



teachers



Teachers are an ancient and peculiar breed of human being. They possess many unique features and have fascinated scientists for many years. Unlike any other creature, they live exclusively within schools and are very rarely seen outside. Ancient myth tells us that these creatures are allergic to popular culture, although this has not yet been proven.

Diet

Being predominantly vegetarian, teachers' diets tend to consist of exercise books. Therefore, in order to ensure that their diet is a balanced one, teachers need to eat an equal number of English, Maths and Science books. These books provide enough nutrition for the teacher to sustain an active existence and perform their daily tasks and rituals (see habits).



However, there are a minority of teachers who are omnivores. As teachers live and work in a school environment, the easiest source of meat is young children. Being far too tough, chewy and bitter, girls are often safe in this environment. On the other hand, boys are soft, sweet and have an extremely mushy brain (similar in texture to mashed potato). Consequently, the number of boys in primary schools is quickly declining.

Appearance

In order to keep a low profile and avoid unwanted attention from parents, children or the police, teachers dress themselves in old, unfashionable clothes. Many of these clothes will also be torn or ripped due to the fact that teachers need somewhere to take out their frustration with children (see enemies). Their 'uncool' appearance is enhanced further by their remarkably boring haircuts. Scientists have not yet figured out a reason for this - it is possible that it is simply due to poor taste.



Habits

Aside from devouring the odd child or two, teachers have a clear set of daily rituals which they need to fulfil. One of these rituals is to sharpen all of their 'teacher' pencils and break all of the children's pencils. It is believed that this is so that they can then make smug comments to those children who do not have a fully functioning pencil. Another bizarre ritual of the teacher is a strange form of laughing yoga. They look through children's exercise books (the ones they haven't already eaten) and literally 'laugh-out-loud' at all of the spelling mistakes in them. This exercising of their facial muscles allows them to maintain flexibility in their face; they can then perform every range of facial expression from ecstatic to beyond furious.



Enemies

Even though they can provide a vital source of protein, children are the arch enemies of teachers everywhere. Since the dawn of time children and teachers have been locked in a battle of wits (or sometimes a lack of them) with the very pupils they try to teach. These battles are often played out through underhand tactics. Children deliberately antagonise teachers through ignorant questions, touching things with messy hands or even - in the very worst cases - inflicting huge punishment on the teacher's nostrils by passing wind! Teachers retaliate by setting lots of homework, handing out detentions or simply gobbling up the child.



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BLUE	
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PURPLE	
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Technical (or subject-specific) words
Facts
Sub-headings
Present tense
Title
Formal language
Introduction