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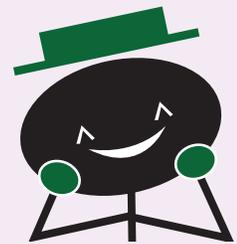
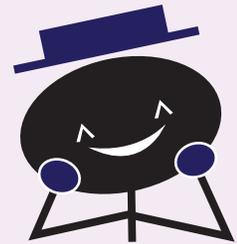
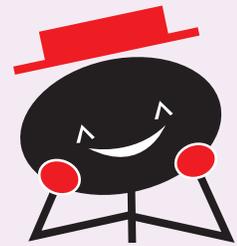
## Teacher Appreciation

### 1. *Sing-Along and Read-Along with Me*

Our teachers dedicate their lives to helping us. They love to educate their students selflessly.

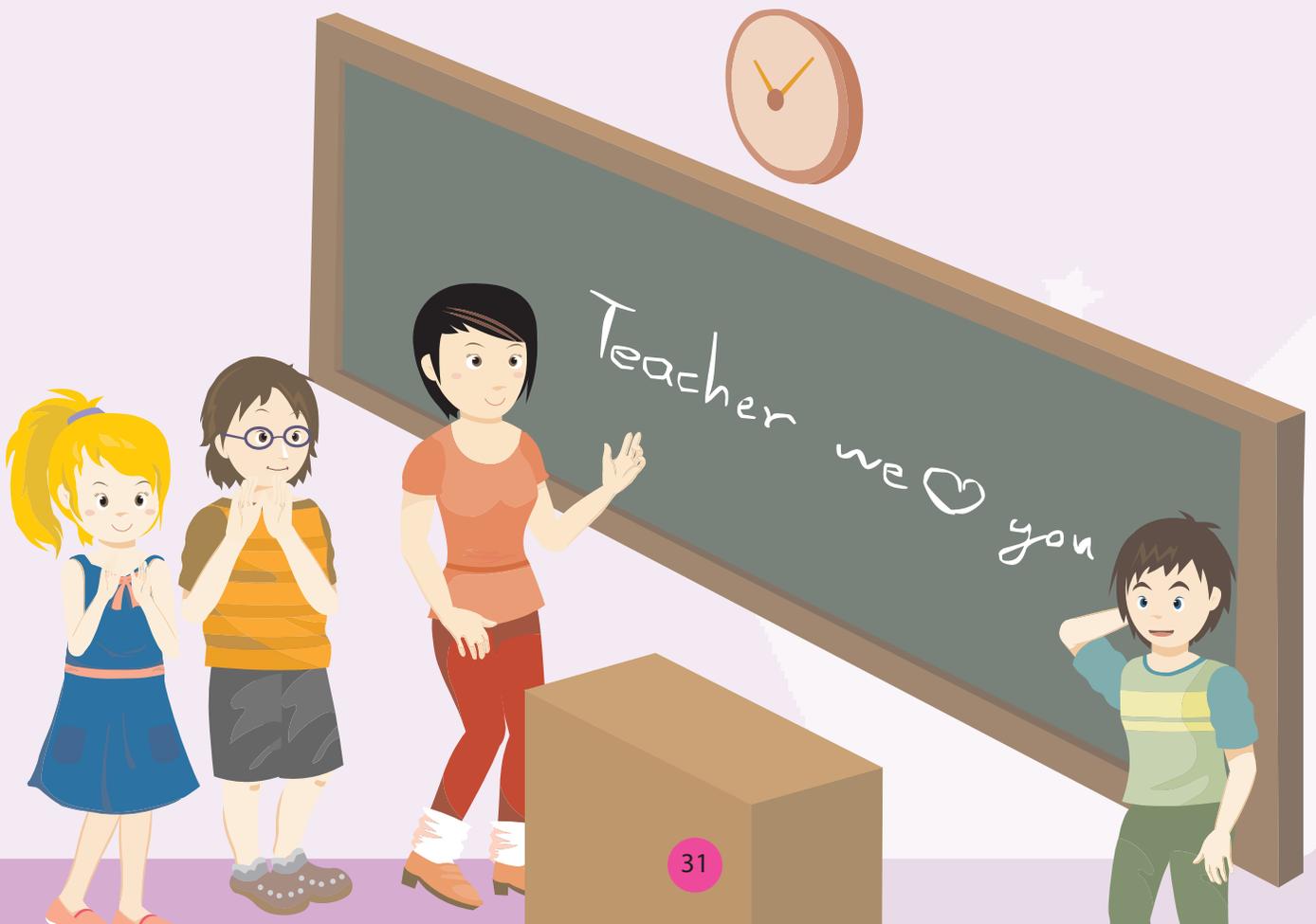
They help us to succeed and do great things in life without expecting anything in return.

