

# *How To Torture Your Teacher*

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Only raise your hand when  
you want to sharpen your pencil  
or go to the bathroom.  
Repeat every ten minutes.

Never raise your hand  
when you want to answer a question;  
instead, yell, "Oooh! Oooh! Oooh!"  
and then, when the teacher calls on you,  
say, "I forgot what I was going to say."

Lean your chair back,  
take off your shoes,  
and put your feet up on your desk.  
Act surprised when the teacher  
puts all four legs of your chair back on the floor.

Drop the eraser end of your pencil  
on your desk.  
See how high it will bounce.

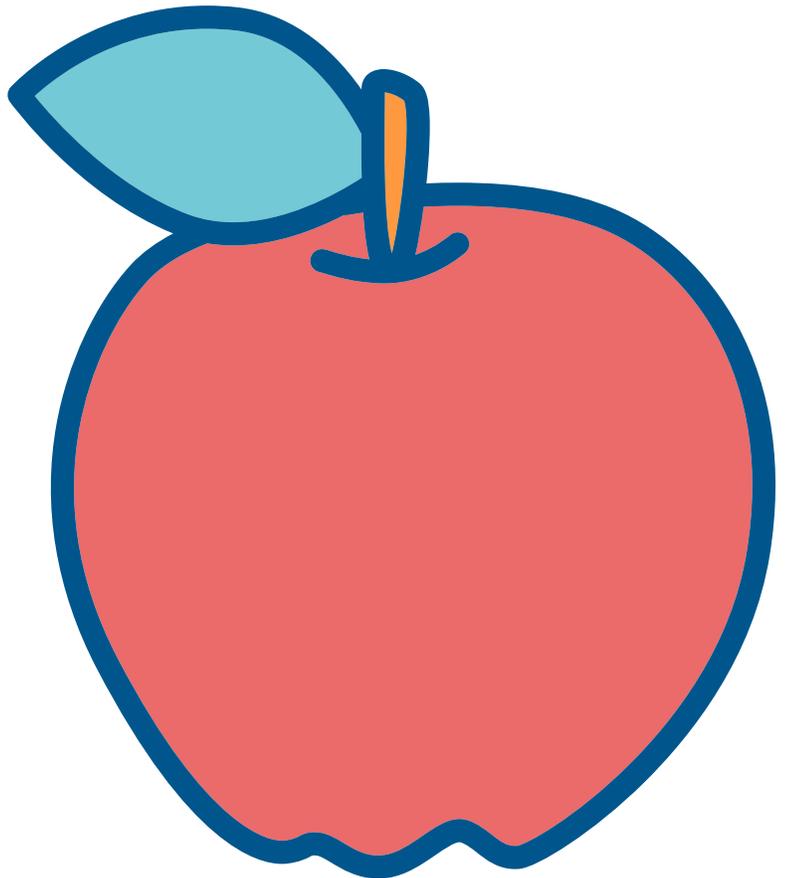
Drop your books on the floor.  
See how loud a noise you can make.

Hum.  
Get all your friends to join in.

Hold your nose,  
make a face, and say, "P.U.!"  
Fan the air away from your face,  
and point to the kid in front of you.

On the last day of school,  
lead your classmates in chanting:  
"No more pencils!  
No more books!  
No more teachers' dirty looks!"

Then, on your way out the door,  
tell the teacher,  
"Bet you're looking forward  
to summer vacation this year.  
But I'll sure miss you.  
You're the best teacher I've ever had."



Start each day with a surprise quiz.

Don't dismiss the class for recess until you've finished the lesson you're working on.

At the end of the day, hand out a huge assignment that's due the next day.

When a student says, "I have to go to the bathroom," say, "You should have gone this morning before you left home" or "You'll have to hold it in; it's time for the kindergarten to use the bathrooms."

Never call on students who have their hands up. Only call on students who have no idea what's going on.

When a student asks you a question, say, "Look up the answer in a book." Don't bother to mention the name of the book in which the answer can be found.

When you read, go as fast as you can. Skip a line or two, then ask questions about the passage to see if the students were listening.

When it's time for the students to read, call on someone who doesn't have a book.

When you hand out pencils, make sure they're dull and don't have erasers.

When you hand out books, make sure they're torn and tattered.

When preparing the students for a test, write all the information they'll need to know on the board.

Then stand in front of the board so they can't see what you've written.

As soon as you've finished discussing the test information, turn quickly and erase the board.

On the last day of school, hand out a surprise final exam.

Tell your students if they flunk it, they'll have to attend summer school—

and if they flunk summer school, they'll have to repeat the grade.

Tell them you hope they all flunk because you like them so much and you wish they could be your students again next year.

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