



Script: Removing “I Can’t”

Teacher: Class!

Students: Yes!

Teacher: There are two words which we never, ever, ever say in our class when we are working on a lesson. Those words are “I can’t.” (Clap twice.) Teach!

Students: (Clap twice.) Okay! (Students teach their neighbor what the teacher just said.)

Teacher: Class, class!

Students: Yes, yes!

Teacher: Whenever you say, “I can’t...” you are putting yourself down. Putting yourself down never makes your dear teacher happy. You’re breaking rule 5! (Clap twice.) Teach!

Students: (Clap twice.) Okay! (Students teach their neighbor what the teacher just said.)

Teacher: Class, class!

Students: Yes, yes!

Teacher: So, instead of saying, “I can’t...”, I want you to say, “I can’t *yet*.” Just add that one word. And here’s the deal...whenever I hear you change an “I can’t” to an “I can’t yet...”, I may have the whole class give you a *10 Finger Woo!* You know how hard those are to get! (Clap twice.) Teach!

Students: (Clap twice.) Okay! (Students teach their neighbor what the teacher just said.)

Teacher: Class, class!

Students: Yes, yes!

Teacher: Okay, let’s practice. I want you to say, “I can’t,” and then change it to, “I can’t yet.” Here we go. No matter what I ask, you say, “I can’t” and then change it to, “I can’t yet.” Levi, can you lift 200 pounds over your head?

Levi: I can’t. I can’t *yet!*

Teacher: Great job! Give Levi a 10 Finger Woo!

Students: Woo!

Teacher: Gracey, can you solve college algebra problems?

Gracey: I can't. No, I mean I can't *yet!*

Teacher: Wonderful! Give her a 10 Finger Woo!

Students: Woo!