The meaning of life is the process of learning. Teachers are your guide. Learn humbly and with dedication. Be thankful for your teacher!



It's a teacher's job to  
train a country's future.  
Without good teachers,  
our country would fail.

Teachers deserve respect.  
We should honor them all.  
Promote Teachers' Day  
to honor your teacher!



## 2. Vocabulary and Sentences

	English	Sample Sentences
1.	Dedicate	In this context, to “dedicate” means to devote oneself to a particular purpose or cause.
2.	Educate	To teach; inform
3.	Selflessly	In a way that places the interests of others before one’s own interests
4.	Process	A course of action intended to achieve a result
5.	Guide	In this context, a “guide” is someone who shows the way by leading and advising.
6.	Humbly	In a humble manner; in a way marked by meekness or modesty
7.	Train	To prepare others for jobs or tasks
8.	Deserve	To be worthy, usually of a reward
9.	Honor	To show respect toward someone or something
10.	Promote	To contribute to the progress, growth, or knowledge of something

### 3. Grammar Section

#### Gerunds

A gerund is a verb that ends in *-ing*. It is also a word that functions as a noun and expresses an action or a state of being. For example:

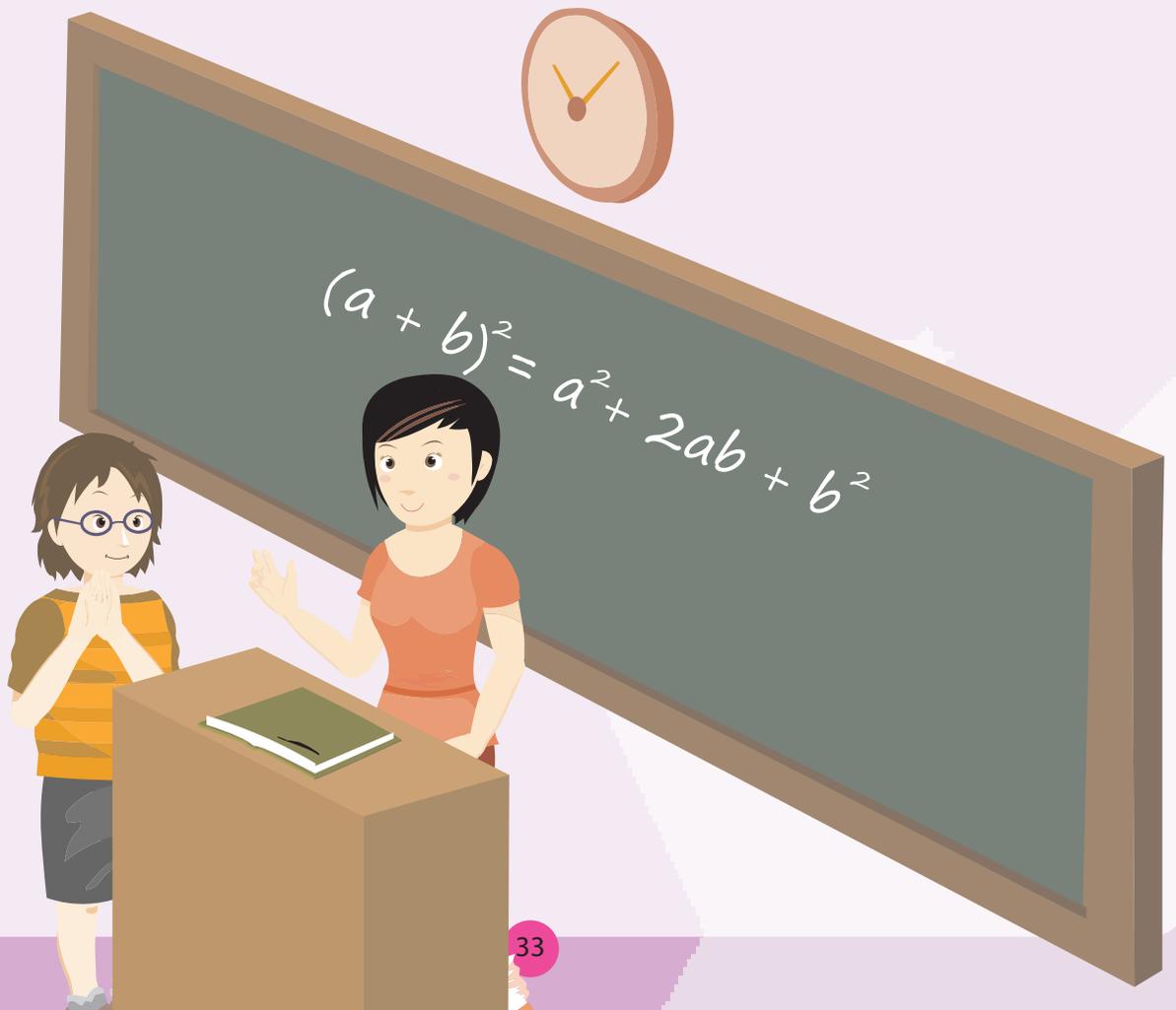
- *Learning* from our teachers is so much fun!

