

## Poems about Teachers

You see your teachers every day at school, but what are they like outside the classroom? What do they like doing? Are they actually just like other people? These poems by Peter Dixon and Kenn Nesbitt discuss what teachers' lives might be like when pupils aren't watching...

### Where Do All The Teachers Go?

Where do all the teachers go  
When it's four o'clock?  
Do they live in houses  
And do they wash their socks?

- 5 Do they wear pyjamas  
And do they watch TV?  
And do they pick their noses  
The same as you and me?

Do they live with other people

- 10 Have they mums and dads?  
And were they ever children  
And were they ever bad?

I'll follow one back home today

I'll find out what they do

- 15 Then I'll put it in a poem  
That they can read to you.

An abridged extract from the original poem by Peter Dixon.



### Our Teacher's a Football Fanatic

Our teacher's a football fanatic.  
It's all that he has on his mind.  
He listens to games on his headphones,  
and frets when his team is behind.

- 5 He jumps up and down when they're winning.  
He screams when they fumble\* a pass.  
We know we're supposed to be reading,  
but watching him's simply a gas\*.

Our principal\* walked in on Friday,  
10 and he was too angry to speak.  
Our substitute started on Monday.  
Our teacher's been benched for a week.

Kenn Nesbitt

#### Glossary

fumble — mess up  
simply a gas — really fun  
principal — head teacher

- 1 Which two words rhyme in the second verse of Dixon's poem?

1 mark

- 2 How does the narrator in Dixon's poem intend to learn about teachers' lives?

1 mark

- 3 Why do you think Dixon's poem contains so many questions?

1 mark

- 4 What does the word "frets" mean in line 4 of Nesbitt's poem? Circle one.

a. shouts      b. worries      c. sulks      d. cries

1 mark

- 5 Summarise what happens in the final verse of Nesbitt's poem.

2 marks

- 6 What do you think both of these poems are trying to tell you about the lives of teachers outside school?

2 marks

- 7 Which poem do you prefer? Explain your answer.

2 marks

Total  
out of 10