



## Entrance Exam Sample

Read the following article and discuss whether you agree or disagree with the writer?

### Qualities of a Great Teacher

Are great teachers born or made? This is a question that many new teachers have asked themselves over the years as they question their own abilities. The truth is that each individual who decides to become a teacher can become truly great if they set their minds to it, find great role models, and work hard each and every teaching day to get better. No teacher is perfect. Even teachers who you might think are great make mistakes. Your goal should not be perfection, but improvement. The following list shows eight qualities that make up a great teacher. The best teachers strive to improve in these qualities as they go about their daily teaching career.

#### **1. Love and understanding of children**

The love that is spoken of here is one of principle. This love is not the same as the love for someone who loves us or the love of an object because of its beauty. In fact, it is easy to love children who have good manners and are happy and involved. The real task for the teacher is to love students who are not as "lovable." They might be mean, sullen, even deceitful. If a teacher is able to find a way to love and understand this child, there might be a way to help him or her thrive. The best way to gain this sort of love is to learn more about the child. They are the way they are because of everything that has happened in their life. Once you can love all children, then you can set them free. Your class can become a haven for learning



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I rarely have a chance to talk to other teachers about a new idea; we're all so busy. Recently, another teacher at my school asked me if I would like to come and observe some of her classes, and in exchange she would observe some of mine. At first I was a bit nervous, but then I thought, 'This is what I have been waiting for!' It's been one of the best things I've done and I definitely feel I have a buddy at work now.

*Kinfe*

I don't really mind when another teacher comes in to my class to observe my lesson. It's a great way to get new ideas about how to teach a particular point or handle a situation I usually find awkward or difficult. But I do feel as though our privacy is being invaded. I mean, I feel I have a certain rapport with my learners, and my classes have a positive atmosphere. When an outsider enters our classroom, there is always a chance that the special atmosphere we have created will be upset.

*Tomek*

Observing other teachers is something I began to do many years ago. At the very beginning I think I tended to be rather critical and constantly see the lesson in comparison to the way I think I'd teach it. But the more I did it, the better I became at it. Doing observations well is definitely something that takes some practice, but you can gain a lot from them, if you're willing to put in the effort.

*Masaaki*