

# Garbage

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Funny how \_\_\_\_\_ Pronoun \_\_\_\_\_ can always tell when \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ laughing behind your back. Jodie hadn't really heard anything, maybe a whisper, but when she turned \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb \_\_\_\_\_, the girls in the back row of the class were looking at her, trying to hide smiles and \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_. She looked back at her teacher. Mr Swales was talking about what people do all day. He also \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ to find out what his students wanted to be when they grew up. He called on Billy Mitzer first.

"My daddy \_\_\_\_\_ Determiner \_\_\_\_\_ in a bank," Billy Mitzer said. "I \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Non 3rd Person Singular Present \_\_\_\_\_ I want to work in a bank too. There's lots of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ in the bank."

"My parents have a grocery store," Emmy DiSalvo said. "\_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ behind the counter and Mama keeps the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ register. But I want to be an \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ pilot."

Jodie liked it when Mr Swales \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ Determiner \_\_\_\_\_ like this. He was about to \_\_\_\_\_ Verb \_\_\_\_\_ on Jodie when the girls in the back row \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ out laughing.

Shirley Danes yelled, "Jodie's Daddy is a garbageman! Pee-yoo!"

Everybody in the class \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb \_\_\_\_\_ out loud. Everybody except Jodie, that is. She felt her face turn bright red.

She looked around the whole \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone was \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense \_\_\_\_\_. Some kids were even holding their noses.

Jodie \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ at Mr Swales. He was angry. He almost never \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_, but now he did.

"Silence! I want everybody quiet this instant."

The laughter stopped immediately. The sound of cars and people going by out on the street came through the windows. "You should be ashamed of yourselves," Mr Swales said. "Being a garbageman...I mean, er, uhm...a Sanitation Engineer, is a difficult and enormously useful job. We should all be grateful to Mr. Harris. Where would we be without him? Up to our ears in garbage, that's where. How would you like that?"

"Pee-yoo!" somebody said. A few kids started laughing again.

"It's not funny," Mr. Swales went on. "Garbage is a serious matter. I think you all owe Jodie an apology. And after that, you're all going to write Jodie's father, Mr Harris, a nice letter to tell him how much you appreciate what he does for all of us. In other words, keeping our city clean."

