



Interview insights

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Interviewee	Alinde De Zwaan Ifionu
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During the user interview, I was an observer, the participant is Alinde De Zwaan Ifionu, a 42-year-old teacher from Puten, The Netherlands. Alinde has been working as a primary school teacher for 20 years and has extensive experience in teaching children from 1st to 4th grade.

Alinde's work schedule consists of four days a week, with a total of 8 hours per day. Her typical day starts at 9:00 in the morning, where she begins by engaging in conversations with the students to see how they are doing. Then, they move on to the subject of mathematics until 10:15, followed by a break. After the break, lessons resume until 12:00, when it's time for lunch. In the afternoon, from 1:00 to 3:00, Alinde teaches various subjects, including sports activities and extracurricular activities such as singing. Every Friday, the students participate in sports activities for 1 hour and 30 minutes. If the sports teacher is absent, Alinde steps in to organize the sports classes, although she doesn't regularly teach sports lessons.

Alinde mentioned that the sports classes can be quite loud, particularly during football and group sports. However, when the kids play in smaller groups, the noise level tends to be lower. Despite the loud noise, Alinde is not bothered by it. To manage the noise in the classroom, she uses a system with traffic light stickers. By showing the students the

stickers in different colors corresponding to a traffic light, Alinde can control the noise level. For example, when the light is red, the students tend to concentrate more and make less noise. Alinde finds this traffic light system effective in maintaining a quieter classroom. Additionally, Alinde used to wear a smartwatch during lessons.

When asked if she would consider wearing a smartwatch to monitor the sound levels in the working environment, Alinde responded positively, stating that it would be very helpful. She mentioned that controlling the noise level is challenging with children aged 4-6 years old, as they tend to make louder noises. However, it is easier to control the noise with children aged 9-10 years old.



Key Quote: "The traffic light system works really well to keep the kids quiet."

Key Takeaways:

1. Alinde is an experienced primary school teacher working with children from 1st to 4th grade.
2. She follows a schedule where she engages with students, teaches various subjects, and incorporates sports and extracurricular activities.
3. Sports classes, especially football and group sports, can be louder compared to other activities.
4. Alinde manages classroom noise using a traffic light sticker system, which effectively helps in controlling noise levels.
5. She used to wear a smartwatch during lessons and would consider wearing one to monitor sound levels in the working environment.
6. Controlling noise is more challenging with younger children (4-6 years old) compared to older children (9-10 years old).