

## My Teacher Doesn't Get Me!      By Judi Billcliff

"Please don't make me go Mum,  
Don't make me go to school."  
"You have to go to school Ben  
You know that is the rule."

"But I don't like my teacher Mum  
She's.... really.... REALLY RUDE!"  
"Ben will you stop moaning please,  
I'm just not in the mood."

"I've met your teacher Mrs Kent  
And she seems very nice."  
"No, she's not, she's mean Mum,  
Her heart's as cold as ice!"

"She didn't think it was funny  
When I hid the classroom key."  
She says I never stop talking.  
But she just doesn't get me!"

"She even made me stay behind  
While others went for a run,  
She said, "Ben, sit right there  
Until your work is done."

"When I let Lizzie lizard out,  
It was just for a little play.  
Mrs Kent wouldn't like to be alone  
In a glass tank every day!"

"She says it's time for a visit Mum,  
To have a little chat,  
Just, you, me and the principal -  
How do you fancy that?"



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- Why do we need rules?
- Do we have too many rules at home?
- Do we have too many rules at school?
- What rules would you get rid of at home?
- What new rules would you make at school?
  
- What are some good words that would describe Ben?
- Do you think the teacher doesn't 'get' Ben?
- Or do you think the teacher understands Ben perfectly?
- What could the teacher and Ben do to get along better?
  
- What does the last verse in the poem mean?
  
- Find the simile in the poem. What does it mean?
  
- Rewrite verses 4 and 5 with your own examples of Ben getting into trouble.
  
- Act out the meeting with Ben, his mother and the principal.
  
- Give these lizards names. Have fun and be creative.

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