



## More excuses

David Mortimore Baxter often made up excuses to avoid telling the truth. He listed them in a book. Here are some more potential problems David might face. Imagine you are David and write excuses in a similar style to that which he uses in his book.

### At home

- Broken window
- Muddy footprints on the carpet
- No biscuits left in the pantry
- Excessive mobile phone bill

### At school

- Messy work
- Paint on the school uniform
- Overdue library books
- Passing notes in class

### Parent-teacher interview

Imagine David's habit of making up excuses has been causing problems both at home and at school. Ms Stacey has asked David's parents to come to school to discuss his excuse-making, its effect on David and his classmates, and the consequences which may need to be applied if it continues.

Write the dialogue of a conversation between David's teacher and his parents.

Share your finished work with some of your friends and arrange to role play the imaginary parent-teacher interview for the rest of the class.

\*Notes may be downloaded and printed for regular classroom use only.

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## Other people's responses

Put yourself in other people's shoes. How do you think they feel when David gives them a lame excuse? Express what is going on in their minds by filling in these thought bubbles.

