It's the first day back at school, and Gemma and Jack don't agree about their teachers ...

Do the preparation exercise first. Then watch the video and follow the instructions to practise your speaking.

Preparation
Match the vocabulary with the definitions and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1. awful  
2. No way!  
3. strict  
4. loads (informal)  
5. embarrassing  
6. brilliant

a. excellent  
b. a lot  
c. really bad  
d. doesn’t let anyone break the rules  
e. That’s impossible!  
f. making you feel stupid or confused in front of other people

1. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Gemma and Jack both had good holidays. True False
2. Jack enjoyed his French lesson. True False
3. Gemma thinks Madame Martin is a good teacher. True False
4. Jack doesn’t like speaking French. True False
5. Jack is happy with his maths teacher. True False
6. Jack hates Mr Greenwood. True False
7. Jack changes his mind about Mr Greenwood when he talks to Gemma. True False
8. Jack and Gemma both like Miss McCloud. True False
2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box.

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Gemma: Hi Jack!
Jack: Oh, hi Gemma!
Gemma: How was your 1 ____________________________?
Jack: Yeah, good thanks … and yours?
Gemma: Yeah, great! How’s your first day back at school going?
Jack: Oh ... OK. Just had French. It 2 ____________________________.
Gemma: Oh, yeah? Who’s 3 ____________________________?
Jack: Madame Martin.
Gemma: Oh, she’s 4 ____________________________! I like Madame Martin.
Jack: No 5 ____________________________. She makes us speak French all 6 ____________________________.
Gemma: Yeah! She’s strict but you learn 7 ____________________________ in her classes.
Jack: Hmmm, I see what you mean, but it’s so 8 ____________________________! And I don’t understand her.
Gemma: That’s because she’s speaking French, Jack! And who’s your maths teacher?
Jack: Mr Thomas. He’s 9 ____________________________.
Gemma: Really?! I’ve got Mr Greenwood. He explains everything 10 ____________________________.
Jack: Yeah, Mr Greenwood’s OK, but he gives so 11 ____________________________! I prefer Mr Thomas.
Gemma: OK, well Mr Greenwood’s my favourite.
Jack: OK, let’s agree 12 _____________________________. Who have you got for science?
Gemma: Miss McCloud. She’s a 13 ____________________________ and she’s so nice.
Jack: Yeah, I agree 14 ____________________________ there.
Gemma: I can’t believe it! Finally you agree with me!
Jack: Whatever!
3. Check your understanding: multiple selection

Which replies are possible? For each question, tick (✓) five possible answers.

1. How was your summer holiday?

| ... | Yeah, definitely. | ... | Great, thanks. |
| ... | Good, thanks. | ... | Not really. |
| ... | Mmm, it was all right. | ... | He was nice. |
| ... | Amazing! | ... | Awful. |

2. He's my favourite.

| ... | Really?! | ... | Is he?! |
| ... | Yeah, mine too. | ... | Me neither. |
| ... | I don't think so. | ... | Yeah! I like him too. |
| ... | No way! | ... | When? |

3. She's strict but you learn loads in her classes.

| ... | Why not? | ... | Yeah, I see what you mean. |
| ... | No. | ... | But she makes you speak French all the time! |
| ... | Yeah, I see your point. | ... | Yeah, but it's so embarrassing! |
| ... | Let's agree. | ... | That's true. |

4. Miss McCloud's a brilliant teacher.

| ... | I know! I love her! | ... | Do you like her? I'm not sure. |
| ... | It's OK. | ... | Yes, she is! |
| ... | Yeah, I agree with you there. | ... | Finally, we agree about something! |
| ... | It was awful. | ... | Don't worry. |

**Discussion**

Who's your favourite teacher? Tell us your opinion and why you like them.