



For a moment, it seemed as if the whole room was holding their breath and watching Mrs Gibson. They were waiting for her to explode.

She politely told Ricky to leave the room and they all watched as he swaggered out, closing the door behind him. Then Mrs Gibson did explode — with laughter. Some of the students chuckled. Todd swapped puzzled looks with Sarah. Their old teacher, Mr Jacobs, would have been furious!

"Don't tell Ricky," Mrs Gibson whispered, "but I always wanted to be a clown." She did a silly walk across the room, quietly clucking like a chicken.

**Cluck - cluck- cluck!**

The class laughed hysterically and clapped.

