

15 Classroom Management: Methods 2

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What is a quiet signal, and how can a teacher use it to help manage a class?
- 2 How might a teacher reward a class for good behavior?



quiet signal

Teacher Talk Message Board

Managing Students who Misbehave

ReadingTeacher80: Lately, some of my students have been misbehaving in class. They **interrupt** me when I'm talking and distract the other students. Any advice?

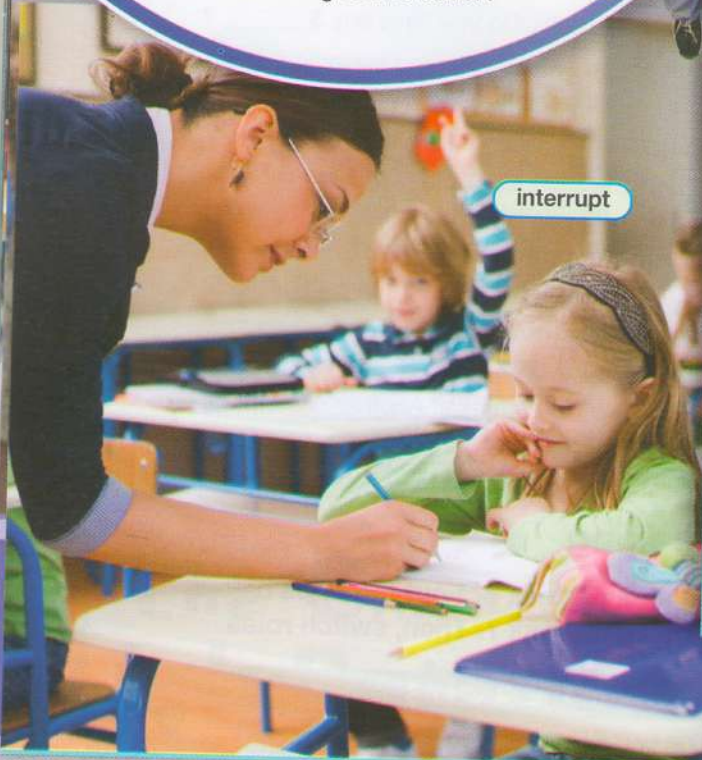
MathMan12: Your problem is very common! I find having a designated **quiet corner** to be helpful. When a student **acts up**, have the student sit in the corner until he or she calms down. More often than not, misbehaving students will be on their best behavior for the rest of the day.

TeacherPro88: I recommend having a special **quiet signal**. When I want my students to be quiet, I raise one hand in the air and **cover my mouth** with my other hand. One by one, students will copy my quiet signal. In a short period of time, all students will stop talking.

KindergartenLady1: Be **consistent** when enforcing class rules, and follow a **routine**. For example, my students are supposed to be quiet when getting in line. If they talk, I have them sit back down. I explain to them that they need to **start over** and line up again. The second time, students do so quietly. **Repetition** is the key! If students follow the rules particularly well, I **reward** them. For example, we might take a **break** to play a fun game together.



reward



interrupt

Reading

2 Read the message board posts. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 What are the message board posts mostly about?
 - A reasons why students might misbehave
 - B suggestions for managing a classroom
 - C the importance of rules in the classroom
 - D different ways to reward students for good behavior
- 2 Which user suggests giving students a prize or special privilege?
 - A MathMan12
 - B TeacherPro88
 - C ReadingTeacher80
 - D KindergartenLady1
- 3 What is NOT a tip mentioned in the message board posts?
 - A using a special sign to tell students to stop talking
 - B changing the classroom rules and routine frequently
 - C using repetition to enforce classroom rules and procedures
 - D sending students to a corner of the room when they misbehave

Vocabulary

3 Fill in the blanks with the correct words: *quiet signal, start over, interrupt, behavior, consistent, quiet corner, break.*

- 1 Please take a fifteen-minute _____.
- 2 Go sit in the _____ for ten minutes.
- 3 Have the students _____ from the beginning.
- 4 Instead of enforcing the class rules only some of the time, be _____.
- 5 The teacher's _____ is to raise one hand in the air.
- 6 The teacher is proud of her students for being on their best _____ today.
- 7 If students _____ the teacher, they will be sent to the quiet corner.