**Silence**

**I once gave my homeroom of senior honors students a graduation gift in advance. They were permitted one unexcused absence as long as it didn't conflict with other teachers' schedules. All I asked was that they do something worthwhile and hand in a paragraph sharing that experience. My favorite report was from a young man who wrote: “I went fishing with my grandfather. I listened to him all day long without once saying, ‘Pops, you already told me that.’” (Barbara Scarpato, in Reader’s Digest)**

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[**August 9th, 2025 - grandfather *(Barbara Scarpato, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

[**August 2nd, 2025 - strong friendship *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 127)***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)