

No Talking Andrew Clements

1. How did Dave Packer get out of giving his oral report on India?
When called on he began coughing until the teacher told him to go get a drink and give his report another time.
2. What did Gandhi have to do with Dave not talking?
While researching his report on India, Dave read that one day each week Gandhi was silent to bring order to his mind.
3. What were the rules of the boys vs. girls no talking contest?
No talking except to answer grownups questions. The answer must be no more than 3 words. The contest will last 2 days.
4. What nickname did the 5th grade class have because they talk so much and so loudly?
Unshushables
5. The principal, Mrs. Hiatt, tried every day to quiet the 5th grade. What tool did she use to get their attention?
A red bullhorn
6. Who talked first in the cafeteria on Day 1 of the contest?
The boys – a boy spoke 4 words thus 4 points for the girls in an argument over a popsicle.
7. At recess there were plenty of slip ups. What did Dave and the boys do when they realized that sounds didn't count as words? What did the girls do?
The boys began whistling. The girls began making shrieks, yells, and squeals.
8. Mrs. Marlow, the science teacher, was frustrated with the quiet and the 3 word answers. How did she find out what was really going on?
Mrs. Marlow caught Lynsey and Dave passing notes that mentioned points and boys vs. girls. She figured the rest out by herself.
9. In music class, Mrs. Aker got her explanation of the competition in 3 word spurts. How did she still have the students work on their songs for the Thanksgiving program?
Being a good sport, she had them clap to the rhythm and hum along.
10. How did the reading teacher, Mr. Burton, make the reading class fun after he figured out what was going on?
He had them read a short story aloud, each person reading 3 words at a time. Then they made up their own story using 3 word sentences as they went around the room.
11. Dave and Lynsey wrote notes to each other in Mr. Burton's class legally. What was their head to head bet and the prize?

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The bet was no talking with the winner getting to write a big "L" on the loser's forehead in permanent magic marker.

12. When Mrs. Hiatt called the 5th graders to the auditorium the next morning. What did she have Dave and Lynsey do?
They lead their class in the Pledge of Allegiance.
13. What did Mrs. Hiatt tell the students about the contest?
Mrs. Hiatt told them the contest was over.
14. When the 5th graders returned to class they continued not to talk or answer in 3 words. What did the teachers do?
The teachers, each on their own, decided a quiet, orderly class was good and not worth arguing about.
15. The students sang in music class. Why was that okay?
The students agreed that singing was not talking.
16. When Mrs. Hiatt returned from a meeting, it was lunchtime. Why did she get so angry in the cafeteria?
The students were not talking. She was so angry she tried to bully Dave into talking.
17. What did Dave yell at Mrs. Hiatt when she screamed at him to talk?
He shouted, "You have the right to remain silent." He then sat down and folded his arms across his chest.
18. All the students folded their arms like Dave. Mrs. Hiatt left the cafeteria. Then what did a student do?
One student started to clap, all the other students followed, clapping and cheering loudly.
19. Dave was called from the cafeteria to the principal's office. What happened there?
Dave blurted out he was sorry immediately but Mrs. Hiatt said she was the one that was sorry for showing her anger.
20. What did Dave ask Mrs. Hiatt to do?
He asked her to join the no talking group.
21. Mrs. Hiatt and Dave returned to the cafeteria. What did they do there?
The both apologized to the students in 3 word sentences.
22. At the end of the contest, who won?
It was a tie – sort of. Lynsey set it up by saying the exact amount of words to make it a tie.