

# JAMIE'S FIRST DAY

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A ten-minute comedy by  
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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

JAMIE, 10-12 years old, girl (or boy).

MOTHER, Jamie's mother.

TEACHER, Mrs. Welcher, called by Jamie "Mrs. Squelch."

CLASS, as many students as you want.

The students with individual lines, who may be male or female (just change the names to a similar name):

KRYSTAL

MARY

CHRIS

DAVID

ELENA

PRINCIPAL, male or female.

OFFICER DOUGLAS, male or female.

DAD, Jamie's Dad, police officer, a non-speaking role.

*(A classroom with desks for students and a desk for the teacher. On far right is a chair and a telephone on a small table that represents Jamie's home. JAMIE and her MOTHER are on stage when the curtain opens. Jamie is carrying a few books.)*

**MOTHER:** How did your first day at your new school go, dear?

**JAMIE:** Great! You see...

*(Jamie walks into the classroom part of the stage, as other students and the TEACHER enter. Jamie is still standing.)*

**TEACHER:** Class, before we begin I just want to say that we are very fortunate to have Jamie Down in our class.

*(Everyone applauds.)*

**JAMIE:** Thank you.

**TEACHER:** Just for being you, I'm giving you seven stars! And what does that mean, class?

**CLASS:** She gets to sit in the special desk!

**TEACHER:** That's right, students. Jamie, please sit in our special desk for students who have earned the most stars.

*(The students take out Kazoos and play the graduation march as one of them escorts Jamie to the special desk.)*

**JAMIE:** Teacher, I really didn't do anything to earn those stars.

**TEACHER:** There you are! Another star for humbleness. Isn't it wonderful that such a perfect student can be so self-effacing?

**KRYSTAL:** What's "self-effacing"?

**TEACHER:** It means that even though she is such a good student she doesn't want to make the rest of you feel bad.

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**MARY:** That's right. Why, I don't mind at all sitting in the Dummy Desk, because I know that no one is as smart as you. Next to you every desk should be a dummy desk.

**MOTHER:** JAMIE!

*(Everyone freezes. Jamie gets up and goes over to her mother.)*

Jamie, you are being ridiculous! How did you day really go?

**JAMIE:** Well...

*(A BELL RINGS.)*

**TEACHER:** Now, let's see, that's everyone, I think.

*(Jamie enters the scene, trips, and drops her books. Students laugh as Jamie gathers up her books.)*

A bit clumsy, aren't you? What's your name?

**JAMIE:** Jamie Down.

**CHRIS:** Jamie Falls Down.

**JAMIE:** Jamie Down.

**KRYSTAL:** Jamie Falls Down.

**TEACHER:** Why, that's very clever, Chris. You get a star for creativity.

**KRYSTAL:** What about me?

**TEACHER:** You, too, for being such a good sycophant.

**KRYSTAL:** What's a sycophant?

**DAVID:** It's a sick elephant!

**TEACHER:** *(Laughing:)* Good one, David. You get a star, too. Well, Jamie Falls Down, please sit down.

**JAMIE:** Where?

**TEACHER:** Why, anywhere you like.

*(Jamie starts to sit at a desk.)*

No, not there. That's the special desk. Only the person with the most stars may sit in that seat.

*(Jamie sits at another desk.)*

Yes, well, what do you think, children? Is Jamie in the right seat?

**MARY:** She sure is. That's the Dummy Desk.

**ELENA:** The Dummy Desk for Dummy Down.

**CHRIS:** Dummy *Falls* Down.

**TEACHER:** Oh my! You are certainly sharp today, class. I'll have to give all of you stars. And two stars for Elena.

**JAMIE:** Do I get a star?

**TEACHER:** Oh no, you can't get a star until you come up with something clever. I doubt you will, though. You don't seem, well, very intelligent. Does she, class?

**JAMIE:** I think you're mean!

**TEACHER:** One more remark like that and you will find yourself in the principal's office.

*(The Principal walks in in time to hear the Teacher's last remark.)*

**PRINCIPAL:** Anything the matter, Mrs. Squelch?

**TEACHER:** Nothing I can't handle, Ma'am, though I do wonder why I seem to end up with the bad apple in the barrel every year.

**PRINCIPAL:** You mean, Jamie Down, as in Jamie Falls Down? Sorry about that, but someone had to take her.



**MOTHER:** JAMIE!

*(Everyone freezes. Then Jamie stands up and walks back to the area of the stage where her mother stands.)*

Jamie, for goodness sake! You're making that up!

**JAMIE:** Yeah. That's not what happened at all.

**MOTHER:** Well, I should hope not! Now how did your day really go?

**JAMIE:** OK. It was pretty boring until a policeman came to our class.

*(Jamie walks back into the classroom as everyone unfreezes. A POLICEMAN enters at the same time.)*

**POLICEMAN:** So boys and girls, what are these?

**CHRIS:** They're handcuffs.

**POLICEMAN:** That's right. I'm going to pass them around so you can get a good look at them.

*(The students pass the handcuffs around as the Policeman continues to talk. Jamie takes the handcuffs and puts one cuff on her wrist and snaps it shut. Then she puts the other cuff around a bar on the desk and snaps that shut.)*

Now I'm sure you know that we use handcuffs to make sure the culprit doesn't get away.

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