

## THINK ABOUT IT

# Why Do Students Need to “Teach the Teachers”?

Take a look at the following sentences. They are about why kids getting extra help might need to take tests to find out more about how they learn. They also describe some thoughts or ideas people might have about why kids might need to “teach the teachers.” Think about these statements and say whether you think they are *true* or *false*.

1. Teachers and parents want to find out why some work is hard for me.  TRUE  FALSE
2. I’m afraid that my teachers and parents think I am stupid.  TRUE  FALSE
3. I feel comfortable asking questions about why I’m getting certain tests so I understand what’s happening.  TRUE  FALSE
4. I have questions about testing and know someone I can ask to help me understand what’s happening.  TRUE  FALSE

If you answered true, write down the questions and the person (or people) you can ask:

5. Adults think I don’t care about my schoolwork. They think that giving me tests will scare me into taking work more seriously.  TRUE  FALSE
6. The adults are trying to figure out what my talents and abilities are. Then they can help me build on these strengths.  TRUE  FALSE
7. My teachers just don’t like me. They want to move me into another classroom so they don’t have to see me as much.  TRUE  FALSE
8. The information from testing will help teachers teach me in a way that helps me learn.  TRUE  FALSE



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9. Testing is going to be hard, boring, and confusing.  TRUE  FALSE
10. My teachers already know what's hard for me, so testing is a waste of time.  TRUE  FALSE
11. If other kids see me in a testing room, they will wonder what's wrong with me.  TRUE  FALSE