UNIT 4

Lifelong Learning

LESSON 1 **What Makes a Good Educator?**

READING

A **Read the article quickly, then write the name of the person who appreciates teachers for the following qualities.**

What makes a great teacher according to students?

From the perspective of a school administrator, a great teacher is one who keeps the students in line, produces good grades from them, and knows how to manage their classroom without outside help. But what about in the eyes of a student? We asked students to send in their thoughts, and how they responded might surprise you.

Amy, Scottdale, AZ

As I was thinking back on my previous years of school, I thought about the teachers that made an impression on me—the ones that stood out from all the rest. It was the teachers that demonstrated an interest in what I was doing. They would ask me what plans I had for the future and encourage me to pursue my dreams. I felt like these were teachers who could almost be friends. I understand not all teachers are like that, and I don't think you need to be like that to effectively teach, but this quality made me remember them so well, and it has inspired me to be like that in life.

Ricardo, Medford, OR

I was never very good at writing in school. I always had a little bit of anxiety when teachers returned my papers, because I knew there would be plenty of remarks, and not the kind that make you feel good. But my 11th grade English teacher did something that I certainly wasn't used to. He made a point of marking the lines of writing in which I had done well. He would write a simple

"Good job!" next to a sentence or a section of writing. Of course, that really just happened here and there. In general, he gave me lots of other comments that were a bit more critical in nature. But because he told me what I was doing right, I had something to go on, and my writing has improved ever since.

Vera, Santa Clara, CA

It's funny, but as students, we don't want our teachers to have favorite students. However, I think it's definitely true that students have favorite teachers! Anyway, my favorite teachers were the ones who seemed like normal human beings. I don't mean that to sound unfair. It's just that I've had a few teachers who were focused on giving their lessons, getting us to think and talk about the materials, and having us do well on our exams. What I mean is those teachers who would share personal stories with us and just take some time in class to make jokes and have a good time. It was clear that they really enjoyed being around us, which made us feel good about ourselves. And it took some of the typical boredom out of the class as well.

1 This person enjoys teachers who show a bit of their personality in the classroom. _____
2 This person thinks a great teacher is one who remembers to give positive feedback. _____
3 This person believes great teachers are curious about the lives of their students. _____

B **Look back at the text and choose the correct options.**

1 Amy feels that effective teachers ...
   a have to take an interest in their students.
   b don't have to ask students about their future plans.
   c should try to be friends with their students.
2 How did Ricardo feel before he would get his papers back?
   a depressed
   b angry
   c nervous
3 What is true about Ricardo's 11th grade English teacher?
   a He had lots of good things to say about Ricardo's writing.
   b He hardly ever said positive things about Ricardo's writing.
   c He helped Ricardo improve his writing in a simple way.

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GRAMMAR

A **Choose *Past Perfect* or *Past Perfect Progressive*.**

Rules:

1 Which tense do we use to describe an action in progress for a period up to a moment in the past? **Past Perfect / Past Perfect Progressive**

2 Which tense do we use to describe a completed action that happened before a particular moment in the past? **Past Perfect / Past Perfect Progressive**

Example sentences:

3 John didn't ask the lecturer any questions until she *had finished* her lecture. **Past Perfect / Past Perfect Progressive**

4 *Had* you already *written* your thesis by the time you completed a year of grad school? **Past Perfect / Past Perfect Progressive**

5 When the teacher asked the class about the day's lesson, she realized they *hadn't been listening*. **Past Perfect / Past Perfect Progressive**

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