**My First Day of High School**

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*It is hard to tell you the way I felt about my first day of high school but if I tell how it all it went then maybe you will understand.  
I woke up this morning excited but, nervous as today was the day I would begin my journey of high school. Thousands of thoughts rushed through my mind. Will I fit in? Will I make friends? Will I have nice teachers? Will I be bullied? That’s when I panicked but my mum assured me I would fine if I followed school rules and did what was asked.  
So off I went in my uniform and smile hoping for the best outcome possible. My bag weighed me down but, I stood up tall and proud. We all met at the school hall with welcoming smiles and sat in our form classes. I could feel the tension in the air then I knew I was not the only one feeling this way.  
We then had a tour of the school and were shown where everything would be. I just hoped I could remember it all when I needed to. Then we headed off to our first class to meet our fellow classmates. I was happy with my class as not one kid in my class was mean or nasty to one another. That was such a huge relief!  
As the lunch bell rang chaos arose with kids running and screaming everywhere, dashing to the tuck shop hoping not to get caught in the line-up of course. I went and sat down with my friends from last year and we chatted about our holidays and what their first lesson of high school was like. Before we knew it, we were back in class.  
We got to know our teachers a bit more and my prayers had been answered! We had the best teachers of all. The teachers weren't strict nor grumpy or mean. They were friendly and nice - how all teachers should be.  
Before I knew it the day was over. I don't know why I panicked or was scared at all. High school may seem scary but it's just like primary, only everything is a bit bigger!  
My first day of high school taught me, I shouldn't be so quick judge about something, I haven't even tried. As high school was NOT lame, scary or as bad as thought it would be, it was actually really fun.   
I love high school now it’s the best thing of all. I hope your first day will be one of your best days too.*

**Questions**

1. When she woke up, Faith was feeling excited. True or false? Prove it by providing evidence from the text.
2. What questions did Faith have about high school before her first day?
3. Can you relate to Faith? Are these any of the questions you have? What are you worried or concerned about?
4. After speaking to her mum, Faith felt reassured. Explain what this means?
5. Who do you speak to if you have worries or questions?
6. When faith left for school she was ‘*hoping for the best outcome possible’.* What do you think she meant by this?
7. Describe what the ‘best outcome possible’ would be for your first day of high school.
8. When all the first years met in the hall, how did Faith know she was not the only one feeling nervous?
9. What was Faith relieved about when she met her classmates?
10. What word does Faith use to describe the commotion at lunchtime?
11. Find and copy three words that Faith’s teachers **were not**:
12. What did Faith learn from her experience on her first day at high school?