

Common forms of misbehaviour

<i>Most common forms of misbehaviour observed</i>	
<i>Misbehaviour</i>	
excessively noisy talk	38%
non-verbal behaviour not appropriate to tasks	24%
irrelevant talk	23%
inappropriate use of materials/equipment	20%
illicit eating/drinking	12%
movement at the wrong time	11%
fidgiting	9%
provoking laughter (derision, not shared humour)	6%
teacher interrupted (excluding normal exchanges)	5%
physical aggression	2%
damage to materials/equipment	1.5%
disobeying teacher	1.5%
cheating	1.5%
pupil insulted	1.5%
teacher insulted	1%

Source: Wragg, E. C. and Dooley, P. A. (1984) Class management during teaching practice. In E. C. Wragg (ed.) *Classroom Teaching Skills*. London: Croom Helm, pp. 21–46.