



Classroom Rebel by Paul Goodwin - Setting the Scene

In this reminiscence, a teacher in an inner-city school encounters an intriguing student.

Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

I used to teach maths
My student – let's call him Jack
Little less disruptive
Handed in his homework
Seldom good
Hard questions
I kept my own counsel
On one occasion
Particularly boisterous
Held them back
It will be detention
The other lad left but Jack loitered by the door
Mrs Platts
Exactly
Police and social services that is
On remand
A tag
Just before the bell
Paper aeroplane directly at me, bold as brass
The exercises I set him
I dropped it straight into the bin
On a hunch
His year group
The usual standard
About a week later
At the end of the detention period
Newly completed workbook