

PENCIL TIPS

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I'M A RETIRED PENCIL SHARPENER. I USED TO SHARPEN PENCILS UNTIL THEY WERE THE SHARPEST PENCILS IN THE WORLD UNTIL THAT DARK DAY MY ARM GOT SCRATCHED AND MY PENCIL SHARPENER BROKE AND THAT DARK DAY MIGHT COME TO YOU! PEOPLE GET HURT ALL THE TIME YOU MUST HAVE DONE THAT ONCE IN YOUR LIFE. I KNOW I HAVE A BUNCH OF TIMES I'M SO CLUMSY. THE POINT IS NOBODY LIKES BEING SCRATCHED BY A REALLY REALLY SHARP PENCIL BECAUSE I KNOW I DON'T. THE REASON I USED TO SHARPEN PENCILS SO MUCH IS BECAUSE I WANT TO COMPETE WITH MY FRIENDS AND SEE WHO HAS THE SHARPEST PENCIL.

THE WAY WE COMPARED WHO HAD THE SHARPEST PENCIL IS WE EACH POKED OUR FINGERS AND VOTED WHO HAD THE SHARPEST PENCIL AND WE COULDN'T VOTE ON OUR OWN PENCIL. THE OTHER REASON THAT WE SHARPENED OUR PENCILS SO MUCH IS BECAUSE IT

MAKES OUR HANDWRITING LOOK A LITTLE BIT NEATER.

MANY CHILDREN CAN GET HURT WHEN SOMEONE HAS A REALLY SHARP PENCIL TIP. ONCE I TRIPPED WITH THE PENCIL POINT FACING UP. I SCRATCHED MY SHOULDER WITH A SHARP PENCIL TIP AND I GOT REALLY HURT. MY SHOULDER WAS BLEEDING. ANOTHER TIME WAS WHEN A KID IN MY CLASS GOT ANGRY AND SCRATCHED A KID IN THE BACK WITH A REALLY SHARP PENCIL TIP. I THINK PENCILS JUST NEED A TIP NOT A NEEDLE FOR A TIP THAT'S HOW KIDS GET HURT THEIR TIPS ARE LIKE NEEDLES.

BAD CHOICES YOU CAN MAKE IN CLASS. YOU CAN SHARPEN YOUR PENCIL DURING A LESSON AND THE NOISE WILL DISTRACT EVERYONE AND YOU WILL GET IN TROUBLE FOR YOU DOING NOTHING BUT SHARPENING YOUR PENCIL. WHEN YOUR SHARPING PENCILS WHEN THE TEACHERS TALKING EVERY ONE HEARS YOU

SHARPING YOUR PENCIL
AND THEY STOP WHAT
THEY'RE DOING AND
START TO STARE AND THE
TEACHER STOPS
SPEAKING BECAUSE
NOBODY'S LISTENING AND
YOU FEEL EMBARRASSED
AND YOU GET IN TROUBLE
AND YOU WILL WISH YOU
GOT THE MECHANICAL
PENCIL.

EVERY TIME I RUN OUT
OF PENCILS I WAS
THINKING OF GETTING A
REGULAR PENCIL OR
MECHANICAL PENCIL. YET
AGAIN FOR THE
MILLIONTH TIME I
STUPIDLY CHOSE.....

THE *REGULAR* PENCIL.