

Arriving Late To Class

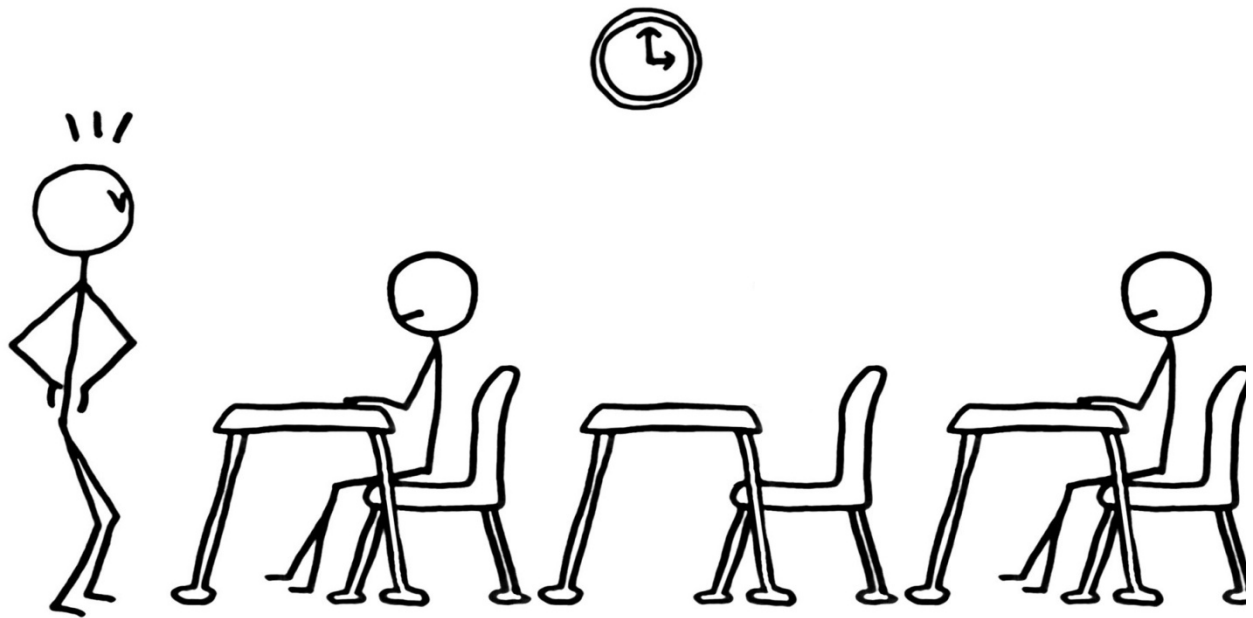
Arriving late to class can be disruptive for your teacher and to other students if the class has already begun. But sometimes you can't avoid being late. In that case, it is important to enter the class properly.

The Story of John and Mr. Galliard

John was a good student in Mr. Galliard's class. He got good grades and got along well with Mr. Galliard and the other students. John was always on time, so when the class started and he wasn't there, Mr. Galliard was very surprised.

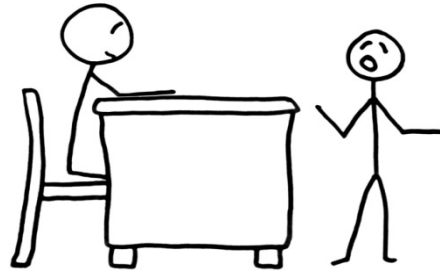
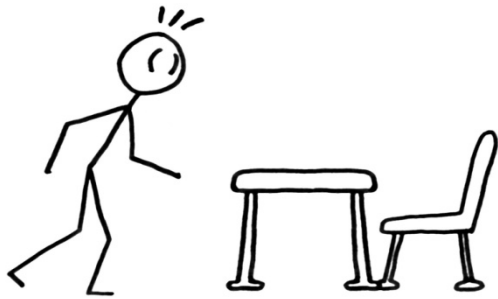
It just so happened that John's locker wouldn't open that day. He had to find a teacher who could help him get his locker open so he could get his books for class, and that made him late.

When John got to class, Mr. Galliard stopped teaching the lesson and waited for John's explanation. But instead of saying anything, John simply walked to his seat and took out his book and tried to join in the lesson.



What Should Happen Now?

What is the best thing for John do when he gets to his class late?

