

## STUDY - Daydreamer

### TRANSCRIPT

I wasn't a particularly good student at school and I **didn't get on very well**. They say that teachers are never good students so **I guess** in my case that was true. I didn't **misbehave** or anything like that. The problem was I used to **daydream** a lot. I think the reason was I had very **bad eyesight** when I was a child but nobody realised. I sat at the back of the class with my friends but I couldn't see the **blackboard**. In those days we had **blackboards**, obviously today we have **whiteboards** and **projectors**, so I didn't learn very much and I **lost interest**. Some **kids** were always **putting their hand up** to ask and answer questions. We call this type of **pupil** the '**teacher's pet**'. This definitely wasn't me. When the teacher asked a question I was usually looking out of the window thinking of playing football or becoming an **astronaut**.

Also, I was very **easily distracted** by my classmates. My best friends at school loved **messing around** but they were also very clever. When **I was still trying** to finish my work, my friends **had already finished** theirs, so they started **messing about** and trying to **distract** me! Then I **got into** trouble with the teacher because they **had finished** and I **hadn't**! It wasn't very fair because I **got told off** because of something my friends **had done**! I didn't like the teachers very much either. There were a couple of teachers I quite liked but the rest were pretty boring and they were often **very strict**. I don't think they liked their job very much, they didn't seem to enjoy it. The teachers who were more **easy-going** tended to be more interesting, so the **pupils** **respected** them more and they **got on with** their work.

**The funny thing now is** I love studying and learning things, although I don't really enjoy sitting in a classroom. I prefer to learn from things around me and **find things out for myself** so I think the ability to **learn by yourself** and **think for yourself** is a much better way to see if someone is a good student or not.

## VOCABULARY

*I didn't get on well at school* – I didn't get good grades, I didn't learn much

*I guess* – I think, believe, feel

*misbehave* – a child acting badly

*daydream* – spend time thinking about more interesting things rather than focusing on work

*bad eyesight* – poor vision so have to use glasses or contact lenses

*lose interest* – find something boring

*kids* – children

*teacher's pet* – a pupil who does everything to please the teacher

*astronaut* – someone who travels into space

*easily distracted* – lose concentration/focus very quickly

*mess around/about* – act in a silly way for fun

*strict* – severe, disciplined, hard

*easy-going* – relaxed, friendly, laid back

*pupils* – students of school age, below 16 years old

*get on with something* – continue without being distracted by anything else

*the funny thing is* – the strange, unusual or interesting fact is

*find things out for myself* – discover without anyone's help

*learn by yourself* – learn alone

*think for yourself* – develop your own opinions without other people telling you what to think

## GRAMMAR

### Past perfect and past simple

*I got told off because of something my friends **had done***

(My friends did something wrong first, then I got told off by the teacher)

use the **past perfect** to talk about a past event that happened before another past event

the **past perfect** shows that these two events did not happen at the same time and there may be no connection between them

use had + past participle to form the **past perfect**