

Class Instructions

Approach: One to one

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Resources: Video

Questions/instructions

You are going to watch a video which shows Mrs Baldwin giving instructions to her class. I want you to imagine that you are a pupil in this class, so you need to listen very carefully to what she is saying.

Play video

Video script: Listen carefully class, while I explain what I want you to do. Those going swimming this afternoon are to get their bags and their togs from the cloakroom. It looks like it might rain so please take your jackets. When you have your togs and jackets I want you to line up in two lines at the school gate. The people who haven't paid there \$1 dollar bus money are to see me before you get your togs. If you're not going swimming because you've got a cold you're to go to Mrs Kingi's room with your storybook and your dictionary.

You probably noticed that one person came into the classroom just as Mrs Baldwin had finished giving the instructions. Imagine that you have been asked to tell that pupil what the teacher said. What did Mrs Baldwin say?

Prompt: Anything else?

Indicated that there are different instructions for swimmers and nonswimmers 90 93

Said that swimmers who have not paid bus money need to see the teacher 62 78

Told what further things swimmers needed to do:

get bag 45 42

get togs 93 92

get jacket 63 72

line up in 2 lines 25 39

at the school gate 43 56

4 or 5 of above 21 34

Told what non-swimmers needed to do:

go to Mrs Kingi's room 42 61

take storybook 68 72

take dictionary 67 64

all of the 3 above 28 37

Overall mark (out of 10):

8-10 21 35

4-7 69 61

0-3 10 4



Commentary:

This task was designed to see how well students could extract and repeat details from the instructions given by a teacher. The difference in performance between year 4 and year 8 students was quite small.