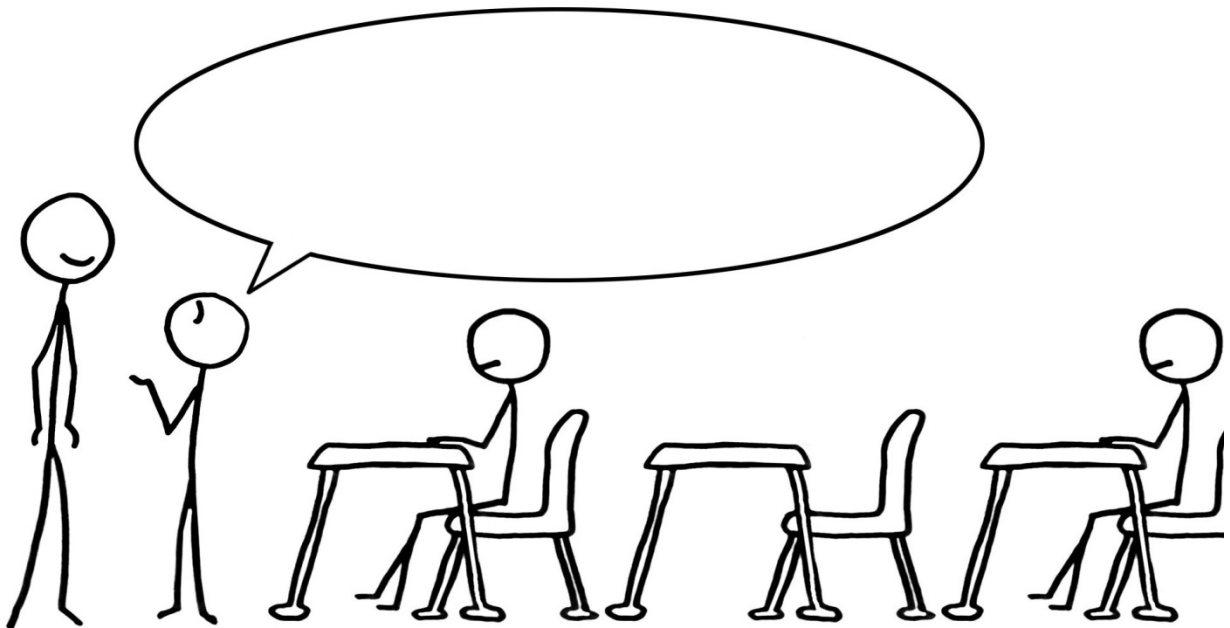


WRONG: John shouldn't say anything to Mr. Galliard. He should just sit down in his seat and open his books and act like he was there all the time and hope no one noticed he was late.

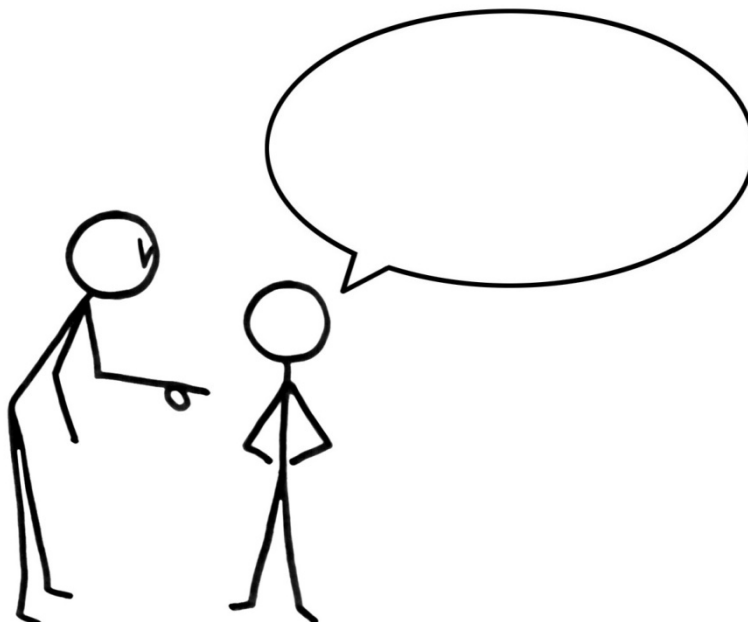
RIGHT: John should apologize to Mr. Galliard for being late, and explain what happened with his locker. Then he should tell Mr. Galliard that he will find out what he missed after class.

Take Another Look:

What else could John have said to show more respect to Mr. Galliard when he entered the classroom late? Write your response in the cartoon.



If you were Mr. Galliard, how would you respond to John entering the classroom late and not giving an explanation? Write your response in the cartoon.



Have you ever enter a classroom late for a good reason? Yes No

What did you say to your teacher?

Did you ever see someone else enter a classroom late and handle the situation properly? Yes No

What did they do? How did the teacher respond?

Do you think it is more respectful to explain when you are late? Yes No