

THE STUFF TEACHERS ARE MADE OF

Teachers in today's age of science and technology should not be taken for granted. After all, they pass their knowledge on to us, which is definitely not an easy task, especially if you teach a class full of pupils, who would rather do anything but sit in a classroom and receive information on the subject you have studied for years. We should be so lucky. There are still many children on this planet that do not even know what a notebook is. But in a socialized world like ours that is hard to imagine.

In general, we all have the same ideals about what our teachers should consist of; beside flesh and blood of course. We want a dedicated person, someone who loves his/her profession, really wants to learn us a particular subject and does not just write the facts on the blackboard and say: "This is what you need to learn and there is no reason why you should not." Furthermore, we want an honest human being that easily draws our attention and makes those forty-five minutes real fun. It is important that a teacher has charisma in order to attract listeners, otherwise it is hard to keep them active during the lesson.

However, these are just images in our heads that serve as an example of a perfect teacher. The reality is different, sometimes even cruel. I believe we have all had a teacher who was unfair, bitter, boring or showed some other negative aspects of his/her character, which might also be the cause of some problems, for example a dislike of a particular subject. A sad thing, don't you think? A teacher should bring the subject closer to pupils, instead of creating a hostile atmosphere in which nobody wants to be a participant in the process of learning.

To sum up, teachers are an inevitable part of our lives. They may not always behave, as we would want them to, but they are still our teachers, doing the best they can, even if their best is to make your life totally miserable.