



Changing Schools

A2 – B1

Module 7

Here's What We
Will Be Learning
in this
Presentation:



Summary

- ❑ Learning about changing schools and its effects through two examples.
- ❑ Exercises.

Vocabulary

Terrified: very frightened.

Marvellous: (in this context) extremely good or pleasing; splendid.

Lonely: sad because one has no friends or company.

Introduction

Thousands of children all over the world change their school at least twice before they graduate. How do they deal with moving to a new city, new school, making new friends? Let us see how they managed this through two stories.



Daphne



Daphne's dad dropping her to school.



Daphne woke very early on Monday morning. She couldn't sleep. She could barely eat her breakfast either. Her mum noticed this and asked her, "Are you nervous about the first day of your new school?" Daphne stayed silent, because how could she tell her mother that she wanted to go home, back to her old school. So she just smiled at her mother and said nothing. Her father dropped her to school on his way to work.

Daphne asked to read in class.



She walked into the school, already feeling terrified of the other students. They all seemed to know each other. No one was even looking at her.

Her first class was an English class. The teacher, Mrs. Robinson, was teaching the students how to read. Ms. Robinson looked at Daphne and said, "Daphne, would you like to read the first sentence?" Daphne wanted to hide under the bench!

As she began reading, her hands stopped shaking, she stopped feeling nervous and her voice got louder. This was easy! She knew all the words and didn't make a mistake even once!

Mrs. Robinson praised her and said she was a marvellous reader. Daphne was very happy. The rest of the class were also smiling at her.

She soon made friends, including a best friend, Ben, and was very happy in her new school.

Daphne and Ben walking home after school.



Daphne answering questions in class.



Exercise 1:

Give the meanings (in your own words) and make sentences using the following words:

- 1) Marvellous
- 2) Nervous
- 3) Terrified
- 4) Hide
- 5) Graduate
- 6) Barely

Eric had already been to two different schools in the past nine years. He was changing his school yet again as his mother had been transferred to a new city. He had a great group of friends and a girlfriend in his previous school and he was extremely unhappy to leave them. He hated his new school and classmates and was extremely rude to them.

Eric



Eric's classmates



Eric without any friends.



He wanted to go back to his old school more than anything in the world. He refused to be friendly with any of the students in his class and did not pay any attention to his studies.

He constantly got into fights and was very rude at home as well.

In the end, he spent a lonely 4 years at his new school, graduating without any friends.

Exercise 2:

- 1) Did you ever change schools? If so, why?
- 2) If you suddenly changed schools in the middle of the school year, how would you feel.
- 3) What benefits do you think children get after changing schools?
- 4) How are children affected when they change schools? Explain in 5-6 lines.