

# TOO MUCH COMPLAINING

A Discussion/ Writing follow up activity for *Gecko's Complaint*

Suitable for Grades K - 5

**Subject** Social Studies, Language Arts

Michelle Morton, a first grade teacher at Singapore International School, put together the following successful lesson:

"After reading *Gecko's Complaint*, we had a wonderful discussion about the word "complaint." We discussed whom we often complain to. Funny, most often it was our moms! Then we talked about what we complain about. We decide to brainstorm the types of complaints we have. I wrote the different types of complaints on the board. Finally, we talked about how we could solve each type of problem ourselves instead of going to our moms with our complaints. Each student then wrote about what they complaint about and how they could solve their problem on their own. Thank you for inspiring us!"

**Here are a few examples from Ms. Morton's class:**

- I complain to my mom when my sister messes up my games. But next time instead I will tell my sister to stop. By Anna Kate
- I complain to my mom that I don't want to get up in the morning. Next time, I will just get up. By Cameron
- I get annoyed when my brother hits me. I'll try to handle it by myself. I'll ask him to stop nicely. By Zach