Often gerunds are the objects of a preposition since they act and function like nouns. For example:

- We talked about *organizing* the meeting on Tuesday.

In a negative sentence, 'not' goes before the gerund. For example:

- When *not attending* school, you should always call in advance to get your homework.



## 4. Conversation

Emily: Mrs. Sutter, I'd like to be a teacher when I grow up.

Mrs. Sutter: It's great to hear that, Emily! We're going to need smart students like you to educate the next generation. Why have you decided to become a teacher?

Emily: I've always admired you, and all of my other teachers. You dedicate yourselves to us so selflessly.

Mrs. Sutter: Of course we do, Emily. Students deserve devoted teachers. After all, the meaning of life is the process of learning. It's our job to be your guides.

Emily: You train us to face our future for hours each day! That takes dedication. All students—and parents—should respect and honor you!

Mrs. Sutter: If you learn humbly, that is honor enough.

Emily: Well, at the very least, teachers deserve a special day of the year.

Mrs. Sutter: Actually, we have one. Teachers' Day is next week. Will you and your friends promote it?

Emily: Of course we will!

Mrs. Sutter: Okay, Emily. Have a great weekend!

## 5. Exercise

### 1. Conversation Quiz

1. What would Emily like to be when she grows up?
2. Why does Mrs. Sutter think that is a great idea?
3. Why does Emily want to pursue that career?
4. According to Mrs. Sutter, what is the meaning of life?
5. According to Emily, what do teachers deserve?

### 2. Fill in the Blanks

Earlier, we talked about how gerunds are commonly the objects of prepositions. In this exercise, you have to decide what preposition to use with the gerund to fill in the blanks. The first one is done for you!

1. Nancy wasn't at all excited about (dance) dancing at the party.
2. Joe kept her \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) \_\_\_\_\_ so she wouldn't be sad.
3. You are accustomed \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) \_\_\_\_\_ your work.
4. Samantha told Yuki \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
5. The cook was accused \_\_\_\_\_ (take) \_\_\_\_\_ money out of the register.

### 3. Teacher Appreciation

Make something for your teacher using the supplies your teacher will give you to show how much you care. Try using some of the vocabulary words from below.

1. Dedicate
2. Educate
3. Selflessly
4. Process
5. Guide
6. Humbly
7. Train
8. Deserve
9. Honor
10. Promote

