

Which communication breakdowns have you experienced?

- ☐ Your teacher says a page number and you are not sure which one she said.
- ☐ Students are getting out books and settling down as the teacher gives directions.
- ☐ A student next to you has allergies and sniffles often throughout the day.
- ☐ Many classes are at a school assembly and you are sitting in the back of the room.
- ☐ You are talking in the hall with a friend as students are going to their classrooms.
- ☐ Daily school announcements come from a wall speaker and voices sound muffled.
- ☐ A student across the room answers a question without raising his voice.
- ☐ Your teacher gave directions but you still don't know what you are supposed to do.
- ☐ You are working in a small group but cannot follow what the others are saying.
- ☐ A student at the next desk coughs as the teacher is giving directions.
- ☐ Your teacher uses a word or term you don't know so you miss a key point.
- ☐ At the end of the school day you are tired and miss more of what is said in class.
- ☐ Your class is learning about tense endings (ed, s) and sometimes you can't tell one from another.
- ☐ Your teacher says a name when she calls on a student but some classmate's names sound alike.
- ☐ Your teacher turns and faces the board as she talks and you don't understand her.
- ☐ Your teacher talks when she is across the room from you and you don't understand.
- ☐ Your teacher has an accent you have a hard time understanding.
- ☐ A student makes a quick comment in class, everybody laughs – but you.
- ☐ Your teacher talks as your class is moving down the hall or in the auditorium.
- ☐ As your teacher reads she often holds the book/paper in front of her face.



I have experienced _____ out of 20 of these situations!

