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Text for Section A, an extract from *How to Fool Your Parents* by Pete Johnson

Tuesday February 25th

4.30 p.m.

I'd like to make a full confession.

I, Louis – full name Louis the Laugh – did at approximately 3.45 p.m. today say, 5
'Sir, I am so incredibly sorry and I would like to volunteer for an extra detention'¹
right here, right now.'

Am I ashamed of myself? Totally. But I had no choice. You see, I'm in an
incredibly desperate situation. No, really...Just hear me out.

It was the last lesson of the day, physics. Yawn! It was with Mr Duncan (known to 10
all as Dunky). Double yawn.

Well, I was feeling drowsier and drowsier. But I really only meant to rest my eyes
for a moment. Most unfortunately my head then slipped down onto my chest...

A power nap is the technical term for what happened next. And if Dunky had left 15
me alone, I'd have woken up all refreshed – and ready to learn more. Instead he
hissed down my ear, 'You can't sleep in my class.'

'If you didn't speak so loudly I could,' was what I longed to reply. But I knew this
was a moment which required tact. So I tried to explain that I'd only taken a very
brief power nap.

But he wasn't listening. Instead sarcasm² dripped from him as he creaked, 'I'm 20
very glad you've decided to re-join us. Your contributions to the class are so vital'
– the class all chortled away at this (I never say a word in his lessons) – 'and I
will see you at the end of the lesson to discuss your sleeping arrangements.'

And later I approached Dunky, smiling bravely. He rose up from his desk. He's 25
very tall and immensely thin, with a long but somehow scrunched-up face, a truly
mouldy grey beard and the tiniest eyes you've ever seen – like two little raisins³
glaring down at you.

I had to somehow get on Dunky's good side, as I needed him to do me a
massive favour. A truly hopeless mission you might think, and you'd be right. But 30
I had to achieve the impossible.

That's why, when he announced that I had a double detention tomorrow, I
gushed, 'Thank you so much, Mr Duncan, I so deserve it.'

Then I uttered the words I told you about before and I can't bear to repeat ever again.

And guess what Dunky said after my truly amazing offer. Nothing. He merely pointed a gnarled hand at the desk in front of him. 35

And ever since, I have been sitting here, filling page after page with lines⁴. And I didn't stop once – well, not until he tottered off for a moment.

HOLD UP. He's coming back.

More soon. 40

4.50 p.m.

I proudly took my lines up to Dunky. 'Five and a half pages there,' I said. 'And no hardship at all. Just happy to be here with you.' He hardly even glanced at what I'd written.

So I said, 'I want to assure you, Mr Duncan, your lesson wasn't any more boring than usual. I mean, it wasn't boring at all,' I added hastily. 'In fact, it was fascinating. Especially ...' I tried to remember one thing he'd said and couldn't, so spluttered, 'Well, there were so many highlights I can't pick just one.' Then I smiled winningly at him. 45

Glossary

¹detention: keeping a student in after class or after school as punishment

²sarcasm: using words to mean the opposite of what they usually mean in order to be funny

³raisin: a small dried grape, often used in baking

⁴lines: a school punishment where students must repeatedly copy out one line of text

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