

EVOLVE LEVEL 6, Baseline Test A

LISTENING 2

Ted Hi, Noreen. How was your first day teaching?

Noreen It was a complete disaster!

Ted Really? I thought you'd spent all night preparing the class.

Noreen That was the cause of the problem. I was half asleep when I arrived at the school and I was running a little late, so I headed straight to the classroom. The students looked surprised to see me and all sat at their desks when I asked them to. We chatted for a bit and I gave them their first reading task. I was expecting them to lose concentration and get distracted but they all stayed on task and completed all the questions perfectly.

Ted That's great. Isn't it?

Noreen I thought so, until the door opened and a teacher came in. She asked me what I was doing in her classroom. I could have died. I turned the deepest red, gathered all my materials up, apologized, and left the room. I was sure I had to teach in room 13. Confused, I headed back to reception and explained who I was and was told I should be in room 30 not 13!

Ted Oh no!

Noreen Anyway, when I got to my room, the principal was in my class ... teaching it! I was half an hour late! I caught his eye and he came over looking very serious. I explained what had happened and asked if I should finish the class. He gave me the go-ahead and told me to see him afterwards.

Ted How did it go after that?

Noreen It was OK. The kids were much younger. That's why the first group did well on the reading activity – it was too easy for them. My real class found it more challenging. Anyway, afterwards I saw the principal and he was very understanding of what happened, so I still have a job!