

Opposite Ollie

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Opposite Ollie did the opposite of everything his teacher said. He was a difficult child. He was hard to get along with, and no one really understood him, not even his parents.

“Do your homework,” the teacher said. Ollie didn’t do his homework. He sat and stared instead.

“Hang up your coat and tie your shoes,” the teacher instructed. He threw his coat on the floor and untied his laces.

“Eat lunch quietly,” the teacher requested. He sang to his hot dog and screamed at his milk.

“Put away your things and clear your desk,” the teacher ordered. He emptied his backpack on his desk and made a big mess.

“Line up for gym,” the teacher demanded. He went and sat down finally instead.

“Please be quiet,” the teacher begged. Ollie told him his life story, in extreme detail.

“Sit in your chair,” the teacher pleaded with him. He sat next to his chair. Then he sat under his chair. After that he stood on his chair. He couldn’t quite tell what the opposite was.

The teacher looked like they might finally give up, but then he had an idea and said, “Be loud, be rude, be lazy, and most of all, don’t follow rules.”

Ollie did the opposite of all that, and the teacher was happy.

The teacher had tricked him!



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 - C. He picks his nose.
 - D. He does the opposite of what he's asked.
2. Which of the following is NOT something Ollie does during the story?
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 - B. Talk to his hot dog
 - C. Throw up his lunch
 - D. Throw his coat on the floor
3. Which of the following IS something Ollie did?
 - A. Fight a zebra
 - B. Told his life story
 - C. Baked a cake
 - D. Eat the class pet
4. Which direction does Ollie have trouble figuring out the opposite of?
 - A. Sitting in his chair
 - B. Lining up for lunch
 - C. Doing his homework
 - D. Tying his shoes
5. How does the teacher finally trick Ollie?
 - A. He does something mean and cruel.
 - B. He threatens to call Ollie's parents.
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