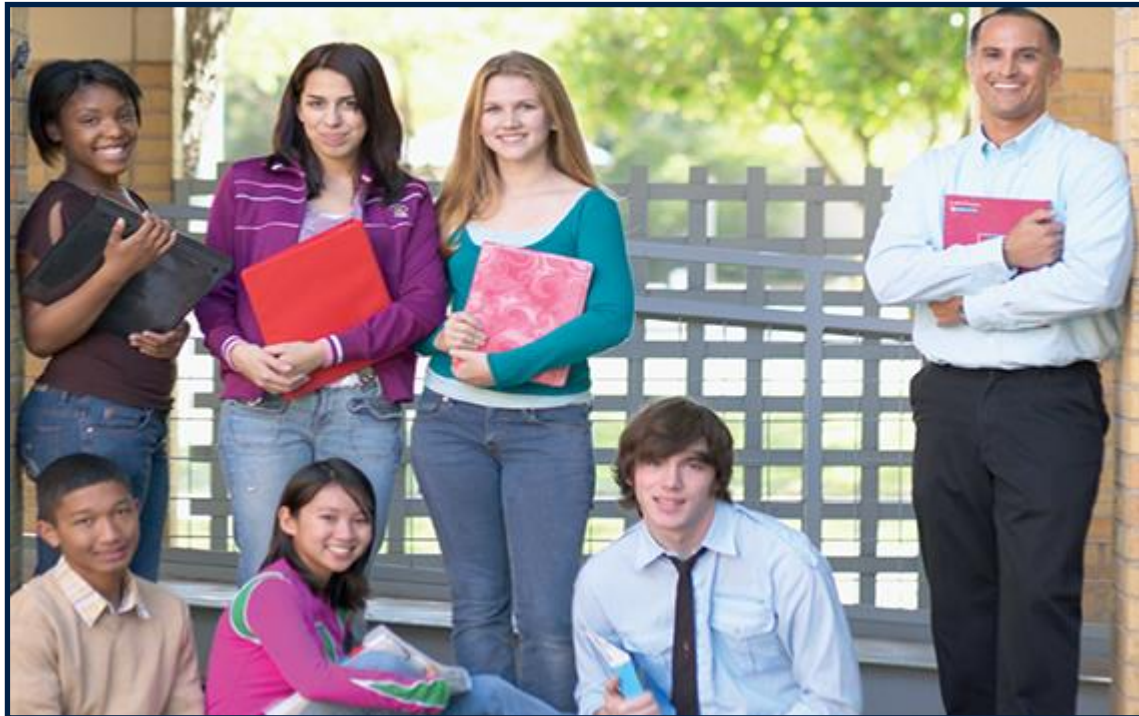
- What would have been a better answer than *two*?

twice



End of the lesson

Who are the first and last to leave?



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And on Monday morning?



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