

TEACHER 4 *(to a child waiting outside the door)* No, Timmy. I know we're doing World War 1, but you can't dig a trench in the garden. The reception children might fall in. *(Shuts door and joins the others)*.

TEACHER 1 Uhhhh... I've got a pile of books to mark this weekend. But I want to go and watch my son play football.

TEACHER 2 The head won't be very pleased if you don't get them done. Feedback is her big thing at the moment. You're responsible to the boss.

TEACHER 3 When I was at school, all I ever got was a tick and a grade.

TEACHER 4 Had they invented ticks back then?

TEACHER 3 Ha ha. Anyway, my point is that you've got to put your family first. We encourage parents to support their children – you don't want to be a hypocrite.

TEACHER 5 But if you don't mark the books, nobody else will. If they wait ages for their books to be marked, they've forgotten what they were doing in the first place. It's not the most fun part of the job, but you've got to think of the children. That's who we're here for.

TEACHER 4 I think we're here to make a living. Of course I want the best for the children or I wouldn't be a teacher. But you work to live, you don't live to work. You've got to look after yourself before you look after anyone else.