

*Earth to Kenzie*  
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**"Rules!"**

*Kenzie falls asleep and has a nightmare about returning to school after break. In the nightmare, the Teacher and other students echo Kenzie's biggest fears.*

TEACHER

Passing notes, I see...  
Against the rules!  
How should she be reprimanded, class?  
Silence!  
What's that you say?  
Read the notes out loud?  
What a great idea!  
Ha! Ha!  
Shh! Shh! Class, please!  
Silence!  
Hmmm...  
Gossip is OK, with these new...

STUDENTS

Rules! Rules!  
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Read the note!  
Yes! Rules!  
  
Read the note out loud!  
  
Silence!  
  
Rules!

TEACHER

Let's get started reading  
Kenzie's thoughts.  
It's a game we play:  
failure hide and seek.  
Silence!

STUDENTS

Read them! Here we go!  
  
Ha! Ha!

TEACHER

First one: Why are you wearing your pajamas to school?  
Where is your essay?  
Where is it, Kenzie?  
Why is it late?

KENZIE

I didn't...

TEACHER

Ah, why are you tired?

KENZIE

I'm not tired.

TEACHER and STUDENTS

Why weren't you on the bus, Kenzie?  
Where do you live now, Kenzie?

KENZIE

I don't want to answer that!

TEACHER and STUDENTS

She won't answer!

Why are you being so difficult, Kenzie?

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Can I come over and play?

What did you do over break anyways?

TEACHER and STUDENTS

One, two, three, four, five.

Five, four, three, two, one.