

CLASSROOM ENGLISH

GREETINGS (AT THE START OF THE LESSON)

How are you today?
How are things?
How's life ?
Everything all right?

Very well / fine thanks
Not too bad, thanks.
Surviving! Mustn't grumble!
I don't feel too well today.
(I've got a cold /a headache.I feel a bit sick .)

MONDAY MORNING

Did you do anything special /
interesting at the weekend?

No, nothing special , No, not really.
Yes, I went skiing / horse-riding, etc.
(I did some skiing / horse-riding, etc.)
I went to see....
I spent the weekend in..... / at / with

What do / did you think of ?
....Jack's new pullover / the film
on TV last night / the food at the school
canteen etc.

I think it's + adj. / I thought it was + adj.
I love / like / enjoy...
I hate / can't stand / loathe...

CHECKING ATTENDANCE

Let's see, who isn't here.
who's away.
Where's Jack? Is he away or just late?
What's the matter with Jack ?

He's ill. He's in bed with a cold.
I don't know. Maybe he

LATECOMERS

I'm sorry I'm late Ms(*pronunciation* : miz.) / Sir.
I missed the bus.
My alarm didn't go off. / I forgot to set my alarm.

AT THE END OF THE LESSON

What time do you make it John?
I don't think we've got time to....
We'll finish next time.
I'm going to set you some homework.
Put your books away now.

Goodbye !
Bye!
See you on

Have a nice weekend !
Are you doing anything special this afternoon ?

ORGANIZING / GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

DIRECT COMMANDS

Settle down quickly!
Do hurry up! / be quick
(Shake a leg / Get a move on !)
Don't make so much noise!
Stop talking/ fidgeting
/ chatting/ daydreaming.
Try and find out who / where / why...
Read out the instructions please.
Give out these worksheets.
Hand round these pictures.
Take one and pass them on.
One at a time! Raise your hand!
All together!

REQUESTS

I'd like you to raise your hands
to put your hands up.
Just a bit louder, please!
Could you speak up ?
Would you mind cleaning the board?
/ fetching some chalk?
Whose turn is it to answer?
I want you to listen carefully, please.
Say that again, will you?

Right! Let's hear you !
We are all listening...
I wish you would ...

SUGGESTIONS

It's stuffy in here.
Why don't we have some fresh air?
How about some fresh air?
Why don't you open a window?
I suggest you open a window.

Let's ... Don't let's ... Let's not...

EXPLAINING

I'm going to explain (to you) what we're going to do.

First ... and then , Lastly.....
I'd like you to I want you to
It's necessary to

Could you repeat that please ?
Would you mind explaining that again?

REACTIONS AND COMMENTS BY THE TEACHERS.

Very good! / Well done!
Quite right!
Take your time!
You're nearly there!
Have a go , Don't be shy!
I don't think you've understood the question.
Come on! You can do better than that.

You really should pay more attention / try harder.
We learnt this word / phrase / expression last week.
We came across this expression a couple of days ago.
(not: " ~~we saw~~")
I gave you this word You can't have forgotten it already?
Have a look at...
Check it in your

REQUESTS BY PUPILS

What's the English for...?
How do we say ... in English?
Could you tell me the English word for... ? It's on the tip of my tongue.
How do you spell... ?
I missed the beginning.
Could you repeat it?

Shall I .. / Do you want us to ... ?
Are we supposed to ... ?

Is this right?

Can we say?

Is it alright to say... ?

May I go to the toilet?
Can I come out and sharpen my pencil?/
Can I go and sharpen my pencil in the bin?
Would you mind switching the light on?

Would you mind moving?
Could you move / step aside, please?
Your bag/ the computer is in the way.

AN SOS LIST FOR THE PUPILS

I DIDN'T HEAR

I'm sorry, I didn't hear what you said.
I wasn't listening.
Could you repeat your question?
I beg your pardon?

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

I'm sorry , I don't / didn't understand
What does ... ? ... mean?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA BUT...

What's the English for... ?
Could you give me the English equivalent for ... ?
It's difficult to explain in English.

I UNDERSTOOD BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

I really have nothing to add.
I'm afraid I can't think of anything else to say.
I wanted to say the same as X.

I'M NOT SURE IF I'M RIGHT

Is it correct / all right to say... ?
Would an English person say... ?
Is correct English?

COMMENTING WHAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS JUST SAID

I agree with...
I totally disagree with...
I agree with X up to a certain point but I think that...
Personally , I feel that ...

I really don't see what X means when he says.....

X is right to say .../ completely wrong to say...
What X has just said seems illogical to me.
It doesn't make sense.

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