



Brad's Backpack

Every morning, each student in Mr. Lin's class put his or her backpack into a cubby. That is, everyone except for Brad. He had a habit of dropping his backpack on the floor by the classroom door. Every day, Mr. Lin asked him to put it away. Every day, Brad didn't listen.

One morning, Brad dropped his backpack on the floor as usual. He sat down at his desk. He wondered when Mr. Lin was going to see that he had done it again. A few minutes into class, Nikki raised her hand. Mr. Lin called on her.

Nikki said, "I feel sick." She added, "Can I go to the nurse?"

Then Nikki jumped up covering her mouth. She ran for the garbage can next to the door. She didn't make it. Nikki threw up all over the floor—and all over Brad's backpack.

The next morning, Brad walked to the back of the classroom. He put his new backpack into a cubby.

